

# BEST JOKES

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## Preface

“Laughter the best medicine” is a term coined by Reader's Digest and we deliver small doses in every issue of the magazine. But we sometimes need an extra-large booster to get into really great shape, and this book — a collection of the best jokes from all over — is it.

This book is guaranteed to keep you in good humour for a long time to come. But don't keep its benefits to yourself — tell them to your family, friends and colleagues. You'll become their favourite physician.

Three lawyers and three engineers were travelling by train to a conference. At the station, each lawyer bought a ticket whereas the engineers bought only one ticket between them.

‘How are you going to travel on a single ticket?’ asked a lawyer.

‘Wait and watch,’ answered one of the engineers.

When they boarded the train, the lawyers took their seats, but the three engineers crammed into a toilet and closed the door behind them. Shortly after the train started, the ticket collector arrived. He knocked on the toilet door and asked, ‘Ticket please.’ The door opened just a crack and a single arm emerged with a ticket in hand. The ticket collector took it and moved on. Seeing this, the lawyers decided to do the same thing on the return trip.

So when they got to the station, they bought only one ticket. To their astonishment, the engineers didn’t buy any. ‘How are you going to travel without a ticket?’ asked one of the perplexed lawyers.

‘Wait and watch,’ answered an engineer.

In the train, the three engineers crammed into a toilet and the three lawyers into another nearby. Soon after the train started, one of the engineers got out of the toilet and walked to one where the lawyers were hiding.

He knocked on the door and said, ‘Ticket, please.’



Maid: What do you want, sir?

Visitor: I want to see your master.

Maid: What’s your business, please?

Visitor: There is a bill...

Maid: Ah! He left yesterday for his village...

Visitor: Which I have to pay him...

Maid: And he returned this morning.



Men who treat women as helpless and charming playthings deserve women who treat men as delightful and generous bank accounts.



A foreign tourist hired a guide to take him around Delhi and Agra. At the Red Fort at Delhi, he admired the architecture and asked how many years it took to build.

‘Twenty years,’ replied the guide.

‘You Indians are a lazy lot,’ the tourist said. ‘In my country, this could have been built in five.’

At Agra he admired the Taj’s beauty and asked how many years it took to build.

‘Only ten years,’ said the guide.

The tourist retorted: ‘You Indians are slow! We can construct such buildings in two-and-a-half.’

In this fashion the tourist claimed that every building he admired could have been built in his country in quarter the time. Finally, when they reached the Qutab Minar, and the tourist asked what it was, the guide replied: ‘I don’t know. It wasn’t there yesterday evening.’



Overheard at the veterinarian’s: ‘I had my cat neutered. He’s still out all night with the other cats, but now he’s a consultant.’



When an efficient secretary asked her boss for a raise in her salary, he turned her down, saying: ‘Your salary is already higher than that of the secretary at the next desk. And she has five children.’

‘Excuse me,’ the efficient woman replied, ‘I thought we got paid for what we produce here—not for what we produce at home in our own time.’



A small farm boy was milking his cow when all of a sudden a bull came charging towards him. As horrified workers nearby watched, the boy calmly continued his milking.

To everyone’s astonishment, the bull stopped a few inches from the boy, turned around and walked away . ‘Weren’t you afraid?’ one of the workers asked the boy.

‘Not at all,’ the boy replied , ‘I knew this cow was his mother-in-law.’



A patient complains to a famous psychologist: ‘Professor, I’ve been having terrible obsessions for years, and no one has ever been able to help me.’

‘Who’s been treating you until now?’

‘Dr Lal Rathor.’

‘I see. He’s an idiot. I’m curious to know what he advised you to do.’

‘To come and see you.’



Overheard: I can say one good thing about airline food: at least they’re considerate enough to give you only small portions.



Two terrorists were driving to the location where they intended to plant a bomb, which one of them had in his lap.

‘Drive a little faster, the bomb may go off any minute,’ said the man carrying the explosive.

‘Don’t worry,’ the driver assured him, ‘we have got a spare one in the boot.’



Boy to mother: I’ve decided to stop studying.’

‘How come?’ asked the mother.

‘I heard that that someone was shot dead, because he knew too much.’



For their first anniversary, a man bought his young wife a cell phone. She was thrilled and listened eagerly as he explained all its features. The next day she was out shopping when the phone rang.

‘Hey, darling,’ he husband said. ‘How do you like your new phone?’

‘Oh, I just love it!’ she gushed. ‘It’s so cute and small—and your voice sounds so clear. But there’s just one thing I don’t understand.’

‘What’s that?’

‘How did you know I was at the sari shop?’



Husband and wife were in the midst of a violent quarrel, and hubby was losing his temper. ‘Be careful,’ he said to his wife. ‘You’ll bring out the beast in me.’

‘So what?’ his wife shot back. ‘Who’s afraid of a mouse?’



A man was driving well above the speed limit when a police car suddenly emerged from behind, sirens blaring. Thinking he'd outpace the cop, the man pushed his accelerator to the floor. His car's speed rose to sixty, then seventy, eighty, and ninety. Finally, the man thought, what the heck, and pulled over, ready to receive a speeding ticket.

The police officer got out, leaned over the man and said: 'Listen, Mister, I have had a really lousy day, and I just want to go home. Give me a good excuse and I'll let you go.'

The man thought for a moment and said: 'Three weeks ago my wife ran off with a police officer. When I saw your car in my mirror, I thought you were that officer and were trying to give her back to me.'

No ticket.



Late one night, a mugger wearing a ski mask jumped into the path of a well-dressed man and stuck a gun in his ribs. 'Give me your money,' he demanded.

Indignant, the affluent man replied, 'You can't do this—I'm a politician!'

'In that case,' replied the robber, 'give me my money!'



An American visiting England walked into a hotel lobby. 'The lift will be down presently,' the receptionist told him.

'The lift?' said the American. 'Oh, you mean the elevator.'

'No, I mean the lift.' replied the Englishman.

'I think I should know what it is called,' said the American. 'Elevators were invented in the States.'

'Perhaps,' retorted the Englishman. 'But we invented the language.'



'I'm very sorry to learn that your wife ran away with your driver,' said the friend to the old man.

'Oh, don't worry, I can drive.'



A judge looked severely at the defendant and asked, 'How many times have you been imprisoned?'

'Nine, you Honour.'

'Nine? In this case, I will give you the maximum sentence.'

'Maximum sentence?' said the defendant. 'Don't you give your regular clients a discount?'



One man to another. 'I want to marry a smart woman, a good woman; a woman who'll make me happy.'

'Make up your mind.'



The doctor had just finished giving the young man a thorough physical examination.

'The best thing for you to do,' the doctor said, 'is give up drinking and smoking, get to bed early and stay away from women.'

'Doctor, I don't deserve the best,' said the patient. 'What's next best?'



*'An old man gives good advice in order to console himself for no longer being able to set a bad example.'*  
- Le Rochefoucauld

A rather inebriated fellow on a bus was tearing up a newspaper into tiny pieces and throwing them out the window.

‘Excuse me,’ said the woman sitting next to him. ‘But, would you mind explaining why you’re doing this?’

‘It scares away the elephants,’ replied the drunk.

‘But I don’t see any elephants around here,’ said the woman.

‘Effective, isn’t it?’ crowed the drunk.



The editor of a small weekly newspaper, annoyed at legislation that had recently been passed, ran a scathing editorial under the headline: HALF OF OUR LEGISLATORS ARE CROOKS. Many prominent local politicians were outraged, and tremendous pressure was exerted on him to retract the statement. He finally succumbed to the pressure and ran an apology with the headline: HALF OF OUR LEGISLATORS ARE NOT CROOKS.



After they had brought their first baby home from hospital, a young wife suggested to her husband that he try his hand at changing diapers, ‘I’m busy,’ he said. ‘I’ll do the next one.’

The next time the baby was wet, she asked if he was now ready to learn how to change diapers. He looked puzzled. ‘Oh,’ he replied finally. ‘I didn’t mean the next diaper. I meant the next baby!’



Staying at a small-town hotel, Tom ordered tea. Shortly afterwards, a girl threw open the door. ‘Sugar in your tea?’ she shouted.

‘No, thank you,’ Tom replied.

‘Ah, well, don’t stir it then.’

The Duke of Gloucester, speaking at a luncheon in London: ‘A home accidents survey which showed that ninety percent of accidents on staircases involved either the top or the bottom step, was fed into a computer. Asked how accidents could be reduced, the computer answered: “Remove the top and bottom steps.”’



A small Indian boy appeared in the class of a London schoolteacher for the first time and she asked him his name. ‘Venkataratnam Narasimha Rattaiah,’ he said. When she asked, ‘How do you spell it?’ he replied, ‘My mother helps me.’



A young soldier who was on a twenty four-hour pass went to a dance in town and there met an attractive young woman. As they danced, he kept making passes at her but without much result. Finally, he said, ‘Look sweetheart, I really go for you in a big way. But I don’t have much time. I have to be back in the morning. I’d sure like to speed like to speed things up between us.’

‘But I am dancing as fast as I can,’ she protested wide-eyed.



A man who had just died, arrived at heaven’s gate. Before allowing him entry, St. Peter asked him if he’d ever loved a woman.

‘No,’ the man replied, ‘Not a single one.’

‘Did you have a friend you cared for?’

‘No.’

‘Perhaps you loved a pet? Did you not feel a love for nature?’

‘No.’

‘What took you so long to get here?’ asked a surprised St. Peter. ‘You’ve been dead for ages.’

Little Ernie was having a problem with his homework.  
 ‘Dad,’ he asked, ‘What is the difference between “anger” and “exasperation”?’  
 ‘Well, son,’ said his father, ‘I’ll give you a practical demonstration.’  
 His father picked up the phone and dialled a number.  
 ‘Hello,’ said a voice at the other end.  
 ‘Hello,’ said Ernie’s father. ‘Is Melvin there?’  
 ‘There is no one called Melvin here!’ the voice replied. ‘Why don’t you look up numbers before you dial them?’  
 ‘You see?’ said Ernie’s father. ‘That man was not at all happy with our call. But watch this!’  
 He then dialled the number again, and says, ‘Hello, is Melvin there?’  
 ‘Now look here!’ the voice said angrily. ‘I told you there is no Melvin here! You have got a lot of nerve calling again!’  
 ‘Did you hear that?’ Ernie’s father asked. ‘That was “anger”. Now, I will show you what “exasperation” is!’  
 He dialled once again. And on hearing the voice at the other end, Ernie’s father said: ‘Hello! This is Melvin. Have there been any calls for me?’



A poor man sat begging outside a temple. ‘In the name of Bhagwan give this hungry man some money to fill his belly,’ he cried. ‘Bhagwan will bless you.’ But the devotees gave him very little. In disgust the beggar left the temple and sat outside a country liquor shop. ‘A few paise in the name of Bhagwan,’ he whined. As customers came out of the shop in high spirits, many dropped rupee notes in his bowl. Thanking God, the beggar said: ‘Hey Bhagwan, truly inscrutable are thy ways! You give one address but live in another.’



Husband to wife as they emerge from a long session with a marriage guidance counsellor: ‘Darling, I love you.’  
 ‘There you go again,’ snapped his wife. ‘I...I...I...again.’



Annoyed wife to husband: ‘Can’t you say we’ve been married twenty-four years instead of “almost a quarter of a century”?’



The sign on the door of a lawyer’s chamber reads: ‘Where there is a will, there is a way; where there is a way, there is law; where there is law, there is a rule; where there is a rule, there is a loophole; where there is a loophole; there is a lawyer; and so here I am.’



When Paul was working as a salesman at a supermarket, he noticed that before choosing a melon, shoppers would hold the fruit upto their ears and knock on it. He never knew what they expected to hear. One day he asked a shopper. ‘Son,’ the man replied, ‘I’ve been doing this for forty years. All I know is that if you just pick up a melon and put it your bag, everybody looks at you as if you’re crazy.’



Little Johnny was practising the violin in the living room, while his father was trying to read. The family dog was at there too, and, on hearing the screeching sounds, began to howl. Johnny’s father listened to the dog and the violin for as long as he could. Then he jumped up, slammed his newspaper on the floor and yelled, ‘For God’s sake, can’t you play something the dog doesn’t know?’

An eager young man entered his prospective boss's cabin for an interview, Said the boss 'One thing our company is very particular about is cleanliness. I hope you wiped your shoes on the doormat while coming in?'

Yes, sir,' the young man replied promptly.

Back came the rejoinder, 'One more thing we're very particular about is honesty. There is no doormat outside!'



Sonu was saying her bedtime prayers: 'Please God, make Naples the capital of Italy. Make Naples the capital of Italy,'.....

'Why do you want God to make Naples the capital of Italy?' Sonu's mother asked.

And Sonu replied: 'Because, that is what I put in my Geography exam!'



A traveller walking along a road asked an old man working in a field to how long it would take to get to the next village. But the old man didn't answer, so the traveller kept walking.

He hadn't gone far when he heard a call: "Hi, mister, it'll take you about 20 minutes".

"Why didn't you tell me that when I asked you?" asked the traveller.

"How did I know how fast you were going to walk?" replied the old man.



*'Love, friendship, and respect do not unite a people as much as a common hatred of something.'*  
- Anton Chekov

*The world is a comedy to those who think, a tragedy to those who feel.*  
- Horace Walpole

A teacher had just moved house with all her possessions including box after box of books.

As the van driver put down the last box in her second-floor flat, he grumbled, "For Heaven's sake, lady, why didn't you read them before you came?"



Customer: "Why are the signs in your window so full of spelling and grammatical mistakes?"

Storekeeper: "So that people will think I'm a fool and come in expecting to get the best of me. Since I put up those signs, business has boomed."



Doctor: Shall I give your wife a local anaesthetic?"

Businessman: "Certainly not. I can afford something imported..".



A doctor was called in to see a rather testy aristocrat.

"Well, sir, what's the matter?" he asked cheerily.

"That, sir," growled the patient, "is for you to find out."

"I see," said the doctor thought-fully. "Well, if you'll excuse me for an hour or so I'll go along and fetch a friend of mine - a veterinarian. He is the only chap I know who can make a diagnosis without asking questions."



What made you marry Daddy, Mummy?"

"So you're beginning to wonder, too!"

“My father wants me to have everything he did not have when he was a boy.”

“What didn’t he have?”

“All ‘A’s on his report card”.



Mother: “I sent my little boy for one kilo of plums and you only sent 800 grams.

Grocer: “My scales are all right, madam. Have you weighed your little boy?”



“Why do they call the language we speak our mother-tongue?” asked the son.

“Because fathers so seldom gets a chance to use it,” replied his dad.



The mother of many children lined up her family.

“The one who obeys me immediately and does exactly as he’s told without arguing will get a rupee at the end of the week.”

“It’s not fair,” said the youngest kid, bursting into tears. “Daddy’ll win easily.”



How’s your husband,?” Mrs. Mathur asked her friend.

“Pretty well, I think - he works so hard I see him for only about an hour each day,”

“You poor thing,” said Mrs. Mathur.

“Oh, It’s all right, the hour soon passes.”

Manager - “From your references I see you’ve had four jobs in the last month.”

Applicant - “Yes, sir, but doesn’t that shows how much in demand I am?”



A salesman was dismissed because he was rude to a customer. A month later the sales manager spotted him walking about in a police uniform.

“I see you’ve joined the force, Bhatnagar,” said the sales manager.

“Yes, Sir. This is the job I’ve been looking for all my life. Here the customer is always wrong.”



A not-too-bright candidate for the police force failed in the written examination. Since he was the Chief’s nephew, the examiner decided to go easy on him with the oral test.

“Who shot Abraham Lincoln?”, asked the examiner.

The candidate pondered for a moment and then asked if he could have sometime to come up with the answer. The examiner told him to come back the next morning.

When the would-be recruit went home, his wife asked, “Well, how did it go? Did you get the job?”

“I think so,” he replied. “They have already got me working on a case”.



*When I eventually met Mr Right, I had no idea his first name was Always.*

*- Rita Rudner*

*In politics, if you want anything said, ask a man; if you want anything done, ask a woman.*

*- Margaret Thatcher*

Judge: "The last time I saw you, I told you that I didn't want to see you here again".

Accused: "That is what I tried to tell these policemen, your Honour, but they would not believe me."



What is your age?" asked the Judge. "Remember you are under oath".

"Twenty-one years and some months," the woman answered.

"How many months?" the Judge persisted.

"One hundred and eight."



"Hey," the tourist said to the mountaineer, "Your son just threw a rock at me as I passed by."

"Did it hit you?"

"No."

"Then it wasn't my son."



Boss : "You should have been here at 8 O'clock."

Steno : "Why, what happened?"



*That's the trouble with being greeted "Have a nice day!" it puts all the pressure on you.*  
- George Carlin

The employee stormed angrily into the cashier's office. "What's the meaning of this? I just counted my pay and it's a dollar short!"

The cashier examined the envelope, then checked his records. "Last week we paid you a dollar more. You didn't complain then, did you?"

"Look" said the employee. "An occasional mistake I can overlook - but two in a row is too much!"



Two employers were talking. Said one: "I fear that young man I employed last week as a cashier is dishonest."

"Oh," replied the other, "you shouldn't judge by appearances."

"I'm not. I'm judging by disappearances!"



The famous film actor was being analyzed.

"Tell me," asked the psychoanalyst, "Do you ever cheat on your wife?"

"Who else?"



*Woman begins by resisting a man's advances, and ends by blocking his retreat.*  
- Oscar Wilde

*You can always tell when a man is well informed. His views are pretty much like your own.*  
- Louis Morris

*Life is one long process of getting tired.*  
- Samuel Butler

*The love that lasts longest is the love which is never returned.*  
- Somerset Maugham

A large notice in a shop window announced a big sale, with sweeping reductions, starting at 9 a.m. An enormous queue had started to form by 7-30 a.m.

Just before the shop was due to open, an inconspicuous little man walked to the head of the queue. Angry women elbowed and pushed him until he was right at the back of the line. Undaunted, the little man went to the head of the queue again.

Once more, he was shoved unceremoniously to the back, this time with a few smacks on the face and a couple of thumps from umbrellas wielded by angry women.

The little man walked to one side of the queue and said: "If that's your attitude, I won't open the shop at all today!"



Chemistry Teacher: "Can you give me the formula for water?"

Student: "H-I-J-K-L-M-N-O-."

Chemistry Teacher: "Where did you get an idea like that?"

Student: "You told us the other day it was H to O."



Teacher: "You missed school yesterday, didn't you?"

Pupil: "Not a bit."



*The reasonable man adapts himself to the world; the unreasonable persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore, all progress depends on the unreasonable man.'*

*- George Bernard Shaw*

Teacher: "Who were the first human beings?"

Pupil: "Adam and Eve."

Teacher: "And what nationality were they?"

Pupil: "Indian, of course."

Teacher: "And how do you know they were Indian?"

Pupil: "Easy. They had no roof over their heads, no clothes to wear and only one apple between them - and they called it Paradise."



Father: "Would you still love my daughter even if she were poor?"

Suitor: "Of course."

Father: "You're no good. We don't want fools in our family."



He: "There are an awful lot of girls who don't want to get married."

She: "How do you know?"

He: "I've asked them."



He: "I wonder why women pay more attention to beauty than to brains."

She: "Because no matter how stupid a man is, he is seldom blind."



*When a man laughs at his troubles he loses a great many friends; they never forgive the loss of their prerogative.*

*- H L Mencken*

Once knew the twenty-year-old daughter of a Hollywood film actress who kept getting depressed because she didn't look as young as her mother.



The aging actor was trying to chat up the gorgeous young girl.

'Don't you recognize me?' he asked. She shook her head.

'I'm quite well known in the movies,' he continued.

'Oh!' she said, her eyes lighting up. 'Where do you usually sit?'



The main difference between men and boys is that men's toys cost more money.



Pretty young girl: 'If I go up to your room do you promise to be good?'

Young man: 'Why — I promise to be FANTASTIC!'



Two astrologers met each other in the street on a particularly cold and bitter day.

'Terrible winter we're having,' muttered one.

'Yes,' replied the other. 'It reminds me of the winter of 2057.'



*Women want mediocre men, and men are working hard to be as mediocre as possible.*  
- Margaret Mead

A tea manufacturer wanted a new advertising gimmick, so the senior creative man at the advertising agency decided to go to Rome to see if he could persuade the Pope to make a TV commercial.

'We'll give you one hundred thousand pounds for a ten second commercial,' the ad man told the pontiff. All you have say is: "Give us this day our daily tea".'

'I'm sorry,' replied the Pope, 'but I can't do that.'

'Five hundred thousand,' offered the adman.

'I'm afraid not,' said the Pope, solemnly.

'All right. One million pounds. And that's our very last offer.'

But still the Pope refused. On his way back, disappointed adman turned to his secretary and said: 'It's odd that the Pope refused to do a commercial for tea. I wonder how much the bread people are giving him.'



The proud mother was showing off her new baby to her friend. 'Doesn't he look just like his father?' asked the mother.

'Yes,' replied the friend. 'But I shouldn't worry too much — he'll probably change for the better as he gets older.'



If an artist becomes angry does he lose his temperas?



*Let no one suppose the words doctor and patient can disguise from the parties the fact they are employer and employee.*  
- George Bernard Shaw

*History teaches us that men and nations live wisely once they have exhausted all other alternatives.*  
- Abba Eban

The elderly aunt bent down and asked her three-year-old nephew: ‘Can you tell me the name of your new baby sister?’

The little boy shook his head sadly and replied: ‘I don’t know what it is. I keep asking her but I can’t understand a word she says.’



My wife’s best friend has just celebrated the twentieth anniversary of her twenty-ninth birthday.



Customer: ‘I’d like to buy a novel, please.’

Bookshop assistant: ‘Certainly, madam. Do you have the title or name of the author?’

Customer: ‘Not really. I was hoping you could suggest something suitable.’

Bookshop assistant: ‘No problem. Do you like light or heavy reading?’

Customer: ‘It doesn’t matter. I’ve left the car just outside the shop.’



Office worker: Sir?’

Boss: ‘Yes? What is it now?’

Office worker: ‘Please can I have a day off next week to do some late Christmas shopping with my wife and our six kids?’

Boss: ‘Certainly not!’

Office worker: ‘I knew you’d be understanding, sir. Thanks for getting me out of that terrible chore.’



At the company board meeting the chairman rose to make his speech. ‘Who’s been carrying on with my secretary?’ he demanded.

This was met with silence. ‘All right, then,’ said the chairman, ‘put it this way — who has *not* been carrying on with my secretary?’

Again there was silence, and then one man said, self-consciously: ‘Me, sir.’

‘Right,’ said the Chairman. *You* sack her.’



One day Claude came home from work to find his wife painting one side of the car blue. She’d divided the car neatly in half and had already painted the other side bright yellow.

‘What on earth are you doing?’ asked Claude.

‘Simple!’ she replied. ‘You know I’ve had so many accidents and I always get caught due to the statements of the witnesses in court. *Now*, if I have an accident, you watch them fight it out trying to decide what colour car caused the accident!’



Mother: ‘Why are you crying?’

Sally: ‘Because I fell and hurt myself.’

Mother: ‘When did that happen?’

Sally: ‘About twenty minutes ago.’

Mother: ‘But you’ve only just started crying.’

Sally: ‘I know. Earlier, I thought you’d gone out.’



That's a nice suit you're wearing — who went for the fitting?'



Judge: 'How do you plead? Guilty or not guilty?'

Prisoner: 'How do I know, your honour? I haven't heard the evidence yet.'



Bacteria: the back entrance to a cafeteria.



Buoyant: male equivalent of gallant.



Dogma: the mother of puppies.



Ultimate: the last person to marry.



Vice versa: dirty poems.



Doctor: 'Nurse! Did you take this patient's temperature?'

Nurse: 'Why, doctor? Is it missing?'



Teacher: 'Everything you do is wrong. How can you expect to get a job when you leave school?'

Pupil: 'Well, sir! I'm going to be a TV weatherman.'



Pretty young nurse: 'Doctor, every time I take this young man's pulse it gets faster. Should I give him a sedative?'

Doctor: 'No. Just give him a blindfold.'



Patient: 'Doctor, do you think that I will live until I'm a hundred?'

Doctor: 'Do you smoke or drink?'

Patient: 'No.'

Doctor: 'Do you drive fast cars, gamble, or play around with women?'

Patient: 'Certainly not!'

Doctor: 'Then what do you want to live to a hundred for?'



Doctor's wife: 'Why are you looking so worried, dear?'

Doctor: 'I think I've at last cured that Smith fellow.'

Doctor's wife: 'So why are you so worried?'

Doctor: 'I've given him so many pills and potions I can't work out which one worked.'



Estate agent to young house-hunting couple: 'First you tell me what you can afford. Then we'll have a good laugh about it and go on from there.'



Is a drunken ghost a methylated spirit?



Mr Bloggs: 'Darling, I don't know what you put in this soup, but it tastes like dishwater.'

Mrs Bloggs: 'How do you know?'



Mummy, Mummy! Where are you?' cried the little boy on the promenade.

'You poor little boy,' said an elderly lady. 'Come with me and I'll get you an ice cream and then we'll go and look for your mummy.'

'I know where your mummy is,' said a small girl.

'Shush!' whispered the little boy. 'I know where she is, too, but I've managed to get two free ice creams this morning, and I want a third!'



The frantic-looking lady came rushing out of her house into the street and cried: 'Help! Help! My young son has swallowed a coin and is choking. I don't know what to do!'

Everyone looked the other way, except for a middle-aged gentleman who rushed into the lady's house, found her young son, turned him upside down and shook him until the coin fell out of his mouth.

'Oh, thank you!' cried the lady. 'Are you a doctor?'

'No madam,' replied the middle-aged man. 'I'm from the Income Tax Department.'

Insurance salesman: 'Surely your husband needs more life insurance? I mean, if your husband suddenly dropped dead, what would you do?'

Mrs Smith: 'I'd probably get a pet dog instead.'



The young man walked into the pet shop and asked if he could buy 387 beetles, 18 rats and five mice.

'I'm sorry, sir, but we can only supply the mice. But what did you want all the other creatures for?' asked the pet shop manager.

'I was thrown out of my flat this morning,' replied the young man. 'And my landlord says I must leave the place exactly as I found it.'



Fred at last could see a way of making a fortune. He had trained his parrot, after month of hard work, to tell jokes.

At last he felt ready to cash in on all his hard work, and took the parrot down to his pub.

'This is my incredible joke-telling parrot,' boasted Fred.

'Go on,' jeered the pub regulars. 'We'll give you ten to one that your parrot can't tell us a joke.'

'All right,' replied Fred. 'I accept your bet.'

But try as he could, Fred was unable to make the parrot talk — let alone tell jokes.

On the way home Fred shook the bird and shouted: 'What do you mean by keeping quiet? You made me lose a ten to one bet!'

'Don't worry!' squawked the parrot. 'Tomorrow you'll be able to get fifty to one.'



Hilary: 'You're the first man I've ever said "yes" to. In fact, I've said "no" to lots and lots of men.'

Herbert: 'What were they selling?'



The police car, its siren blaring, raced in front of a speeding car and forced it to stop.

A heavily built policeman got out and walked over.

'You name, please?' asked the policeman, taking out his notebook and pen.

'Certainly, officer,' replied the driver. 'It's Horatio Xerxes Laertes Idomeneus Aeneas Asclepius Iphicles Menoeceus Memnon Philoctetes Tyndareus Hylas.'

The policeman thought for a moment, then looked at his notebook, shook his head and said: 'I'll just give you a warning this time — don't break the speed limit again.'



A lifelong Socialist was dying when he suddenly decided to join the Tory party.

'But why?' asked his puzzled friends. 'You've been a staunch Socialist all your life.'

'Well, he replied, 'I'd rather it was a Tory that died than a Socialist.'



If a plug would not fit, would you socket?



Customer: 'Waiter! How much longer do you expect me to have to wait for my poached salmon?'

Waiter: 'I'm sorry, sir, but we are trying to hurry it up for you.'

Customer: 'Then can you assure me that you're using the right bait?'



'Get up,' shouted Albert's mother. 'You'll be late for school.'

'But I don't want to go,' protested Albert. 'All the kids are horrible, the teachers are terrible, and it's all extremely boring. I want to stay home.'

'But,' replied Albert's mother, 'you're forty-three and the headmaster of the school.'



Teacher: 'Mavis, can you tell me which month is the shortest?'

Mavis: 'It's May, miss.'

Teacher: 'No, it isn't. The shortest month is February.'

Mavis: 'But, miss, February has eight letters in it while May only has three!'



*You can get a lot more done with a kind word and gun, than you can with a kind word alone.*  
- Al Capone

*Wealth is like sea water; the more we drink, the thirstier we become; the same is true of fame.*  
- Schopenhauer