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Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, gray-haired man with the deeply lined face was way too old to have been my classmate.

After he examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended Morgan Park High School.

"Yes. Yes, I did. I'm a mustang," he gleamed with pride.

"When did you graduate?" I asked.

"In 1985. Why do you ask?"

"You were in my class!" I exclaimed.

He looked at me closely. Then, that ugly, old, balding, wrinkled faced, gray-haired, decrepit man asked:

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**Grape soda doesn't taste at all like grapes, but it does taste like purple and I don't know how to explain that.**

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**Sunday School Lessons**

A Sunday School teacher had been teaching her class the Lord’s Prayer. After a few weeks of practice, she asked each child to stand and recite the Prayer individually. A little boy said, “Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us some e-mail.”

**IF YOU DON'T LEARN TO LAUGH AT TROUBLE, YOU WON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO LAUGH AT WHEN YOU ARE OLD.**

**The Cure**

A man goes into a drug store and asks the pharmacist if he can give him something for the hiccups. The pharmacist promptly reaches out and slaps the man's face.

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The retiree explained, "I've got the plans right here, you can read a blueprint, can't you?"

"Oh, I can read a blueprint," said the carpenter, unrolling the plans. "And I can see a BIG mistake already. You can't build this house like this!"

"I certainly can," replied the retiree. "These plans were drawn by the best architectural firm in New York. I want you to follow them exactly or I'll find myself another contractor."

"Your funeral," the carpenter shrugged, "but I'm warning you right off - the bathroom is going to end up inside.."

*I try to keep things picked up but most of the time it looks like my house just sneezed.*

**Last Day of Skiing**

On the first day of vacation, the girl fell and broke her leg. As the doctor examined her, she moaned, "Why couldn't this have happened on my last day of skiing?"

The doctor replied, "This IS your last day of skiing."

**On the Sidelines**

A wife was sitting on the living-room couch watching her favorite show on the Food Network when her husband walked in.

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*\*blows glitter in your eye\**

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**"You're not the boss of  
me," I whispered to my  
dog as I put his blanket  
on the "Right Way."**

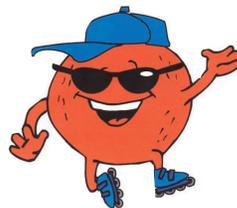
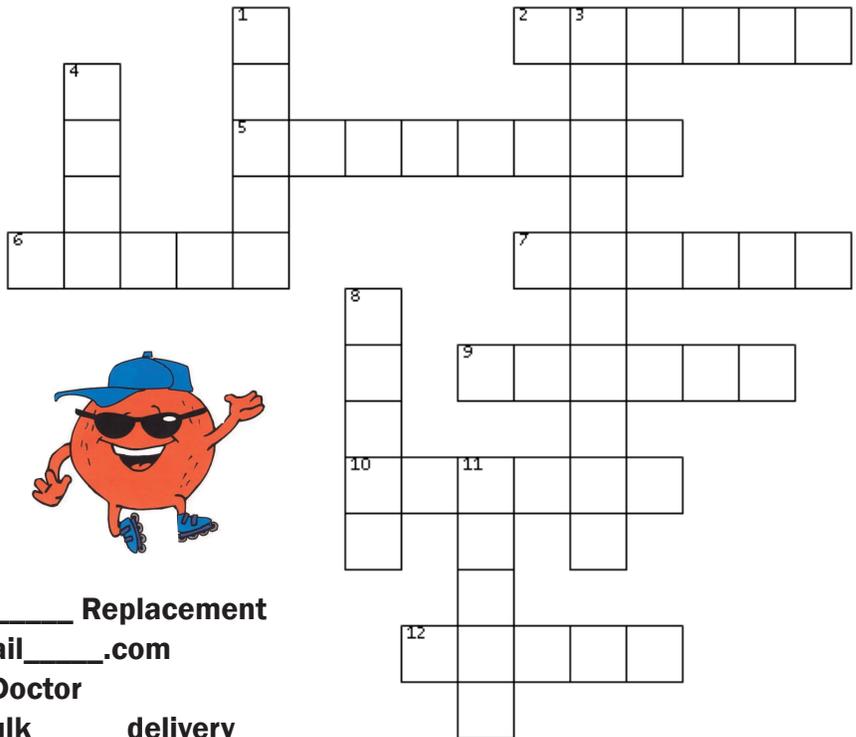
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One Sunday School teacher asked her youngsters, "Do you know what obedience means?" Without hesitation, one enthusiastic boy declared, "It's a school for dogs!"

**Worried**

Johnny's mother was becoming worried. She hadn't seen her neighbor, Mrs. Goldbaum in days. Fearing the old widow may have had an accident, she decided to send Johnny next door to check up on her. "Johnny, would you go next door and see how old Mrs. Goldbaum is?"

"Sure Mom" he said running out the door.

A few minutes later, Johnny returned. "Well," asked Johnny's mom, "is she all right?"

"She's fine, except that she's mad at you."

"At me?" the woman exclaimed. "Whatever for?"

"She said its none of your business how old she is."

**My mom as a mom:**

**You get what you get, deal with it.**

**My mom as a grandma:**

**Would you like your grilled cheese cut into stars or hearts.**

**Permission**

A farmer answered a knock on his door one morning. An electric company worker handed him a piece of paper stating that the electric company had permission to run a power line through his pasture.

The farmer said, "No, you can not!"

"Legally, that paper says we can." replied the worker.

As he turned and left returning to his co-workers in the field, the farmer went to his barn and turned his bull into the pasture.

As the bull rumbled toward the workers in the field, the farmer hollered, "Show him your paper!"

My Mom finally got the courage to bring my Dad's urn into the living room and place it on the mantle. It was bittersweet and caught everyone a little off guard, including my Dad who was just sitting there watching Storage Wars.

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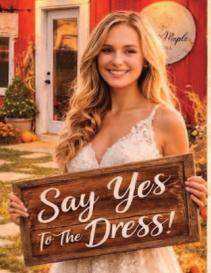


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*By dinner, even the dog is judging him.*

**Why do people say, "I saw it with my own eyes?" Do they sometimes use other people's eyes?**

**The Gift**

Knowing that the pastor was very fond of cherry brandy, a church elder with a sense of humor offered to present him with a bottle on one condition - that the pastor acknowledge receipt of the gift in the church bulletin.

"Gladly," responded the good man, who always enjoyed a challenge.

When the church bulletin was passed out the next Sunday, the elder turned at once to "In Appreciation" column on the back page, where he read, "The pastor extends his thanks to Elder Brown for his gift of fruit -- and for the spirit in which it was given."

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Every year on St. Patrick’s Day, Nana would wake before the sun. By the time the rest of the house stirred, the air would already be warm with the smell of butter and fresh Irish soda bread. “It’s not St. Patrick’s Day without soda bread,” she’d say, dusting flour from her hands like fairy magic. Nana told the children that her own grandmother brought the recipe over from Ireland. “Carried it across the ocean,” she’d whisper, “along with hope and a belief that things would turn out.”

After breakfast, the whole family would head for the St. Patrick’s Day parade. Green scarves, plastic shamrocks, and Grandpa proudly humming “Danny Boy” off-key. The streets were live with music and laughter, and Nana would squeeze the children’s hands as bagpipes echoed between buildings. The most important part of the day wasn’t the parade. It was the last slice of soda bread. Nana always set one slice aside. No butter. No jam. Just wrapped carefully in a linen napkin. “For who?” the children would ask every year. “For gratitude,” she’d say.

When the kids were little, they thought gratitude must be a leprechaun with very polite manners. It wasn’t until years later—after Nana’s hands grew slower and the recipe card more faded—that they understood.

One year, Nana wasn’t strong enough to bake. The kitchen felt quieter, smaller. The children—now tall, busy, nearly grown—stood around the counter. “Well, are you waiting for the flour to pour itself?” she said from her chair. They laughed, tied on aprons, and made a glorious mess. Too much buttermilk. Flour on the dog. But when the bread came out of the oven, cracked and golden, Nana’s eyes shone.

That evening, they cut the loaf. They buttered thick slices. They told old stories. And when only one piece remained, everyone looked at Nana. She nodded. So they carried the final slice next door to Mrs. Kelly, who had recently lost her husband. They stood on her porch, suddenly shy, and handed her the bread still warm in its napkin. “It’s for gratitude,” the youngest explained.

That night, walking home the family understood what Nana had carried all those years—more than a recipe, more than tradition. She had carried the idea that luck isn’t something you find at the end of a rainbow. It’s something you bake. Something you share. Something you pass on. And every St. Patrick’s Day after that, no matter where life took them, one slice of soda bread was always set aside.

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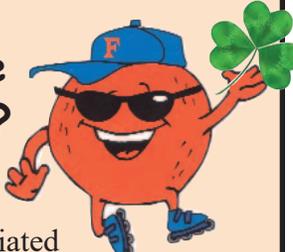
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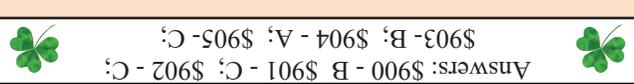
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My four-year-old likes to say the blessing at mealtimes, usually repeating the same short prayer: "Thank you, God, for this gracious food. Amen."

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.

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The Police read the letter and the next day the whole field was dug up looking for the money, but nothing was found.

The following day the son wrote again, "Now plant your potatoes Dad, it's the best I can do from here. Sent you some free HELP!!"

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- Many like to marry military - they can cook, sew, and make beds and is in good health, and is already used to taking orders.
- Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know why I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.
- Old age is when former classmates are so gray and wrinkled and bald, they don't recognize you.

Where does all my money go??  
It's like, hocus pocus I'm brokus

**Benefits of Aging:**

You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.

Ah, being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.

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A generation that played board games and cards on rainy days.

A generation whose TV went off at midnight after playing the National Anthem.

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