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She said, "Well, you aren't too far off, are you?"

*A perfect metaphor for my life would be "Someone trying to stand up in a Hammock"*



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**Driving to the Coffee Shop**

Sam called his wife and said to her in a weak voice, "Hey baby, I was driving to a coffee shop to meet Mary when all of a sudden, a stray dog came in the way.

I tried to steer left to avoid running it down, but the car skidded due to high speed, rolled over and almost ran off the cliff. The car was hanging nose down over the cliff, as I looked down fearing impending death.

"I just managed to climb out of the car and save my life, just before the car fell over the cliff crashing thousands of feet below and was blown into smithereens."

Sam continued, "I was taken to a hospital. I have a broken leg, broken jaw, dislocated shoulder and several injuries on my head."

There was silence on the phone, then the wife asked, "Who is Mary?"

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**Ulterior Motive?**

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A blackjack dealer and a player with a thirteen count in his hand were arguing about whether or not it was appropriate to tip the dealer. The player said, "When I get bad cards, it's not the dealer's fault. Accordingly, when I get good cards, the dealer obviously had nothing to do with it so, why should I tip him?"

The dealer said, "When you eat out do you tip the waiter?"

"Yes."

"Well then, he serves you food, I'm serving you cards so you should tip me."

"Okay. But the waiter brings me whatever I order. So I'll take an eight."

People with siblings have better survival skills because they've had experience in physical combat, psychological warfare, and sensing suspicious activity.

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**A Sure Bet?**

An archaeologist was digging in the Negev Desert in Israel and came upon a casket containing a mummy. After examining it, he called the curator of a prestigious natural history museum.

"I've just discovered a 3,000 year old mummy of a man who died of heart failure!" the excited scientist exclaimed.

To which the curator replied, "Bring him in. We'll check it out."

A week later, the amazed curator called the archaeologist. "You were right about the mummy's age and cause of death. How in the world did you know?"

"Easy. There was a piece of paper in his hand that said, '10,000 Shekels on Goliath!'"

Phobias

I suffer from two phobias: 1) Phobia-Phobia, the fear that you're unable to get scared, and 2) Xenoglossophobia, the fear of not pronouncing words correctly.

Food Comments

"Artichokes ... are just plain annoying ... After all the trouble you go to, you get about as much actual 'food' out of eating an artichoke as you would from licking thirty or forty postage stamps. Have the shrimp cocktail instead." -- Miss Piggy

"The most remarkable thing about my mother is that for 30 years she served the family nothing but leftovers. The original meal has never been found." -- Sam Levinson

"This recipe is certainly silly. It says to separate two eggs, but it doesn't say how far to separate them." -- Gracie Allen

"I've been on a constant diet for the last two decades. I've lost a total of 789 pounds. By all accounts, I should be hanging from a charm bracelet." -- Erma Bombeck

"I told my doctor I get very tired when I go on a diet, so he gave me pep pills. Know what happened? I ate faster." -- Joe E. Lewis

"I will not eat oysters. I want my food dead -- not sick, not wounded -- dead." -- Woody Allen

"Food is an important part of a balanced diet." -- Fran Lebowitz

"Health food makes me sick." -- Calvin Trillin

"Watermelon -- it's a good fruit. You eat, you drink, you wash your face." -- Enrico Caruso

**My superpower is ruining my kids life by telling them to empty the dishwasher in between their schedule of doing nothing and nothing.**

Marriage

"Honey," said this husband to his wife, "I invited a friend home for supper."

"What? Are you crazy? The house is a mess, I didn't go shopping, all the dishes are dirty, and I don't feel like cooking a fancy meal!"

"I know all that."

"Then, why did you invite a friend for supper?"

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One day when he was putting their affairs in order, he found the box again and thought it might hold something important. Opening it, he found two blankets and \$82,500 in cash. He took the box to her and asked about the contents.

"My mother gave me that box the day we married," she explained. "She told me to make a blanket to help ease my frustrations every time I got mad at you." Uncle Jack was very touched that in 50 years she'd only been mad at him twice.

"What's the \$82,500 for?" he asked.

"Oh, that's the money I made selling the blankets."

Clothes too dirty for the closet, but too clean for the laundry.

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### Random Animal Thoughts

**Dog:** "They keep putting the lid down on the big water bowl."

**Goldfish:** "Just because I have a three-second memory, they don't think I'll mind eating the same fish flakes ... Oh boy! Fish flakes!"

**Dog:** "Man, why do they keep rubbing my nose in it? I already KNOW whose it is!"

**Goldfish:** "The knight never comes out of the castle to fight me for dominion over the fish tank. So I must continue patrolling, for I am lord and master!"

**Parrot:** "Tease, tease, tease! But do those greedy clowns ever really give me a cracker? HECK, no!"

**Cat:** "Why are these people in my house?"

**Goldfish:** "Oh, tap-tap-tap! There's a new one!"



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You carry your lunch in a produce bag because you can't fit two cappicola sandwiches, 4 oranges, 2 bananas and pizzelles into a regular lunch bag.

Your mechanic, plumber, electrician, accountant, travel agent and lawyer are all your cousins.

You have at least 5 cousins living in the same town or on the same block. All five of those cousins are named after your grandfather or grandmother.

You are on a first name basis with at least 8 banquet hall owners.

You only get one good shave from a disposable razor.

There were more than 28 people in your bridal party.

You netted more than \$50,000 on your first communion. . . .

And you REALLY, REALLY know you're Italian when . . . .

Your grandfather had a fig tree.

You eat Sunday dinner at 2:00.

Christmas Eve . . . only fish.

Your mom's meatballs are the best.

You've been hit with a wooden spoon or had a shoe thrown at you.

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You know how to pronounce "manicotti" and "mozzarella."

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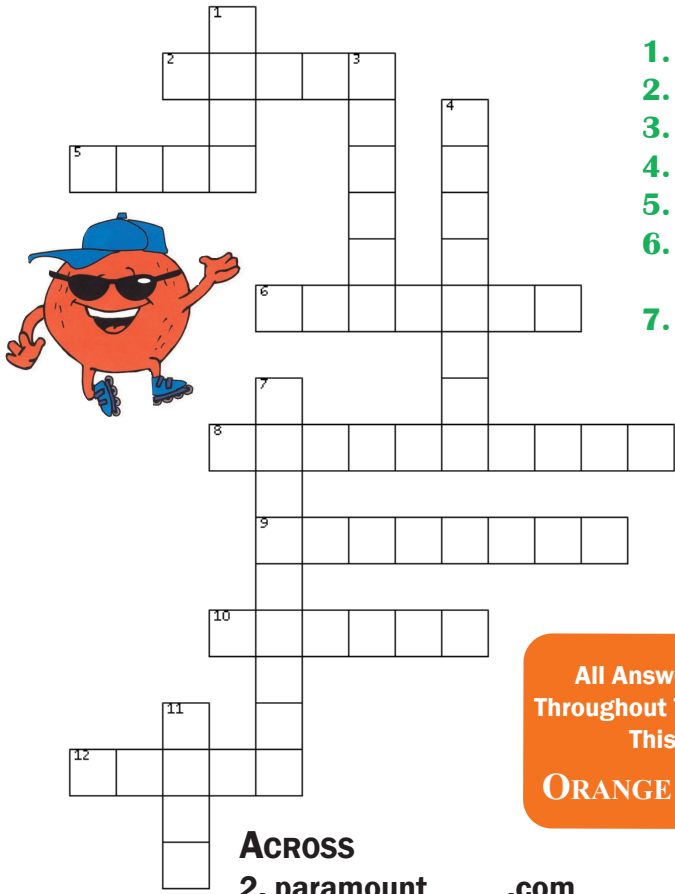
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5. You Do "Have The Time"
6. If You Wait for "Perfect" You'll Never Accomplish Anything
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**Small Town Law**

A small town prosecuting attorney called his first witness to the stand in a trial -- a grandmotherly, elderly woman. He approached her and asked, "Mrs. Jones, do you know me?"

She responded, "Why, yes, I do know you Mr. Williams. I've known you since you were a young boy. And frankly, you've been a big disappointment to me. You lie, you cheat on your wife, you manipulate people and talk about them behind their backs. You think you're a rising big shot when you haven't the brains to realize you never will amount to anything more than a two-bit paper pusher. Yes, I know you."

The lawyer was stunned. Not knowing what else to do he pointed across the room and asked, "Mrs. Williams, do you know the defense attorney?"

She again replied, "Why, yes I do. I've known Mr. Bradley since he was a youngster, too. I used to babysit him for his parents. And he, too, has been a real disappointment to me. He's lazy, bigoted, he has a drinking problem. The man can't build a normal relationship with anyone and his law practice is one of the shoddiest in the entire state. Yes, I know him."

At this point, the judge rapped the courtroom to silence and called both counselors to the bench. In a very quiet voice, he said with menace, "If either of you asks her if she knows me, you'll be jailed for contempt!"

*Living with a dog is 90% following each other around, watching each other go potty, and wondering what the other has in their mouth.*

**Death Of The Milkman**

A milkman who is dying in the hospital is surrounded his two sons, daughter and his wife and nurse.

Says to his eldest son: "To you, Peter, I leave the Beverly terrace."

"To you, my dear daughter, I leave the apartments in the High street Plaza."

"To you, Charlie, being my youngest son with a large future, I leave the City Centre offices."

"And you, my dear wife, the three residential buildings towers in down town."

The nurse, impressed, tells his wife: "Madam, your husband is very rich. He is bequeathing many properties! You all are so lucky!!"

And the wife retorts: "Rich? Lucky?? Are you kidding??!! Those are his routes where he delivers milk!"

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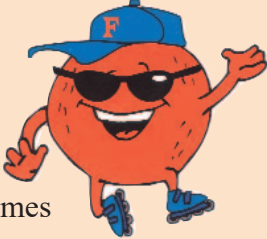
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 A) Vatican City                      B) Liechtenstein  
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**\$137,000 Question...**  
 What European country is said to have invented hot dogs?  
 A) Belgium                              B) Spain  
 C) Germany                              D) France

**\$138,000 Question...**  
 Which continent has the largest freshwater resources?  
 A) Africa                              B) Antarctica  
 C) Asia                                  D) Australia

**\$139,000 Question...**  
 What US state grows the most coffee beans?  
 A) Florida                              B) California  
 C) New Mexico                      D) Hawaii

**\$140,000 Question...**  
 What is the oldest city in the world?  
 A) Jerusalem                      B) Tel Aviv  
 C) Damascus                      D) Athens

**\$141,000 Question...**  
 Which of the seven natural wonders of the world is found in Africa?  
 A) Victoria Falls                      B) The Serengeti  
 C) Mount Kilimanjaro              D) Red Sea Reef

Answers: \$135 - B; \$136 - A; \$137 - C; \$138 - B; \$139 - D; \$140 - C; \$141 - A.

**Pete & Gladys**

Pete and Gladys were looking at a new living room suite in the furniture store. Pete says to the salesman, "We really like it, but I don't think we can afford it."

The salesman says, "You just make a small down payment ... then you don't make another payment for six months."

Gladys wheeled around with her hands on her hips and says, "Who told you about us?"

**NOTE TO SELF: Just because it pops into my head does not mean it should come out of my mouth.**

**Yellow Canaries**

A lady went to a pet shop. "I'd like to buy two yellow canaries," she told the owner.

"We don't have any canaries, but we have these," the owner said, as he showed the lady some pale green parakeets.

"That's not what I'm looking for," the lady stated.

But the pet store owner refused to give up. He said, "Just think of them as yellow canaries that aren't quite ripe yet."

*I think the me who buys groceries and the me that has to cook are two entirely different people.*

**Zippers**

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?"

**WHEN PEOPLE GIVE ME DIRECTIONS AND SAY 'YOU CAN'T MISS IT.' BUDDY, YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I'M CAPABLE OF.**

## Nothing ... Nothing at all!!

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!"

*Me: (sobbing my heart out, eyes swollen, nose red)... I can't see you anymore...I am not going to let you hurt me like this again!*

*Trainer: It was a sit up.  
You did one sit up.*

## Not a Compliment

A fellow programmer had designed some software for one of our largest accounts. He asked my help in putting it into operation. When I sat down with one woman and told her I would be showing her how to make changes to the files, she sighed with relief then remarked, "I'm so glad you're teaching me instead of him."

Surprised, I said that my colleague was far more experienced than I was.

"Yes," she said, "but I feel much more comfortable with you ... I get nervous around really smart people."

## Little Johnny

Little Johnny was at football practice one day and the coach said "Who here thinks they can jump higher than the goal posts"

Immediately little Johnny said, "Ooh me sir me"

The coach then said, "But Johnny you are the worst in the team!"

Then Johnny said, "I know, but goalposts can't jump!"

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"Yes, Father," answered the man, "I'm painting the church, and I'll be here all afternoon."

"Would you mind, then," the priest asked, "coming back in now and then and keeping me posted on the game?"

"Sure thing."

Later, the priest slid open the confessional grille and heard, "Father my last confession was fifteen minutes ago. Since then I ain't done nothing and neither has Notre Dame."

**Oldies Radio**

While driving in the car with my son, I had an "oldies" radio station on. It played a song that I remembered from the 1960's.

"You know, Ron, this song was on when I was in bed with a broken leg when I was young."

"Gee, Mom, that's too bad," he replied. "You couldn't even get up to turn it off."

What do french fries do when they meet after a long time?

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**Some of Life's Little Truths**

- Blessed are those who hunger and thirst, for they are sticking to their diet.
- One of life's mysteries is how a two pound box of candy can make you gain five pounds.
- I finally got my head together and my body fell apart.
- The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing in the right place, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

**But Grandma....**

I was in the bathroom, putting on my makeup, under the watchful eyes of my young granddaughter, as I'd done many times before. After I applied my lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Grandma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!"

I will probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper good-bye....

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## Babies at the Mall

A young mother was standing outside a mall holding her six-month-old baby and her sister's three-month-old baby.

Two elderly women approached the mother. "Are they twins?" one asked.

"No, they're three months apart."

"My! You sure had them close together."

## Building Customs

An Arkansas boy had moved away and made his fortune. When he retired, he returned home to spend the rest of his years hunting and fishing and build his retirement home. For the job he hired a local carpenter.

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 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."

## Who's the boss?

A father came home one day from work with excitement written all over his face. He had finally received a company car from his boss and was so excited to show it off. He took his 4 year old son outside to the driveway to see his reaction.

"Wow daddy! What a shiny new car! Who's is it?" Beaming, the father replied, "Do you like it? My boss bought it for me."

With a straight innocent face, the boy said: "Mommy bought you a car?"

**Sorry I'm late,  
I got into an argument with my  
toddler about socks.**

## Measuring

A city slicker came upon two country folk balancing a long piece of lumber vertically on the ground, while a third fellow with a measuring tape climbed up on the lumber.

"What are you doing?," asked the urbanite. "We are trying to measure this piece of wood," replied the country cousin.

"Why not lay it down and measure it?," asked the city fellow.

Nope," replied the country boy. "That won't do it! We want the height, not the length!"

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