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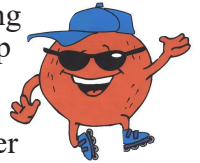
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Not even turning around, my mother quickly replied, "Oh, yes, I'd love to!"

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So, Patsy, very eager to oblige, hurried into the kitchen and quickly prepared a plate of hot biscuits, which she laid in front of the girl. "No, thank you," she said.

"But I thought you said your mother always has hot biscuits for breakfast!" said Patsy in surprise.

"She does," said the child. "But I don't eat them."

*I decided to make sure my husband woke up with a big smile on his face this morning.*

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**A Cold January Morning**

A funeral was being held for a man who had died on a cold January morning. The pall bearers are carrying the coffin out of the church after the service. As they travel down the steps, one of them falls and loses his grasp on the casket, forcing the others to slip as well. The coffin slides down the steps, onto the street, and down a hill. At the foot of the hill, it smashes through the front glass of a neighborhood pharmacy, breaking through the entire store and slamming into the rear counter. The coffin opens and the dead man sits up as soon as it hits.

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Finally, she couldn't take it any longer, and told him, "Listen, it means nothing! They even have a vice president of peas at the grocery store!"

"Really?" he said. Then, playing along with his wife, Sam called the grocery store.

A clerk answered and Sam said, "Can I please talk to the Vice President of peas?"

The clerk replied, "Canned or frozen?"

**A Modern Marriage**

I stopped at a florist shop after work to pick up roses for my wife. As the clerk was putting the finishing touches on the bouquet, a young man burst through the door, breathlessly requesting a dozen red roses.

"I'm sorry," the clerk said. "This man just ordered our last bunch." The desperate customer turned to me and begged, "May I please have those roses?"

"What happened?" I asked. "Did you forget your wedding anniversary?"

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3. When I'm feeling down, I like to whistle.. It makes the neighbor's dog run to the end of his chain and gag himself.
4. If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.
5. Don't assume malice for what stupidity can explain.
7. The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.
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Kathryn's 5-year-old developed a strong interest in spelling once she learned to spell STOP. After that, she tried to figure out her own words. From the back seat of the car she'd ask, "Mom, what does FGRPL spell?"

"Nothing," Kathryn said.

Sitting at breakfast she'd suddenly ask, "Mom, what does DOEB spell?"

"Nothing," Kathryn answered.

This went on for several weeks. Then one afternoon as they sat coloring in her room she asked, "Mom, what does LMDZ spell?"

Kathryn smiled at her and said, "Nothing, sweetheart."

The 5-year-old carefully set down her crayon, sighed and said, "Boy, there sure are a lot of ways to spell Nothing!"

I LOVE WORKING OUT!  
TODAY I DID  
ABS...OLUTELY  
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She glanced at the prosperous crowd, then back at me, and said, "You're the only one who has to."

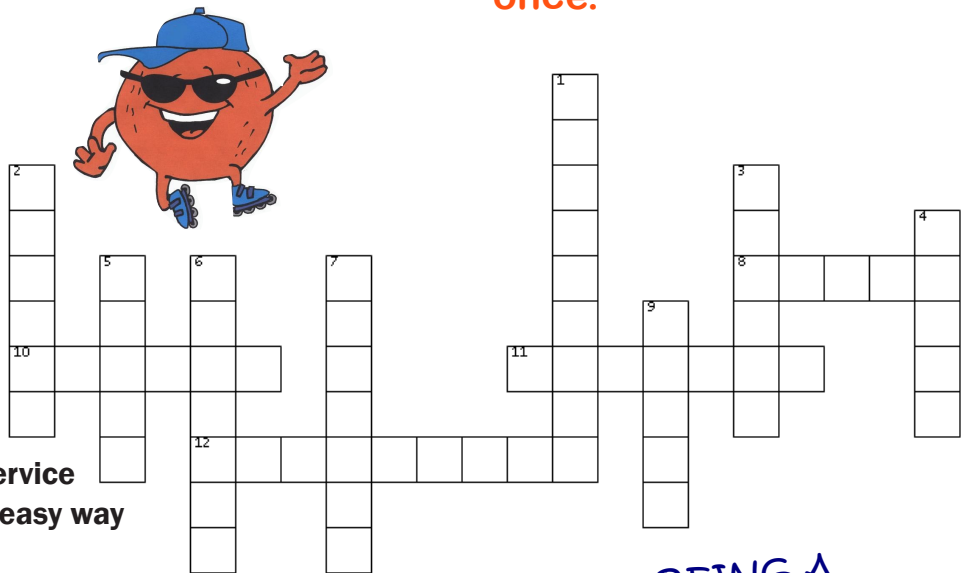
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### Zipper

A mother was showing her son how to zip up his coat. "The secret," she said, "is to get the left part of the zipper to fit in the other side before you try to zip it up."

The boy looked at her quizzically... "Why does it have to be a secret?"

### Young Love

One night at the dinner table, the wife commented, "When we were first married, you took the small piece of steak and gave me the larger. Now you take the large one and leave me the smaller. You don't love me any more..."

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The cookies I'd nibbled, the eggnog I'd taste  
At the holiday parties had gone to my waist.

When I got on the scales there arose such a number!  
When I walked to the store (less a walk than a  
lumber),

I'd remember the marvelous meals I'd prepared:  
The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared,

The wine and the rum balls, the bread and the cheese  
And the way I'd never said, "No, thank you, please."

As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt  
And prepared once again to do battle with dirt—

I said to myself, as I only can,  
"You can't spend a winter disguised as a man!"

So—away with the last of the sour cream dip,  
Get rid of the fruit cake, every cracker and chip.

Every last bit of food that I like must be banished  
'Til all the additional ounces have vanished.

I won't have a cookie—not even a lick.  
I'll want only to chew on a long celery stick.

I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread, or pie;  
I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.

I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore—  
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"Well, it's time for their annual fund drives. They'll find me."

*I wish my bank account refilled as fast as my laundry basket.*

**The Note Pad**

With four daughters and one son always dashing to school activities and part-time jobs, our schedule was hectic. To add to this, we kept running out of household supplies. I instructed them all to let me know when they used the last of any item by writing it down on a note pad on the refrigerator. As a reminder, I wrote at the top: "IF WE ARE OUT OF IT, WRITE IT DOWN."

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A. 1 lbs. B. 8 lbs.  
C. 16 lbs. D. 22 lbs.

**(Answers below) See you next issue!**

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- The Eiffel Tower can be seen from any window in Paris.
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"I'm sorry," the clerk said. "This man just ordered our last bunch." The desperate customer turned to me and begged, "May I please have those roses?"

"What happened?" I asked. "Did you forget your wedding anniversary?"

"It's even worse than that," he confided. "I broke my wife's hard drive!"

**I made a huge to do list today. I just can't figure out who's going to do it.**

**The New Cook**

The newly-married husband came home from the office to find his young wife in floods of tears. "Darling, whatever is the matter?" he asks.

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"Don't worry, darling," said her husband. "Don't cry. We'll get a new cat in the morning..."

**I have an angel on one shoulder and a devil on the other.**

**... I'm also deaf in one ear.**

**Seven sentences I wish I'd read sooner.**

- These hard times, this pain, these lessons, one day they'll be your strength, your awareness, your blessings.
- Stop expecting honesty from people who lie to themselves.
- Save your explanations for those that are determined to understand you - give your silence to those that are determined to misunderstand you.
- Your life is too short to be unhappy 5 days a week in exchange for 2 days of freedom.
- Don't be upset for people you don't respect.
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Caller: I'm at a pay phone. North and Foster. Dang...

Dispatcher: Sir, an ambulance is on the way. Are you an asthmatic?

Caller: No.

Dispatcher: What were you doing before you started having trouble breathing?

Caller: Running from the police. So don't send them.

Unexpected Knock

There was an unexpected knock on my door, and like I always do I first opened the peephole and asked, "Who's there?"

"Parcel post, ma'am. I have a package that needs a signature."

"Where's the package?" I asked suspiciously. The deliveryman held it up.

"Could I see some ID?" I said, still not convinced.

"Lady," he replied wearily, "If I wanted to break into your house, I'd probably just use these." And he pulled out the keys I had left in the door.

Misery might love company,  
but so does joy.  
And joy throws much better parties.

Express Checkout

It was a Saturday afternoon, and Ray had rushed down to the local supermarket to hurriedly pick up some hamburger rolls, chips and a few condiments. The big college game was going to be on, so he was having a few friends over to watch it. The store was loaded with shoppers and as he headed for the six item express lane, the only one that didn't have a long line, a woman completely ignoring the overhead sign slipped into the check-out line just in front of him pushing a cart piled high with groceries. Ray was quietly fuming at the anticipated delay. But the elderly cashier beckoned the woman to come forward, looked into the cart and asked ever so sweetly, "So Dearie, which six items would you like to buy?"

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