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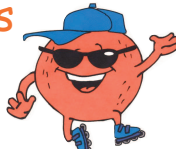
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God: w-what?

Cow: Ask me why I'm tired after giving birth.

God: Why are you tired after giving birth?

Cow: I'm deCALFeinated

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Cow: Someone's LAUGHtose intolerant

A Gift for my Wife

After being away on business for a week before Christmas, Tom thought it would be nice to bring his wife a little gift. "How about some perfume?" he asked the cosmetic clerk.

She showed him a bottle costing \$50. "That's a bit much," said Tom, so she returned with a small bottle for \$30. "That's still quite a bit," Tom grouched.

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"slightly dented but still functional"
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Class Reunion

I was in a department store dressing room when I overheard a woman in the next booth make disparaging remarks about the clothes she was trying on. Finally, an attendant knocked on her door and asked if there was a specific color or style she could get for her.

"I need a dress for my class reunion," the woman answered. "I don't care what color or style, as long as it makes me look twenty pounds lighter and ten years younger."

From another dressing room I heard a woman call out, "Make that two."

Eyes Gone

Yesterday I went to the optician's, walked up to the counter and said to the guy on duty, "I think my eyes are going."

He said, "They're gone sir - this is McDonalds."

**Spent ten minutes scrubbing
the wall thinking my kids left
a huge stain on it
and then realized
it was my own shadow.
I'm fine. It's fine.
Everything's fine.**

Mortgage Salesman

The phone rang and the lady picked it up... It was a salesman from a Mortgage refinance company. "Do you have a second mortgage on your home?"

"No," she replied.

"Would you like to consolidate all your debts?"

"I really don't have any," she said.

"How about freeing up cash for home improvements?" he tried.

"I don't need any. I just recently had some done and paid cash," she parried.

There was a brief silence, and then he asked, "Are you looking for a Husband?"

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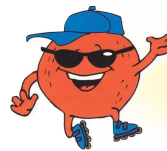
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Parked Cars in the Snow

It had been snowing for hours when an announcement came over the intercom: "Will the students who are parked on University Drive please move their cars so that we may begin plowing?"

Twenty minutes later there was another announcement: "Will the twelve hundred students who went to move 26 cars please return to class?"

TODAY'S FORECAST: LAZY WITH 90% CHANCE OF HALLMARK CHRISTMAS MOVIES.

Tools for Women

A woman needs only two tools. WD-40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and it should, use WD-40. If it moves and shouldn't, use the tape.

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P.S. *When I was pregnant, I hid in the pantry eating a candy bar while playing hide-and- seek with my 4 year old.*

my favorite part of teenage driving lessons is almost dying then being told to "chill"

Who's the Boss?

My Dad came home from work with excitement written all over his face. He had finally received the company car from his boss and was so excited to show it off. He took my 4 year old brother outside to see his reaction.

"Wow Daddy! What a shiney new car! Who's is it?"

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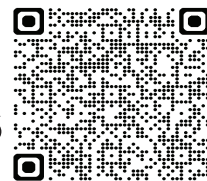
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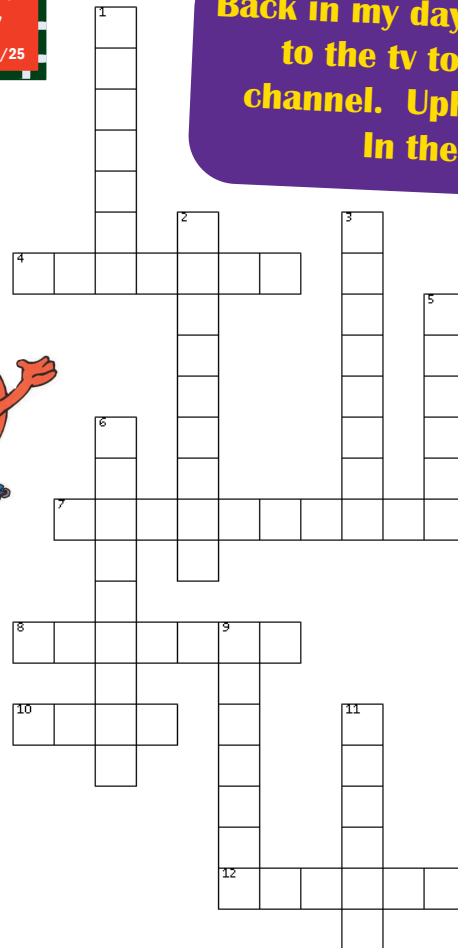
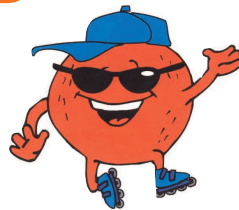
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3. You have dressed a dog or cat as Santa Claus, elf helper, or reindeer. (10 points for each; if you dressed an endangered species, 5 extra points)
4. You put out last year's stale candy canes for children. (1 point for each piece of sticky candy). If you put out a chocolate or marzipan Santa also, add 10 points.
5. You enclose an inferior gift from a discount store in a Bloomingdale's or other prestige box to impress your friends. (5 points for each infraction).
6. At the office Christmas party, you horde huge stockpiles of goodies for later consumption at home. (5 points; 15 points if you use this stuff for your own party)
7. You steal the wreath from a parked car to use on your own [Southern California only, others ignore]. (5 points -- nobody but Angelenos are silly enough to dress a car)
8. After an invitation to a friend's house, you bring a commercially produced fruitcake and try to pass it off as home made. (5 points; 15 points if the fruitcake is from last year).
9. Any stealing from the Toys-for-Tots collection bins is a definite no-no. (20 points)

Evaluate your score on the "Grinch Scale" from 20 to 100.

20-30: You are just a cheeseball.

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1. If no one sees you eat it, it has no calories
2. If you drink a diet soda with a candy bar, they cancel each other out
3. If you eat standing up, it doesn't count!
4. STRESSED is just DESSERTS spelled backwards
5. If you eat the food off someone else's plate, it doesn't count
6. Cookie pieces contain no calories because the process of breakage cause calorie leakage
7. Food used for medicinal purposes have no calories. This includes: any chocolate used for energy, brandy, cheesecake, and Haagen-Daz Ice Cream
8. When eating with someone else, calories don't count if you both eat the same amount

You are good at math, right?

Yes I am!

If I cut a cake into 3 pieces, each piece will be .333% of the main piece, right?

That's Correct!

Ok, if we multiple 3 by .333 we get .999%. So what happened to the .001%?

It's on the cake knife

Ohhhh....good to know!

Pregnant woman: "I'm so tired."

Husband: "You said you haven't done anything all day?"

Pregnant woman: "I made fingernails, I made toenails, I made tiny hands and feet. Did you make any ligaments or bones today?"

If parenthood came with a GPS it would mostly just say: **RECALCULATING.**



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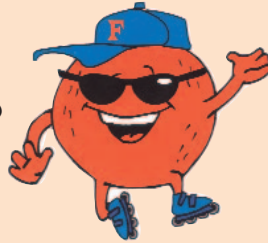


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C. Deer D. Fox

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Which superhero gains his transformation following accidental exposure to gamma rays during the detonation of an experimental bomb?

- A. Iron Man B. Hulk
C. The Human Flame D. Silversurfer

\$700,000 Question... What are the names of Cinderella's evil stepsisters?

- A. Anastasia and Drizella B. Gizelle and Anabelle
C. Florence and Marge D. Pam and Shirley

\$701,000 Question...

Mary Jane Watson has been portrayed by which actress in three movies directed by Sam Raimi?

- A. Stephanie Tyler B. Zendaya
C. Kirsten Dunst D. Shailene Woodley

\$702,000 Question... Which college is Elle applying for in Legally Blonde?

- A. Harvard B. Yale
C. Duke D. Princeton

\$703,000 Question... In Harry Potter, who is Fluffy?

- A. Harry's Owl B. Hagrid's 3 Headed Dog
C. Hagrid's Dragon D. Hermione's Cat

\$704,000 Question... What's the name of the sword in The Sword In The Stone?

- A. Glamdring B. Excalibur
C. Callandor D. Nibue

Answers: \$697 - A; \$698 - D; \$699 - B; \$700 - A; \$701 - C; \$702 - A; \$703 - B; \$704 - B.

Gracious Host

Having moved into his first apartment, our son invited my husband and me for a visit. As we walked in, our son asked if we'd like a cold drink. Mentally patting myself on the back for teaching him to be such a gracious host, I said, "Yes, what do you have?"

He walked over to the refrigerator, opened the door, studied the contents, and replied, "I have pickle juice or water."

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Toaster Oven

One of my daughter's wedding presents was a toaster oven. Soon after the honeymoon, she and her husband tried it out. Almost immediately, smoke billowed out of the toaster.

"Get the owner's manual!" my daughter's husband shouted.

"I can't find it anywhere!"

"Oops!" came a voice from the kitchen a moment later. "Well, the toast is fine, but the manual is burned to a crisp."

To Keep A Clean House

- 1 - Kick out your husband and kids
- 2 - Clean the House
- 3 - Change the locks and never let them back in.

At Home

The Husband and wife were having dinner at a fancy restaurant. As the food was served the husband said, "The food looks delicious, let's eat."

The wife said, "Honey, you always say a prayer before eating at home."

The husband replies, "That's at home sweetheart, here, the chef knows how to cook."

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Ten Dresses

My mom got mad at my dad the other day so she went shopping to relieve her irritation. When she returned home she informed him that she had purchased ten new dresses.

"Ten!" he hollered, "What could any woman want with ten new dresses???"

My mom calmly replied, "Ten new pairs of shoes."

When I was a child, maybe 5 or 6 years old I swore that bird seeds grew birds, thus the name. When my parents asked me to prove it to them, I threw a pile of bird seeds out in the yard. Later when we went outside, there were loads of birds where I planted the seeds, showing I was right!

Mealtime Blessing

My four-year-old likes to say the blessing at mealtimes, usually repeating the same short prayer: "Thank you, God, for this gracious food. Amen."

One evening, however, he thanked the Lord for the birds, the trees, each of his friends, and asked God to watch over his family and help them to be good. I was thrilled that he was finally praying from the heart.

But after the "Amen," he took a spoonful of stew, gasped, then dropped his spoon into the bowl. "I should have said a longer prayer," he said. "My food is still too hot."

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Tell me Something Positive

A Husband and wife are getting ready for bed. The wife is standing in front of a full-length mirror taking a hard look at herself.

"You know, love" she says, "I look in the mirror and I see an old woman. My face is all wrinkled, my chest is barely above my waist, and my bum is hanging out a mile.

I've got fat legs and my arms are all flabby" She turns to her husband and says... "Tell me something positive to make me feel better about myself.

He thinks about it for a bit and then says in a soft voice..."well...there's nothing wrong with your eye-sight."

*Instead of making a swear jar,
I made a "mom" jar. Every time the kids
say "mom" they add \$1. It's been an
hour and I've made \$37 Million.*

HOW TO WALK A HUMAN

A Dogs Guide

Humans need exercise. If they don't get it they become "chubby." It's up to you to save them.

1. Allow your human to tether themselves to you. This keeps them from wondering off or running away.
2. Your human will probably need breaks. Be considerate and stop and sniff often.
3. Bark Frequently. Humans have short attention spans.
4. When you go to the bathroom, walk away. If you have trained your human correctly, they will pick it up. Good aerobics.
5. Periodically drag your human as fast as you can. This is called interval training.
6. Do not allow your human to shorten the walk. They are being lazy. Sit in protest if you must.
7. Once you return home, allow your human to re move their tether, then lick their face many times. This is positive reinforcement for a job well done.

OUR FAMILY HOLIDAY RULES

WORK LESS LAUGH MORE
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TEXT LESS RESPECT MORE
BE TOGETHER SHOW GRATITUDE
AND SAY I LOVE YOU
MORE OFTEN

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Letter from Grandma

Last year, I replaced several windows in my house. They were the expensive double-insulated energy efficient windows.

This week I got a call from the contractor complaining that the work has been done for a year, and I had failed to pay for them. Boy, oh boy, did we go round and round. I told him no one pulls a fast one on this old lady. Even though I am a senior citizen and a previous blonde, that doesn't mean that I am automatically stupid! I proceeded to tell him just what his salesman told me last year,

"In one year, they will pay for themselves!"

What do gingerbread men sleep on?

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A Thoughtful Teacher

After school one day, a young first-grade boy was sitting at the kitchen table, eating his afternoon snack, when he blurted out, "Mom, the teacher was asking me today if I have any brothers or sisters who will be coming to school."

The boy's mother replied, "That's nice of her to take such an interest, dear. What did she say when you told her you are the only child?"

She just said, "Thank goodness!"

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TO THE PARAMEDICS

Dating Dinosaur Bones

Some tourists in the Chicago Museum of Natural History are marveling at the dinosaur bones. One of them asks the guard, "Can you tell me how old the dinosaur bones are?"

The guard replies, "They are 3 million, four years, and six months old."

"That's an awfully exact number," says the tourist. "How do you know their age so precisely?"

The guard answers, "Well, the dinosaur bones were three million years old when I started working here, and that was four and a half years ago."

It's so cold out... I saw chickens
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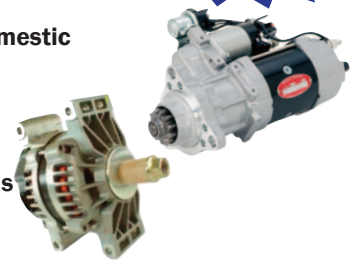
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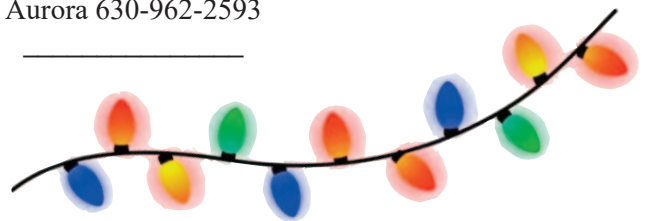
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Not long after, I smelled something burning and dashed into the kitchen. "Are those my muffins burning?" I asked Andy.

"Yes," he said as he calmly wiped a dinner plate.

"Then why are they still in the oven?" I cried.

"Because," he replied, "the timer hasn't gone off yet."



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