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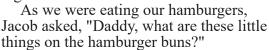
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Hamburger Seeds

I took my 4 year old son, Jacob, out to dinner one evening for a "guy night."



I responded that they were tiny seeds and were OK to eat.

He was quiet for a couple of minutes and I could tell he was in deep thought.

Finally, Jacob looked up and said, "Dad, if we go home and plant these seeds in our backyard, we will have enough hamburgers to last forever."

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- 4 National Thank a Mail Carrier Day
 - 5 World Nutella Day
 - 6 National Frozen Yogurt Day
 - 7 National Fettucine Alfredo Day
 - 8 National Kite Flying Day
 - 9 National Pizza and Bagel Day
- 10 National Don't Cry over Spilled Milk Day
 - 13 National Tortellini Day
 - 14 Valentine's Day
 - 17 National Random Acts of Kindness Day
 - 19 President's Day
 - 21 National Sticky Bun Day
 - 23 National Banana Bread Day
 - 25 National Clam Chowder Day
 - 27 National Polar Bear Day
 - 28 National Tooth Fairy Day
 - 29 Leap Year (every 4 years)

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To which the gentleman said, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"

Clothing Store

While working in a clothing store, I noticed that people had no shame about returning items that had been worn.

One rainy morning I walked in and found a discolored blazer hanging on the rack with other returns. "People return the most filthy, nasty things," I commented to my supervisor who was standing nearby.

With an eyebrow raised, she said, "That's MY jacket."

Long Life

"You're in incredible shape," the doctor said. "How old are you again?"

"I am 78," the man said.

"78?" asked the doctor. "How do you stay so healthy? You look like a 60 year old."

"Well, my wife and I made a pact when we got married that whenever she got mad she would go into the kitchen and cool off and I would go outside to settle down," the man explained.

"What does that have to do with it?" asked the doctor.

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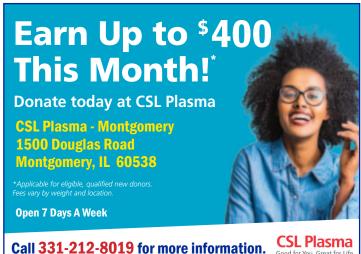
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Ice Cream Is Sometimes Good for the Soul"

Last week I took my children to a restaurant. My six-year-old son asked if he could say grace. As we bowed our heads he said, "God is good, God is great. Thank you for the food, and I would thank you even more if Mom gets us Ice Cream for dessert. And liberty and justice for all! Amen!"

Along with the laughter from the other customers nearby, I heard a woman remark, "That's what's wrong with this country. Kids today don't even know how to pray. Asking God for Ice Cream! Why, I never!"

Hearing this, my son burst into tears and asked me, "Did I do it wrong? Is God mad at me?"

As I held him and assured him that he had done a terrific job and God was certainly not mad at him, an elderly gentleman approached the table. He winked at my son and said, "I happen to know that God thought that was a great prayer."

"Really?" my son asked.

"Cross my heart." Then in theatrical whisper he added (indicating the woman whose remark had started this whole thing), "too bad she never asks God for Ice Cream. A little Ice Cream is good for the soul sometimes."

Naturally, I bought my kid ice cream at the end of the meal. My son stared at his for a moment and then did something I will remember the rest of my life. He picked up his sundae and without a word walked over and placed it in front of the woman. With a big smile he told her, "Here, this is for you. Ice cream is good for the soul sometimes and my soul is good already!"

Say It with Flower

Michael passed by a florist shop with a large sign in the window that read, "Say It With Flowers."

He entered the shop saying, "Wrap up one rose, please."

"Only one?" the florist enquired frowning.

"Ah yes, just the one," Michael replied. "I'm a man of very few words."

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Tough Account

Jones applied to a collection agency for a job, but he had no experience. He was so intense that the manager gave him a tough account with the promise that if he collected it, he'd get the job.

Two hours later, Jones came back with the entire amount.

"Amazing!" the manager said. "How did you do it?"

"Easy," Jones replied. "I told him if he didn't pay up, I'd tell all his other creditors that he paid us."

The DIRECT Object

Christopher's class was having an English lesson, and the teacher called on Christopher to recite a sentence with a direct object.

Christopher stood and thought, then said, "Teacher, everybody thinks you are beautiful."

"Why thank you, Christopher," the teacher said, blushing. "But what is the direct object?"

"A good report card next month," he replied.

















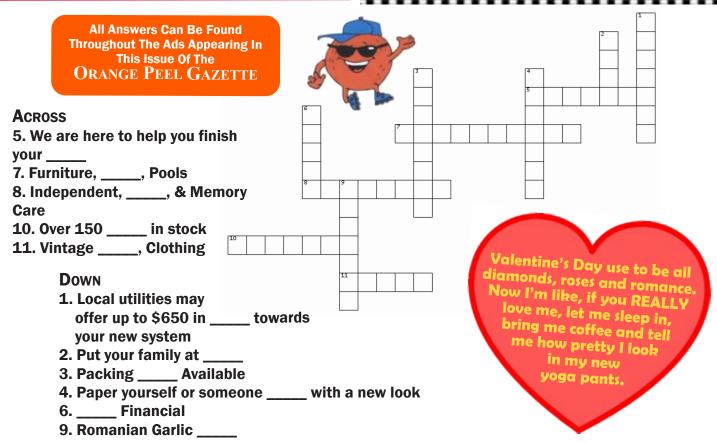


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Be Careful

A 92 year old man went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later, the doctor saw the man walking down the street with a gorgeous young lady on his arm.

At his follow up visit, the doctor talked to the man and said, "You're really doing great, aren't you?"

The man replied, "Just doing what you said Doctor: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful'."

The Doctor said, "I didn't say that. I said you got a heart murmur. Be careful!"

Goldfish Burial

Little Tim was in the garden filling in a hole when his neighbor peered over the fence. Interested in what the cheeky-faced youngster was up to, he politely asked, "What are you up to there, Tim?"

"My goldfish died," replied Tim tearfully, without looking up, "and I've just buried him."

The neighbor was concerned, "That's an awfully big hole for a goldfish, isn't it?"

Tim patted down the last heap of earth then replied, "That's because he's still inside your cat!"

Tight Fit

A man walks into a shoe store, and tries on a pair of shoes.

"How do they feel?" asks the sales clerk.

"Well they feel a bit tight," replies the man.

The assistant promptly bends down and has a look at the shoes and at the man's feet. "Try pulling the tongue out." the clerk says.

"Well, theyth sthill feelth a bith tighth."

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B. Poodle

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\$656,000 Question...

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A. Tutsies

B. Hutus

C. Pygmies D. Congolese

\$657,000 Question...

Amazingly, the world consumes some 190 million tons of this each year?

A. Chocolate

B. Salt

C. Bread D. Jelly Beans

\$658,000 Question...

Scientists are discovering over 30 new species of life each week in this location?

A. Outer Space

B. The Moon

C. On Mars D.

D. In the oceans

\$659,000 Question...

If you were dining on Japanese food and were eating Natto, you would be eating fermented, stringy what?

A. Snails

B. Soybeans

C. Lizards

D. Apples

\$660,000 Question...

According to some psychiatrists, this has become the new addition of the 21st century?

A. Drugs

B. Binge Eating

C. Cell Phones

D. Pets

\$661,000 Question...

"Making children is easy, making this is not?"

A. A Good father

B. Money

C. A Home

D. Clothing

Answers: \$655 - A; \$656 - C; \$657 - B; \$658 - D; \$659 - B;

Moved to Minnesota...

We just moved from Georgia to Minnesota. We heard that summers are fun and winter is beautiful. We think there is no more beautiful a place in the whole world!

January 5 - It has started to snow. This evening, the wife and I took our drinks and sat for hours by the window watching the huge flakes drift down from heaven. So romantic, we felt like newlyweds again. I love snow!

January 6 - We woke to a beautiful blanket of crystal white snow covering every inch of the land-scape. What a fantastic sight! Can there be a more lovely place in the whole world? Moving here was the best idea I've ever had! Shoveled for the first time in years and felt like a boy again. I did both our driveway and the sidewalks. This afternoon the snowplow came along and covered up the sidewalks and closed in the driveway, so I got to shovel again. What a perfect life!

January 10 - The sun has melted all our lovely snow. Such a disappointment! They say we'll have so much snow by the end of winter, that I'll never want to see snow again. I don't think that's possible.

January 12 - Snow, lovely snow! 8 inches last night. The temperature dropped to -20. The cold makes everything sparkle so. The wind took my breath away, but I warmed up by shoveling the driveway and sidewalks. This is the life! The snowplow came back this afternoon and buried everything again. I didn't realize I would have to do quite this much shoveling, but I'll certainly get back in shape this way. I wish I wouldn't huff and puff so.



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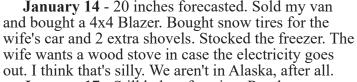
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January 17 - Still below freezing. Roads are too icy to go anywhere. Electricity was off for 5 hours. I had to pile the blankets on to stay warm. Nothing to do but stare at the wife and try not to irritate her. Guess I should've bought a wood stove, but won't admit it.

January 20 - Electricity's back on, but had another 14 inches last night. More shoveling! Took all day. Called the only hardware store around to see about buying a snow blower and they're out. Might have another shipment in March. Neighbor says I have to shovel or the city will have it done and bill me. I think he's lying.

January 22 - 13 more inches today. Tried to hire the neighbor who has a plow on his truck for the rest of the winter, but he says he's too busy.

January 24 - 6 inches - Snow packed so hard by snowplow at end of our driveway, 1 broke the shovel.

January 25 - 12 more inches of slop tonight - snowed in. The idea of shoveling makes my blood boil. God, I hate the snow! Then the snowplow driver came by asking for a donation and I hit him over the head with my shovel. The wife says I have a bad attitude.

January 26 - Still snowed in. Why did I ever move here? It was all HER idea. She's really getting on my nerves.

January 27 - Temperature dropped to -30 and the pipes froze; plumber came after 14 hours of waiting for him. He charged me \$4,400 to replace all my pipes!

January 29 - 10 more inches. My neighbor says I have to shovel the roof or it could cave in. That's the silliest thing I ever heard. How dumb does he think I am?

January 30 - Roof caved in. I beat up the snow plow driver, and now he is suing me. The wife went home to her mother. Nine more inches predicted.

January 31 - I set fire to what's left of the house. No more shoveling.

February 2 - Feel so good. I just love those little white pills they keep giving me. Why am I tied to the bed ???







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