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Our catering manager lacks certain social skills ... and more times than not follows the maxim of 'open mouth insert foot.'

While discussing an upcoming party to celebrate a new addition to the family with a young couple, she told the mother, "You look like you've lost most of your pregnancy weight."

"Thanks," came the clenched-teeth reply. "We adopted."

The most destructive force in the universe is gossip.



While on vacation Barack Obama was out jogging one morning along the parkway when he tripped, fell over the bridge railing and landed in the creek below.

Before the Secret Service guys could get to him, three kids, who were fishing, pulled him out of the water.

He was so grateful he offered the kids whatever they wanted.

The first kid said: "I sure would like to go to Disneyland."

Obama said: "No problem. I'll take there on Air Force One."

The second kid said: "I really need a new X-Box One."

Obama said: "I'll get it for you and you can have all the games you want!"

The third kid said: "I want a motorized wheelchair with a built-in TV and stereo headset!"

Obama is a little perplexed by this and says: "But you don't look like you're injured."

The kid says: "But I will be after my dad finds out I saved you from drowning!"

I was being examined in the office of one of Manhattan's most eminent eye surgeons, a fastidious man not long on patience.

Being nervous, I displayed an edginess that was making it difficult for him to take readings for eye pressure.

"Please try to relax," said the doctor. "Loosen your tie, think of something soothing."

Several minutes later he said, "That's better. What are you thinking about?"

"The Mozart clarinet concerto," I replied.

"For heaven's sake!" he exclaimed. "Don't think about the first movement, it's too fast. Think about the second movement, it's much more relaxing."

"Laughter is the shortest distance between two people." -- *Victor Borge*

I was feeling pretty creaky after hearing a TV reporter say, "To contact me, go to my Facebook page, follow me on Twitter or try me the old-fashioned way, email."

Amnesiacs Anonymous meeting will be held at ah, er, gimme a sec...



A man happened to drive by a little league game one day, and being a baseball fan, decided to stop and watch for a while.

He found a seat on the bleachers behind the fence, and asked one of the boys on the bench what the score was.

"We're behind 24 to nothing," the boy answered with a smile.

"Really," the man said. "I have to say you don't look very discouraged."

"Why should we be discouraged?" the boy asked with a puzzled look on his face. "We haven't been up to bat yet."

"Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it."
- *Ronald Reagan*

I telephoned the veterinarian's office to ask when I should take my three month old kitten in to be vaccinated for rabies. After a few initial questions, the woman who answered the telephone asked, "What is the kitten's name?"

"Demon," I replied.

"Demon? That's an odd name," she said.

"Maybe, but it's appropriate anyway."

I heard clicking of a computer keyboard, then she said, "Our records show that you have cats named Gato, Scamp, Stinky and now you named one Demon. Is that right?"

"Yes, it is."

"You really don't like cats, do you?"

"Exercise" is a dirty word. Whenever I hear it, I wash my mouth out with chocolate.

The plane was only half-full. When an attractive young woman asked if the seat next to mine was free, my male ego soared.

Soon we were chatting pleasantly, and she told me it was her first flight.

"Mom said to sit next to someone I thought I could trust," she confessed nervously, "and you look just like my dad."

If the horse you're drawing looks more like a dog, make it a dog.

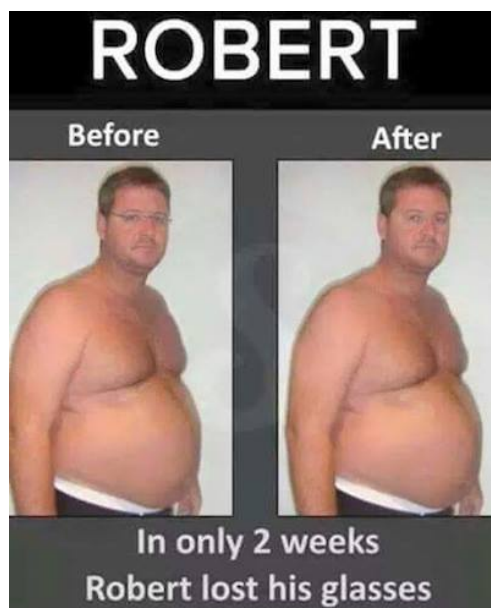
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It's OK if you disagree with me . . . I can't force you to be right.



Top Ten Signs You've Bought a Lemon of a Car

10. Your tinted windows are also known as Hefty Garbage Bags.
9. The car reaches its optimum speed when going downhill.
8. The hi-tech stereo system often requires a new needle.
7. The rear-view mirror says, "Objects in Mirror Are Better Than This Piece of Junk."
6. The odometer on the dashboard is not as sophisticated as the everyday abacus.
5. Traffic Watch warns other drivers what highway you're taking.

4. The sticker on the windshield says, "Batteries Not Included."

3. You fill up the tank with Unleaded Coals.

2. You can only go to restaurants that offer Valet Pushing.

1. When you approach hitchhikers, they put their thumbs down.

As he paid for our meal with a gift card, my husband noticed the bill was more than the card was worth, so he handed our waiter his debit card to cover the balance.

"Wow, some people might have skipped out and stuck me with the difference," the waiter said. "Thank you for being so honest."

Then, as he took the card, he asked, "Could I see some ID?"

It was one of the worst days of my life: The washing machine broke down, the telephone kept ringing, my head ached, and the mailman brought a bill I had no money to pay.

Almost to the breaking point, I lifted my one-year-old into his high chair, leaned my head against the tray, and began to cry.

Without a word, my son took his pacifier out of his mouth and stuck it in mine.

To some golfers, the greatest handicap is the ability to add correctly.

A husband came home to an empty house one day and decided he would start dinner.

First, he would make the salad. He searched high and low for the big bowl for making the salad and finally found it in the refrigerator, half full of Kool Aid.

"Who on earth put Kool Aid in a bowl?" He looked around and found some empty pop bottles, rinsed them out and using a funnel, transferred the Kool Aid to the soda bottles and returned them to the fridge.

He then made the salad and was starting the rest of the dinner when his wife came home.

She had been to the store and was putting some things in the fridge, when suddenly she asked her husband, "Who on earth put my Jello in soda bottles?"

The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

Grandma and Grandpa purchased a new front loading washer and dryer.

The grandchildren were impressed with all the "bells and whistles."

Grandma was looking for them one day. They had taken their little chairs into the laundry room and were watching the clothes in the washer and dryer.

When asked what they were doing they said, "We're watching the laundry channel."



Alright!!! Meals on Wheels!!!

When a patient was wheeled into the emergency room, the nurse on duty asked her, "On a scale of zero to ten with zero representing no pain and ten representing excruciating pain, what would you say your pain level is now?"

The patient shook her head. "Oh, I don't know. I'm not good with math."

While driving her son Mikey home from his basketball game, the youngster said, "Mommy, I know what you and Daddy do after me and my brother go to bed."

Although Mom was a bit concerned with where the conversation was heading, she asked him, "What do we do?"

Mikey replied, "You guys watch T.V. and eat ice cream and don't share with us!"

It was the first day of school after summer vacation and time for me to pick up the children in my school bus and take them home again.

After I had made the complete run that afternoon, one little boy remained on the bus.

Thinking he had simply missed his stop, I started driving slowly back through the neighborhood and asked him to be sure to let me know if any of the houses or people looked familiar. The boy sat in his seat contentedly and shook his head whenever I asked him if he recognized a person or place.

After the second unsuccessful tour of the area, I started back to the school to ask for his address. When we arrived, the child got off the bus and started walking away.

"Wait!" I called. "We have to go inside and find out where you live."

"I live right there," he said, pointing to a house across the street. "I just always wanted to ride in a school bus."

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I've spent most of my life golfing. The rest I've just wasted.



Amazing the things you can accomplish while waiting to see the Mission President.

While I was coming back to the office from lunch I decided to stop at the gas station and top off my tank.

I went in, asked the clerk to put ten dollars on pump number 12 and bought an instant lottery ticket and a pack of gum. Then I went back to my truck, tucked the

gum in the little bag containing the sandwich I bought earlier, scratched my ticket (nothing) and rove back to work.

I think you can see the step I missed.

I had driven almost back to the office by the time I realized what I had done. So I drove back to the gas station where, surprisingly, no one had used the pump where my ten bucks still waited to be used. I put in the gas and drove back to the office again.

When all was said and done I probably ended up with the same amount of gas as I started with.

I stopped at McDonalds on my way to work and ordered a Sausage and Egg McMuffin and large orange juice for my breakfast.

I pulled up to the first window and paid for my purchase, then heard something that caught my attention on the radio – and instead of pulling forward to the next window to get my meal I drove off to work. 30 minutes later I realized what I had done – but I didn't drive back to get my meal.

I hope whoever got it enjoyed it.

The youngest child of a large family ran into the classroom, totally out of breath.

He handed the teacher a note which read: "Please excuse my son's tardiness. I forgot to wake him up and didn't find him until I made the beds."

Your secrets are safe with me . . . and all my friends.

The manager of a small jewelry store was having a conversation with a bride-to-be and noticed her stunning engagement ring. "So," he asked, have you looked for any wedding bands yet?

"Oh, no. I think that we're going with a DJ."

Wisconsin couple were treated for minor injuries at the local hospital emergency. After their Smart Car hit a squirrel on highway 8. The squirrel refused treatment and left the scene!



"The nearest thing to eternal life we will ever see on this earth is a government program."- Ronald Reagan (I think the missionaries missed an opportunity here!)

For years my husband and I had complained bitterly about the lack of sidewalks in our small town, observing often that if only we had sidewalks, we would walk daily and become models of fitness.

So we were thrilled when a community sidewalk project was announced, and watched eagerly as paving neared completion.

Then wishful thinking and reality collided. "Well, dear," my husband said, "What'll we use as an excuse for not walking now?"

Considering all the lint you get in your dryer, if you kept drying your clothes would they eventually just disappear?

Karl listened from the other room as his wife Holly patiently said to their five-year-old, "Please pick up your toys, Maureen."

After a few minutes, Holly again reminded their daughter.

Finally Holly asked, "Why aren't you picking your things up?"

Karl rolled his eyes when he heard Maureen answer, "I'm playing house and I'm the dad, so I don't know where anything goes."

If you have trouble getting your children's attention, just sit down and look comfortable.

When he was five, my grandson could hardly wait for his first day of school.

That morning, he waited anxiously with his mother for the bus to arrive, then started up the steps as soon as the bus pulled up and the doors opened.

With tears in her eyes, his mother said, "What about a kiss?"

The young man stopped, retraced a few steps then promptly kissed the bus driver before he took a seat.

On anniversaries, the wise husband always forgets the past ... but never the present.

One day, over the phone, I was helping a customer install a product on his iMac computer.

The procedure required him to delete an old file. On the iMac there is an icon of a trash can that is used to collect items to be permanently deleted. I told the customer to click on the old file and drag it to the trash. Then I had him perform a few other steps.

As a reminder, I said, "Don't forget to empty the trash."

Obediently he replied, "Yes, Dear."

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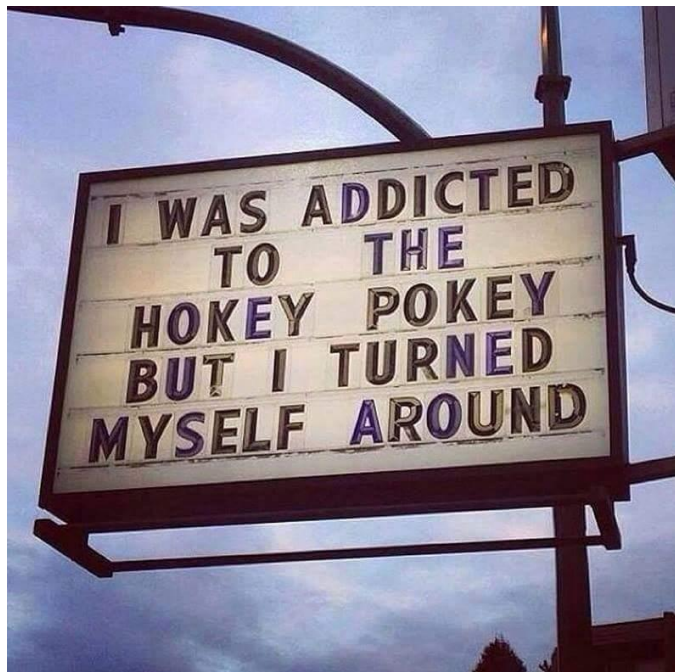
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A golfer is thrashing through the bushes, looking for a lost ball. An elderly woman watches him as she sits on a nearby bench knitting.

After half an hour the golfer is just about to give up, when the woman asks, "Excuse me. But is it against the rules if I tell you where it is?"



One Sunday afternoon in the country two guys in their late 20's back into the driveway of some property that is completely fenced (6') with driveway from road. And there they stopped, blocking access either in or out of the property.

When approached by the homeowner behind a locked gate as to what they are doing, they tell him that they are out of gas.

Homeowner says "Does this look like a gas station to you?" The guys laugh and the homeowner adds, "Get out of my driveway."

They do not leave but are milling about while the homeowner goes back into his house. Five minutes later the homeowner walks back out to the locked fence with two very large dogs and a shotgun. "You have exactly two minutes to get out of my driveway!"

The guys jump into their car and roar off. Funny, they didn't seem to be out of gas.

The father of a teenage daughter was concerned with the amount of time she spent on the telephone; not so much for the time she wasted (he had given up on that long ago), but because nobody else could use the phone.

So, as a happy solution, he had a telephone installed for her with her own private number and directory listing.

Two or three days after her telephone had been installed, he came home to find her stretched out on the floor with her feet on the living room couch and chatting away on the family telephone. Her own telephone was resting silently on her dresser. "Why are you using our telephone," he yelled. "Why aren't you talking on your own telephone?"

"I can't," she said, "I'm expecting an important call on my phone."

Do not regret growing older. It is a privilege denied to many.

A little boy was brought into our emergency room after ingesting part of a plug-in air freshener.

After consulting Poison Control and monitoring him, the doctor wrote on his discharge, "Patient doing well. Ready to go home. Smells good."



Proof that missionaries are handing out Books of Mormon in German-speaking nations! They even named a street after Alma, though whether it was for the elder or the younger is not clear.

The folks around these parts have a peculiarity that drives me nutty. You ask them an "either/or" question, and their answer is -- "That'll be fine!"

The other day, a lady was coming through my register. I asked, "Ma'am, would you like your milk in a bag or not?"

"That'll be fine," was her reply.

I looked quizzically at her, and asked, "Does that mean 'yes' or 'no'?"

"I said that that'll be fine," was her answer.

Since I was holding the milk up in my hand, out of a bag, I decided to assume that "that" in this case meant "that naked jug of milk that you're holding in your hand, not in a bag."

This feeling was further reinforced by a slight nod of the head towards the jug just as she said the word "that'll."

I set the jug in the cart without putting it in a sack.

"I SAID I wanted it in a bag," she complained. "You want me to shout it or write it down for you?"

"That'll be fine!" I replied.

There are three ways to get things done:

- 1) do it yourself
 - 2) hire someone to do it
 - 3) forbid your children to do it.
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When I go to a local discount store to get oil and filters for my car, I buy my wife a bouquet of flowers on display near the checkout counter.

During one trip, some women in line behind me were oohing and aahing about a husband getting flowers for his wife. "How often do you do that?" one asked.

Before I could answer, the cashier, more than familiar with my routine, said, "Every three months or 3,000 miles, whichever comes first."

You can learn many things from children ... like how much patience you have.

When I asked a friend the secret to his 52 years of marriage, he replied, "We never go to sleep angry."

"That's a great philosophy," I noted.

"Yes. And the longest we've been awake so far is five days."

I doubt, therefore I might be.

A diner was agitated that the waiter had brought him no spoon with his coffee.

"This coffee," he said loud enough for most of the other patrons to hear, "is going to be pretty hot to stir with my fingers."

The waiter smiled. "Not if you were a Mormon -- want to know more?"

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My brother and his wife started their family in their early 40s. One day my sister-in-law and I were commiserating about the effects of time marching on.

"I just got my first pair of glasses," she said, and paused as her two preschool boys thundered past her. "Now, if only my hearing would go."



A father is a person who has snapshots in his wallet where his money used to be.

A certain father was a chronic growler. He was sitting with his family in the presence of a guest in the parlor one day when the question of food came up.

One of the children, a little girl, was telling the guest very cleverly what food each member of the family liked best. Finally it came to the father's turn to be described.

"And what do I like, Nancy?" he asked laughingly.

"You," said the little girl slowly, "well, you like most anything we haven't got."

It's not me who can't keep a secret. It's the people I tell that can't.

When our school librarian announced she was changing schools, my fellow teacher asked a student, "Why do you think Ms. Richardson is leaving?"

The third grader thought for a moment then said, "Because she's read all our books?"

The cardiologist's diet: if it tastes good, spit it out.

Pun Ahead! Proceed at your own risk! You have been warned! (Apologies to my Scouting friends)

A scoutmaster and his wife were driving along a rural highway, when they found the road blocked by a herd of cows that had escaped through a broken fence.

The scoutmaster tried beeping his horn to scare the cattle from the pavement, but to no avail. For some reason, no sound was heard. He got out of the car, lifted the hood, and saw the problem, a loose wire, which he quickly fixed.

As he got back into the car, his wife asked him if he'd had any luck.

"Yep," he replied, "beep repaired!"

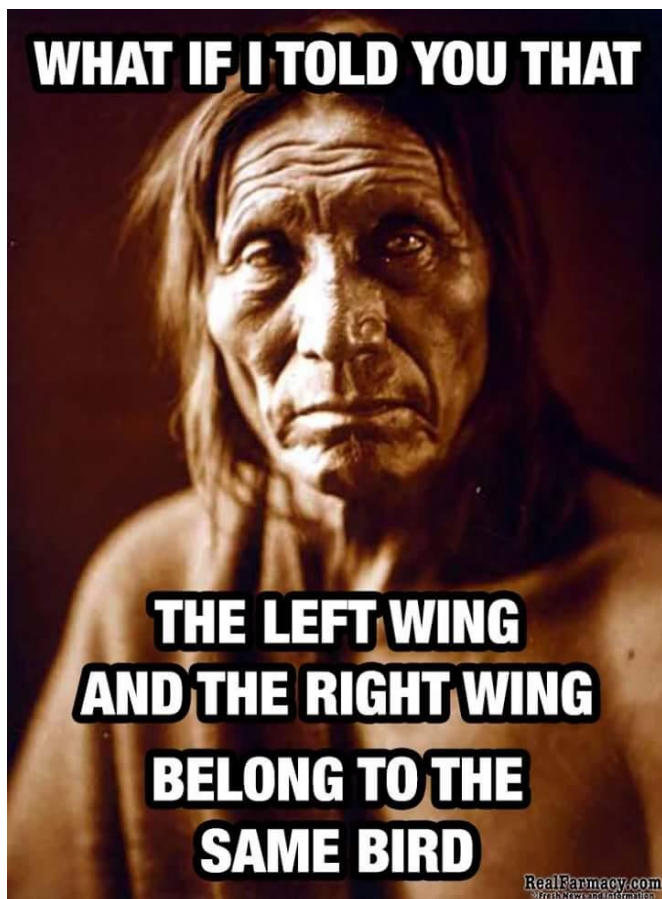
Frustration is trying to find your glasses without your glasses.

A friend's daughter received an adorable airport play set as a gift.

Since some assembly - actually, a lot of assembly - was required, her husband spent much of the day putting together the plane, the control tower, the runway, the little baggage chute, and arranging the pieces into a teeny tiny air hub.

As he finished up, his wife noticed he was frantically digging around in the box, checking all the packing materials.

"You are not going to believe this," he said. "The one piece missing ... is the luggage!"



A Little Political Humor here – for those of you who didn't get the pun.

The 12-step Chocoholics Program: Never be more than 12 steps away from chocolate.

The first-time father, beside himself with excitement over the birth of his son, was determined to do everything right.

"So, tell me, Nurse," he asked as his new family headed out the hospital door, "what time should we wake the little guy in the morning?"

One good thing about being wrong is the joy it brings to others.

After she completed her driving test, my daughter and I started looking for a used car for her. We found one, an older model with low mileage, and it seemed in excellent condition. After the test drive, the owner, an elderly lady, asked how we liked it.

"Good," I said, "except when I stepped on the gas, it wouldn't go into passing gear."

"Well, I wouldn't know," she replied. "I never passed anyone."

Every sixty seconds you spend upset is a minute of happiness you'll never get back.

My son and his wife bought a big screen TV just before the Stanley Cup finals. My son loved watching the games on the wide screen, but it was getting late and he needed to be up early so he went to the bedroom, where there was a much smaller TV.

When his wife came to bed she found him sitting up in bed watching the game ... with binoculars.

Faced with hard times, the company offered a bonus of one thousand dollars to any employee who could come up with a way of saving money.

The bonus went to a young woman in accounting who suggested limiting future bonuses to ten dollars.
