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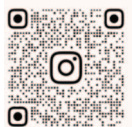
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"But the poll tax was repealed," replied the commissioner. "Ay-ah," declared the man, "that's what I like about it."

**I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO
TURN WATER INTO WINE
BUT I CAN TURN ICE CREAM
INTO BREAKFAST.**

Fall Out!

As we stood in formation at the Pensacola Naval Air Station, our Flight Instructor said, "All right! All you dummies fall out."

As the rest of the squad wandered away, I remained at attention.

The instructor walked over until he was eye-to-eye with me, and then just raised a single eyebrow. I smiled and said, "Sure was a lot of 'em, huh sir?"

I'm trying to eliminate negativity from my life. Therefore Mondays are now "Taco Tuesday Eve" until further notice

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- 1- Grandparents are a lady and a man who have no little children of their own. They like other people’s.
- 2- A grandfather is a man and a grandmother is a lady.
- 3- Grandparents don’t have to do anything except be there when we come to see them. They are so old, they shouldn’t play hard or run. It is good if they drive us to the shops and give us money.
- 4- When they take us for walks, they slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars.
- 5- They show us and talk to us about the colors of the flowers and also why we shouldn’t step on “cracks.”
- 6- They don’t say, “Hurry up.”
- 7- Usually, grandmothers are fat but not too fat to tie your shoes.
- 8- They wear glasses and funny underwear.
- 9- They can take their teeth and gums out.
- 10- Grandparents don’t have to be smart.
- 11- They have to answer questions like “Why isn’t God married?” and “How come dogs chase cats?”
- 12- When they read to us, they don’t skip. They don’t mind if we ask for the same story over again.
- 13- Everybody should try to have a grandmother, especially if you don’t have television because they are the only grownups who like to spend time with us.
- 14- They know we should have a snack time before bed time, and they say prayers with us and kiss us even when we’ve acted bad.
- 15- Grandpa is the smartest man on earth. He teaches me good things, but I don’t get to see him enough to get as smart as him.
- 16- It’s funny when they bend over; you hear gas leaks, and they blame their dog.
- 17- Grandma, she lives at the airport, and when we want her we just go and get her. Then when she’s done having her visit, we take her back to the airport.”

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"Obviously," the banker replied, "but this is a heck of a time to talk business!"

I'm not saying we should skip work, sip margaritas, & enjoy endless chips and salsa all day, but I'm not, not saying that.

Fairway Drive

Mark drove his second shot from the fairway, not thinking he'd reach the green being a par 5 and out over 200 yards. The ball did land on the green & almost hit a fellow who was just finishing his putt. Mark went up to apologize and to explain, but the man was irate, yelling & screaming.

The man charged at Mark swinging his putter. Mark who still had his 3 wood in hand, started swinging back at the man.

When the police and ambulance arrived they took Mark into custody, and asked him how many times he hit the man. Mark replied, "Well I hit him eight times but you can put me down for five."

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

Really?

People are more violently opposed to fur than to leather because it's safer to harass rich women than motorcycle gangs.

Virtual Meetings

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At last, after yet another round of detailed argument, the judge pointed to his ear and said, "Counselor, you must be aware that, at this time, everything you say goes in one ear and out the other."

"Your honor," replied the lawyer, "that goes without saying. What is there to prevent it?"

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The response was quick and direct: "Yes, it does." "When?" asked the visitor.

"Do you remember that part in the Bible where it rained for 40 days and 40 nights?"

The visitor replied, "Yes, I'm familiar with Noah's flood."

"Well," the Arizonan puffed up, "we got about half an inch that time ..."

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"Yes, it's very dirty."

He thought about it a moment. "Is that why they call people who have a lot of it 'filthy rich'?"

I am on a light diet. I eat by daylight,
moonlight, flashlight, candlelight
and sometimes even refrigerator light.

Fair Play

One morning I was called to pick up my son at the school nurse's office. When I walked through the main entrance, I noticed a woman, curlers in her hair, wearing pajamas. "Why are you dressed like that?" I asked her.

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She said, "Honey, I have some really great news for you!"

I said, "Great. Tell me what you're so happy about."

She stopped jumping and was breathing heavily from all the jumping up and down, when she told me that she was pregnant! I was ecstatic!

We had been trying for a while, so I grabbed her and kissed her on the lips and told her, "That's great! I couldn't be happier!"

Then, she said "Oh, honey, There's more."

I asked, "What do you mean 'more'?"

She said, "Well, we are not having just one baby. We are going to have TWINS!"

Amazed at how she could know so soon after getting pregnant, I asked her how she knew.

She said, "Well, that was the easy part. I went to Wal-Mart and bought the twin-pack home pregnancy test kit and both tests came out positive!"

**I know it's time to clean out my purse
when my car assumes it's a second
passenger who's not wearing their
seatbelt.**

Easy Eggs

One Sunday morning, while stationed at Osan Air Base in South Korea, I was in line for breakfast and noticed that the cook behind the counter looked kind of harassed. After I gave him my order, he asked me how I wanted my eggs.

Not wanting to burden him further, I said cheerfully, "Oh, whatever is easiest for you."

With that, he took two eggs, cracked them open onto my plate and handed it back to me.

**Why do people say, "I saw it with
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**Do they sometimes use other
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I used to think diapers and baby wipes were expensive until I watch my teenager plow through \$300 worth of groceries in 2 days.

I had a happy childhood.
My dad used to put me in tires and roll me down hills.
Those were Goodyears.

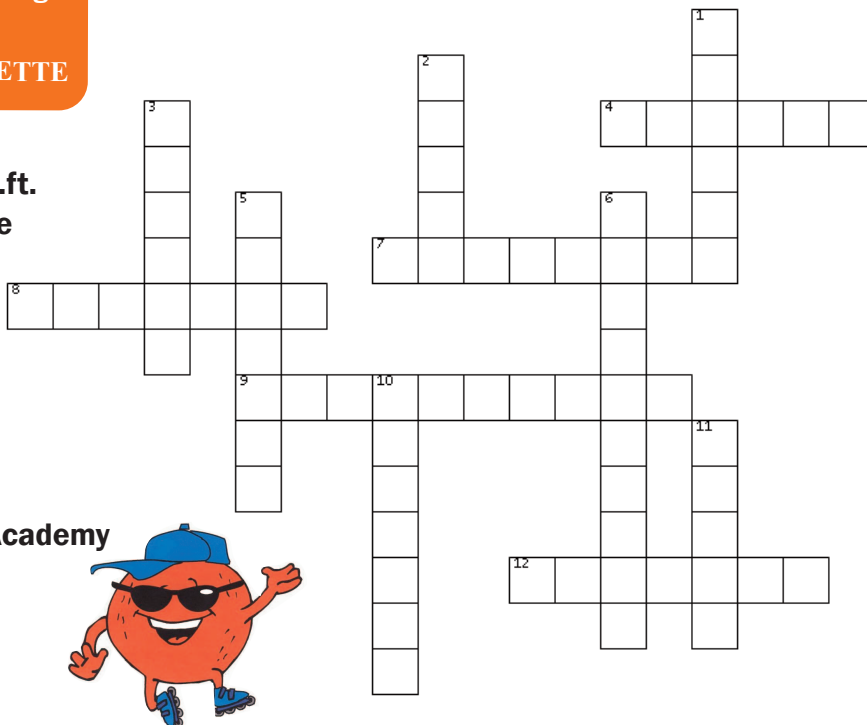
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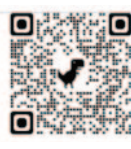
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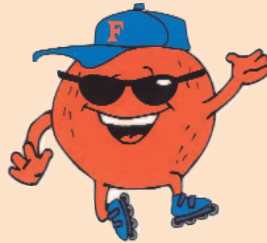
"This same fight is going on inside you, and inside every other person, too."

They thought about it for a minute and then one child asked his grandfather, "Which wolf will win?"

The old Cherokee simply replied... "The one you feed."

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\$171,000 Question...

Despite the name, a 10 gallon hat really only holds about...?

- A) 3 quarts B) 1 gallon
 C) 2 gallons D) 3 gallons

\$172,000 Question...

Costumed characters commonly found around amusement parks are known as...?

- A) buggies B) fuzzies
 C) hippies D) hogties

\$173,000 Question...

Frank and Donald Smith or Orlando, FL hold the patent for this unique hair product?

- A) comb B) instant hair growth
 C) hair clip D) the comb-over

\$174,000 Question...

This product became popular after WWII to give soldiers quicker access to time?

- A) GPS B) church bells
 C) wristwatch D) sundial

\$175,000 Question...

According to reports, this is the most frequently ordered food by women in restaurants?

- A) salad B) shrimp
 C) apple pie D) french fries

\$176,000 Question...

Before finding fame as a therapist, Dr. Ruth Westheimer was this in the Israeli army?

- A) nurse B) sniper
 C) cook D) truck driver

\$177,000 Question...

Chemists have identified over 250 compounds in this product, making it more complex than blood?

- A) wine B) sea water
 C) soda D) lemonade

(Answers below - See you next issue)

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"NO! NO! NO!" she screamed.

"Lizzie," her mother scolded. "That's not polite behavior."

At that, the girl yelled even louder, "NO, THANK YOU! NO, THANK YOU!"

**Some call it multi-tasking,
I call it doing something else while
I try to remember what I was doing
in the first place.**

Sweet Dreams

While on vacation with my son and his family, I shared a room with my 4 year old granddaughter.

One morning when she awoke, she told me she had some nice dreams and proceeded to tell me about them.

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Our mom needed a new mattress for her antique bed, so my brother and I decided to buy her one as a gift. The problem was we weren't sure what to get, because the bed was an odd size. Fortunately, my brother happened to be visiting my mother one day when I called home.

"Measure the bed frame before you leave," I told him.

"I don't have a tape measure."

"You can use a dollar bill," I suggested, "each one is six inches long."

"Can't," he replied after digging through his wallet, "I only have a ten."

Kids: "Mom watch this. Watch this. Mom! Mama! Mama watch this. You're not looking. Mom, MOM. Look at me. YOU'RE NOT LOOKING."

Me: merging onto the highway

Get Better Soon

A retired man who volunteers to entertain patients in nursing homes and hospitals went to one local hospital in Brooklyn and took his portable keyboard along. He told some jokes and sang some funny songs at patients' bedsides.

When he finished he said, in farewell, "I hope you get better."

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Interview Question

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"Can you tell me what gross aggrandized annuity means?"

"Certainly," replied the applicant.

"It means I don't get the job."

How I Give Directions. . .

Turn left at the Starbucks.
Go straight till you see the new
Taco Bell and turn right.
Then it's right there next to
that place with the really good pulled
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**When is it too late to have a baby shower?
Because my mom never had one
when she was pregnant with me and I'm
in need of some clothes.**

I've never been over Niagra Falls in a barrel, but I did just fall off my couch in a blanket-cocoon reaching for a cookie on the coffee table.

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