

# MorningBreaks

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A woman, her husband, and their four rambunctious young sons were in their car waiting at a traffic light.

The woman glanced over at the car next them, noticing a blissfully happy mother with her baby daughter. Looking at her husband she said, "As soon as I lose my weight from the last baby, I want to try for a daughter."

The husband reached up to the dash, grabbed an open box of snacks, and said, "Here, have another cookie."

told his physician that he had no medical insurance. "I can't possibly pay you in that time."

"Okay," the doctor said, "let's make it nine months."

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My job as a land surveyor took me to a golf course that was expanding from 9 holes to 18 holes.

Using a machete to clear thick brush in an area I was mapping, I came upon a golf club that an irate player must have tossed away. It was in good condition, so I picked it up and continued on.

When I broke out of the brush onto a putting green, two golfers stared at me in awe. I had a machete in one hand, a golf club in the other, and behind me was a clear-cut swath leading out of the woods.

"There," said one of the golfers, "is a guy who hates to lose his ball!"



***The Admiralty has contingency plans for decommissioned aircraft carriers.***

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"Mr. Clark, I'm afraid I have bad news," the doctor told his anxious patient. "You only have six months to live."

The man sat in stunned silence for the next several minutes. Regaining his composure, he apologetically

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You Are A Bad Cook If...

- The last time you tried to make toast the kitchen caught on fire.
- Your apple pie bubbled over and ate the enamel off the bottom of the oven.
- You make tuna noodle broccoli surprise for your family and the surprise is that it glows in the dark!
- Your homemade bread can be used as a door stop.
- The leftover crumbs make a great replacement for kitty litter.
- Those annoying pest control companies keep pestering you, wanting to buy and patent your recipe for candy Christmas cookies.
- You forget and leave a gallon of your homemade ice cream on the porch overnight during a record busting heat-wave and the next afternoon, not only is it still solid, but it tastes better.
- You hate rice, but you keep finding it floating around in your beef stew.
- Your kids know what exactly peas porridge in a crock pot nine days old tastes like.

- The EPA requires that all your garbage cans be marked with large bright red 'biohazard' symbols.
- You use the smoke alarm as a cooking timer.
- You consider it a culinary success if the pop-tart stays in one piece.
- Your dog goes to the neighbors' to eat.
- Your family buys Alka Seltzer and Kaopectate in bulk.
- When you barbecue, two of your kids hold water guns and the third stands ready by the phone with 911 on speed-dial.
- Your family automatically heads for the dinner table every time they hear a fire truck siren.
- Your microwave display reads "TILT!"
- Your two best recipes are meatloaf and apple pie, but your dinner guests can't tell which is which.
- You've used three boxes of scouring pads and a bottle of Drano and a crowbar, and that macaroni and cheese still won't let go of the pan.
- You make tuna noodle surprise and the surprise is that it glows in the dark and melts the silverware.
- Your family prays AFTER they eat!



Safety is a major concern at the manufacturing company where I work. So I'm constantly preaching caution to the workers I supervise.

"Does anyone know," I asked a few guys, "what the speed limit is in our parking lot?"

The long silence that followed was interrupted when one of them piped up. "That depends. Do you mean coming in to work or leaving?"

While working as a radiology technician in a hospital emergency room, I took X-rays of a trauma patient. I

brought the films to our radiologist, who studied the multiple fractures of the femurs and pelvis.

"What happened to this patient?" he asked in astonishment.

"He fell out of a tree," I reported.

The radiologist wanted to know what the patient was doing up a tree.

"I'm not sure, but his paperwork states he works for Bob's Expert Tree Service."

Gazing intently at the X-rays, the radiologist blinked and said, "Cross out 'expert.'"

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Wow," the woman said. "I sure could use a gadget like that to help me find my car."

"Actually," I replied, "that's my husband."

A man was annoyed when his wife told him that a car had backed into her, damaging a fender, and that she hadn't gotten the license number.

"What kind of car was he driving?" the husband asked.

"I don't know," she said. "I never can tell one car from another."

At that, the man decided the time had come for a learning course, and for the next few days, whenever they were driving, he made her name each car they passed until he was satisfied that she could recognize every make.

It worked.

About a week later she bounded in with a pleased expression on her face. "Darling," she said. "I hit a Buick!"

"Suppose you were idiot. And suppose you were a member of congress...But I repeat myself." – Mark Twain.



The following advertisement appeared in a physical culture magazine:

"Here's a good test for stomach muscles. Clasp your hands over your head and place your feet together on the floor. Now bend to the right at the waist as you sit down to the left of your feet. Now by sheer muscular control, haul yourself up, bend to the left and sit down on the floor to the right of your feet. Keep this up and let us know of the result."

The first letter received by the magazine said "HERNIA"



Courtesy of Sister Jamie Hester, Georgia Atlanta Mission

**After a long day of tracting I finally found an old couple willing to listen!**

**Doctors - What They Say / What They Mean**

"This should be taken care of right away."  
- I'd planned a trip to Hawaii next month, but this is so easy and profitable that I want to fix it before it cures itself.

"Well, what do we have here...?"  
- He has no idea and is hoping you'll give him a clue.

"Let me check your medical history."  
- I want to see if you've paid your last bill before spending anymore time with you.

"Why don't we make another appointment later in the week."

- I'm playing golf this afternoon, and this is a waste of time - or-

- I need the bucks, so I'm charging you for another office visit.

"We have some good news and some bad news."  
- The good news is, I'm going to buy that new BMW. The bad news is, you're going to pay for it.

"Let's see how it develops."

- Maybe in a few days it will grow into something that can be cured.

"Let me schedule you for some tests."  
- I have a forty percent interest in the lab.

"I'd like to have my associate look at you."  
- He's going through a messy divorce and owes me a bundle.

"I'd like to prescribe a new drug."  
- I'm writing a paper and would like to use you for a guinea pig.

"If it doesn't clear up in a week, give me a call."  
- I don't know what it is. Maybe it will go away by itself.

"That's quite a nasty looking wound."  
- I think I'm going to throw up.

"This may smart a little."

- Last week two patients bit off their tongues.

"Well, we're not feeling so well today, are we...?"  
- I'm stalling for time. Who are you and why are you here?

"This should fix you up."

- The drug company slipped me some big bucks to prescribe this stuff.

"Everything seems to be normal."  
- Rats! I guess I can't buy that new beach condo after all.

"I'd like to run some more tests."  
- I can't figure out what's wrong. Maybe the kid in the lab can solve this one.

"There is a lot of that going around."  
- That's the third one this week. I'd better learn something about this.

"If the symptoms persist, call for an appointment."  
- I've never heard of anything so disgusting. Glad I'm off next week.



*Courtesy of Sister Jamie Hester, Georgia Atlanta Mission*

**Can you guess which one is "really" the clown?**

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My mom has a lead foot, so I was not surprised when a state trooper pulled us over as we were driving through Georgia. Hoping to get off with a warning, Mom tried to appear shocked when he walked up to the car.

"I have never been stopped like this before," she said to the officer.

"What do they usually do, ma'am," he asked, "shoot the tires out?"

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An 80 year old man went to the doctor for a checkup and the doctor was amazed at what good shape the guy was in. The doctor asked, "To what do you attribute your good health?"

The old timer said, "I'm a golfer and that's why I'm in such good shape. I'm up well before daylight and out golfing up and down the fairways."

The doctor said, "Well, I'm sure that helps, but there's got to be more to it. How old was your father when he died?"

The old timer said, "Who said my father's dead?"

The doctor said, "You mean you're 80 years old and your father is still alive? How old is he?"

The old timer said, "He's 100 yrs old and, in fact, he golfed with me this morning. That's why he's still alive, he's a golfer."

The doctor said, "Well, that's great, but I'm sure there's more to it. How about your grandfather? How old was he when he died?"

The old timer said, "Who said my grandpa's dead?"

The doctor said, "You mean you're 80 years old and your grandfather's still living! How old is he?"

The old timer said, "He's 118 yrs old."

The doctor was getting frustrated at this point and said, "I guess he went golfing with you this morning too?"

The old timer said, "No...Grandpa couldn't go this morning because he got married."

The doctor said in amazement, "Got married!! Why would a 118-year-old guy want to get married?"

The old timer shot back, "Who said he wanted to?"

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The computer swallowed grandma.  
Yes, honestly its true.  
She pressed 'control' and 'enter'  
And disappeared from view.

It devoured her completely,  
The thought just makes me squirm.  
She must have caught a virus  
Or been eaten by a worm.

I've searched through the recycle bin  
And files of every kind;  
I've even used the Internet,  
But nothing did I find.

In desperation, I asked Jeeves  
My searches to refine.  
The reply from him was negative,  
Not a thing was found 'online.'

So, if inside your 'Inbox,'  
My Grandma you should see,  
Please 'Copy,' 'Scan' and 'Paste' he  
And send her back to me!

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A man has not been feeling well and goes to the doctor for a check up. After the physical examination and a battery of blood tests and X-rays, he asks the doctor about his situation.

The doctor replies, "You are very sick. You might not live longer than perhaps three or four months."

The man, in despair, yet, with a glimpse of hope says, "If you don't mind, doctor, I would like to have a second opinion."

"Okay," the doctor answers, "you're ugly, too!"

A woman in the next fitting room called out, "May I borrow your daughter for a moment?"

The scene: Alexander Graham Bell's laboratory.

An exciting new discovery is about to take place. In the next room sits Bell's assistant, a man named Watson, hard at work on Bell's new invention to transmit sound over wires.

As Mr. Watson toiled away in the room with the receiver, it suddenly rings -- it must be Bell!

He picks it up and hears:

"Good evening, sir. Are you paying too much for your long distance service?"



*Courtesy of Elder Preston Reading, Oregon Portland Mission.*

***The Crane Manuever...if the Karate Kid can do it,  
we can do it!***

My girlfriend took her five-year-old daughter shopping with her. The little girl watched her mother try on outfit after outfit, exclaiming every time, "Mommy, you look beautiful."

It's upgrade time for this particularly sensitive user, and the technician assigned to work with her knows the drill.

"This user was known to start crying when faced with changes in her work environment," says the tech. "We were upgrading the software she used and giving everyone in her department bigger monitors, and I wanted to take extra care that she understood the changes and was dealing with them OK."

So when she calls the technician because she's having a problem, he's ready to listen patiently. But he's not prepared for what he hears. "It's going pretty well, I guess," user tells him. "But it's kind of hard to read the type in this new program."

Tech examines the smallest type on the new screens. It all looks razor-sharp to him, and easier to read than in the old software on the old monitors. "Which part of the screen are you having trouble with?" he asks.

To his surprise, she launches the Windows Notepad and starts typing. The font is set to a large size, but she says, "This stuff here looks really blurry."

"Hmm," says the tech. "It seems like you might be due for a new prescription for your glasses. When's the last time you were checked?"

"I just got new glasses a few days ago," she says.

"Do the notes posted next to your computer also look blurry?" he asks.

After a moment of looking at them, she replies, "Yeah, I guess so. I didn't realize that. Maybe you're right."

When the tech tells the story to his boss, the boss's response is an astonished "She's been walking into walls for a week and she waits until today to blame it on our new software?"

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A priest at a parochial school wanted to point out the proper behavior for church. He was trying to elicit from the youngsters, rules that their parents might give before taking them to a nice restaurant.

"Don't play with your food," one second grader cited.

"Don't be loud," said another, and so on...

"And what rule do your parents give you before you go out to eat?" the priest inquired of one little boy.

Without batting an eye, the child replied, "Order something cheap."

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An orchestra was rehearsing a contemporary symphony in which there was a particularly difficult jazz trumpet riff. However, none of the trumpet players could play it. One trumpet player suggests they hire in a jazz trumpeter.

The conductor screams, "NO, NO, NO!! Jazz musicians are irresponsible, can't play in tune, and are not real musicians!!"

Finally, they talk him into it.

The next night at 7:57 (for an 8:00 rehearsal) the jazz musician shows up carrying his trumpet in a paper bag. The conductor decides to wait until after to yell at him. But the jazz-man plays the riff perfectly the first time.

The conductor tries to thank him after rehearsal, but the cat is gone. The next couple of rehearsals go pretty much the same way, with the cat actually playing the entire first trumpet part - perfectly.

Finally, the conductor grabs him after rehearsal and says, "You know, at first I didn't want to hire you because I thought jazz musicians were irresponsible and couldn't play in tune, but I must say you have changed my mind. Thank you."

The jazz-man says, "Well, cat, I figure it's the least I could do since I can't make the gig."

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The town of Glenelg, Maryland is such a small community, I was surprised that they had a community newspaper. I asked one old-timer about it.

He replied, "We all know what everybody else is doing, but we like to read the paper anyway to see who's been caught at it."

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I have always wondered what I looked like with a blind-fold on.

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Max Greenberg was at his favorite eatery, the Second Avenue Deli, when he called over the waiter.

"Yes?" asked the busy waiter.

"Are you sure you're the waiter I ordered from?" asked Max.

"Why do you ask?" replied the waiter.

Max replied, "Because I was expecting he would be a much older man by now."

"Hi hun," he says. "How do you like your new phone?"

She replies, "I just love it; it's so small and your voice is clear as a bell. But there's one thing I don't understand though."

"What's that, baby?" asks the husband.

"How did you know I was at Walmart?"



During a county-wide drive to round up all unlicensed dogs, a patrolman signaled a car to pull over to the curb.

When the driver asked why he had been stopped, the officer pointed to the big dog sitting on the seat beside him and asked, "Does your dog have a license?"

"No," the man said, "He doesn't need one."

"Yes he does," answered the officer.

"But," said the driver, "I always do all the driving."

A few years ago we were desperately trying to sell our house, which was situated on a busy thoroughfare. Our real estate agent decided to have open-house inspection nearly every day to promote the sale. We instructed the children not to talk to anyone about the house.

One evening a man took our seven-year-old daughter aside and asked if our house had any secrets he should know. Her first reaction was to smile and ignore his question. But he became more persistent and, finally, she confessed there was one secret but she could not tell it to him.

"Now we're getting somewhere," he said. "Tell me the secret. I promise I won't tell anyone."

She looked him straight in the eye and whispered, "We have monsters in our sewer."

A young man wants to get his beautiful blonde wife something nice for their first wedding anniversary, so he decides to buy her a cell phone. She is all excited--she loves her phone. He shows it to her and explains all the features on the phone.

The next day the blonde goes shopping. Her phone rings and it's her husband.

A woman goes to the doctor for her yearly physical. The nurse starts with certain basic items.

"How much do you weigh?" she asks.

"115," she says.

The nurse puts her on the scale. It turns out her weight is 140.

The nurse asks, "Your height?"

"5 foot 8," she says. The nurse checks and sees that she only measures 5' 5".

She then takes her blood pressure And tells the woman it is very high.

"Of course it's high!" she screams, "When I came in here I was tall and slender! Now I'm short and fat!"



#### Murphy's Lesser Known Laws

1. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
2. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
3. Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
4. Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.
5. The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.
6. If you lined up all the cars in the world end to end, someone would be stupid enough to try to

pass them, five or six at a time, on a hill, in the fog.

7. The things that come to those who wait will be the scraggly junk left by those who got there first.
8. The shin bone is a device for finding furniture in a dark room.
9. A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
10. When you go into court, you are putting yourself into the hands of 12 people who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.

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Here's a few news quirks that were pulled from the news wires. These actually happened. I'm not making any of it up.

DECATUR, ILLINOIS - Two men in Decatur, driving a black Nissan with plastic covering one window robbed Malcolm McDaniel at gunpoint, taking half a pack of Marlboro cigarettes and a Bic lighter. While police were interviewing McDaniel at the scene, a black Nissan with plastic over one window drove by, and the driver honked the horn. Officers stopped the vehicle and, after finding half a pack of Marlboros and a Bic lighter, arrested two teenagers, whom McDaniel identified as the robbers.

POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA - After nine SWAT officers fired 110 rounds of ammunition at Angilo Freeland, 27, suspected of killing a sheriff's deputy in Polk County, hitting him 68 times, Sheriff Grady Judd told the Orlando Sentinel, "That's all the bullets we had, or we would have shot him more."

PORT ANGELES, WASHINGTON - Claude Hite of Tampa, Florida, embarked on a camping trip to Washington's Hoh Rain Forest in Olympic National Park after renting a PT Cruiser from Thrifty Car Rental at the Seattle airport for 17 days for \$425. Hite and a friend became trapped Nov. 6, when floods washed out the only road into or out of the forest. The park service rescued the two men two days later, but not the vehicle. Meanwhile, Hite, who declined a waiver from the rental car company to cover loss or damage because the \$28.50 fee exceeded the daily rental cost, is liable for daily rental charges on the vehicle until it is returned. The Seattle Post-Intelligencer reported that park officials have no timetable for repairing the road so the PT Cruiser can get out.