

FAIREST TAX?

At a business conference in Montpelier, Vermont, the state tax commissioner asked the audience which sort of taxation they found fairest. There was a pause, and then a white-haired man in the back raised his hand. "The poll tax," he said.

"But the poll tax was repealed," replied the commissioner.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

QUESTIONS?

If you choke a Smurf, what color does it turn?

If you take an Oriental person and spin him around several times, does he become disoriented?

Is it okay to use the AM radio after noon?

What do chickens think we taste like?

What do people in China call their good plates?

What do you call a male ladybug?

What hair color do they put on the driver's license of a bald man?

When dog food is new and improved tasting, who tests it?

When they first invented the clock, how did they know what time it was to set it to?

Which is the other side of the street?

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?

Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?

Why don't they call mustaches "mouthbrows?"

ANSWERING SERVICE AT THE MENTAL INSTITUTE

"Hello, and welcome to the mental health hotline.

If you are obsessive-compulsive, press 1 repeatedly.

If you are co-dependent, please ask someone to press 2 for you.

If you have multiple personalities, press 3,4,5, and 6.

If you are paranoid, we know who you are and what you want. Stay on the line so we can trace your call.

If you are delusional, press 7 and your call will be transferred to the mother ship.

If you are schizophrenic, listen carefully and a small voice will tell you which number to press.

If you are manic-depressive, it doesn't matter which number you press, no one will answer.

If you have a nervous disorder, please fidget with the hash key until someone comes on the line.

If you are dyslexic, press 6969696969.

If you have amnesia, press 8 and state your name, address, phone number, date of birth, social security number, and your mother's maiden name.

If you have post-traumatic-stress disorder, slowly and carefully press 000.

If you have bipolar disorder, please leave a message after the beep, or before the beep, or after the beep. Please wait for the beep.

If you have short-term memory loss, press 9. If you have short-term memory loss, press 9. If you have short-term memory loss, press 9. If you have short-term memory loss, press 9.

If you have low self esteem, please hang up. All our operators are too busy to talk to you."

QUOTES ARE FROM ACTUAL EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS:

- 1 "Since my last report, this employee has reached rock bottom and has started to dig."
- 2 "Takes him 2 hours to watch 60 minutes."
- 3 "This employee is really not so much of a has-been, but more of a definite won't be."
- 4 "Works well when under constant supervision and cornered like a rat in a trap."
- 5 "When she opens her mouth, it seems that it is only to change feet."
- 6 "He would be out of his depth in a parking lot puddle."
- 7 "This young lady has delusions of adequacy."
- 8 "He sets low personal standards and then consistently fails to achieve them."
- 9 "This employee is depriving a village somewhere of an idiot."
- 10 "This employee should go far, and the sooner he starts, the better."
- 11 "Got a full 6-pack, but lacks the plastic thing to hold it all together."
- 12 "The wheel is turning, but the hamster is dead."
- 13 "He doesn't have ulcers, but he's a carrier."
- 14 "I would like to go hunting with him sometime."
- 15 "He's been working with glue too much."
- 16 "He would argue with a signpost."
- 17 "He brings a lot of joy whenever he leaves the room."
- 18 "When his IQ reaches 50, he should sell."
- 19 "If you see two people talking and one looks bored, he's the other one."
- 20 "A photographic memory but with the lens cover glued on."
- 21 "A prime candidate for natural de-selection."
- 22 "Donated his brain to science before he was done using it."

- 23 "Gates are down, the lights are flashing, but the train isn't coming."
- 24 "Has two brains: one is lost and the other is out looking for it."
- 25 "If he were any more stupid, he'd have to be watered twice a week."
- 26 "If you give him a penny for his thoughts, you'd get change."
- 27 "If you stand close enough to him, you can hear the ocean."
- 28 "One neuron short of a synapse."
- 30 "Some drink from the fountain of knowledge; he only gargled."

The Perks of Being Over 50:

- 1 Your supply of brain cells is finally down to manageable size.
- 2 Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.
- 3 Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the national weather service.
- 4 People call at 9 PM and ask, "Did I wake you?"
- 5 People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
- 6 There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
- 7 Things you buy now won't wear out.
- 8 You can eat dinner at 4 P.M.
- 9 You can live without sex but not without glasses.
- 10 You enjoy hearing about other peoples operations.
- 11 You get into heated arguments about pension plans.
- 12 You have a party and the neighbors don't even realize it.
- 13 You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.
- 14 You quit trying to hold your stomach in, no matter who walks into the room.
- 15 You sing along with elevator music.
- 16 Your eyes won't get much worse.
- 17 Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.
- 18 You can't remember who sent you this list.

BLONDES

Bubba and Junior were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking up.

A woman walked by and asked what they were doing.

"We're supposed to find the height of the flagpole," said Bubba, "but we don't have a ladder."

The woman took a wrench from her purse, loosened a few bolts, and laid the pole down. Then she took a tape measure from her pocket, took a measurement and announced, "Eighteen feet, six inches," and walked away.

Junior shook his head and laughed. "Ain't that just like a dumb blonde! We ask for the height, and she gives us the length!"

As a blonde crawls out of her wrecked car, the local sheriff asks her what happened.

The blonde began, "It was the strangest thing! I looked up and saw a tree, so I swerved to the right. Then I saw another tree, so I swerved to left. Then there was another tree, and another and another ..."

The sheriff thought for a minute and then said, "Mam ... I don't know how to tell you this, but the only thing even resembling a tree on this road for thirty miles is your air freshener."

YOU KNOW YOU NEED A DIFFERENT LAWYER WHEN:

- * You met him in prison.
- * During your initial consultation he tries to sell you Amway.
- * He tells you that his last good case was a Budweiser.
- * When the prosecutors see who your lawyer is, they high-five each other.
- * He picks the jury by playing "duck-duck-goose."
- * He tells you that he's never told a lie.
- * He asks a hostile witness to "pull my finger."
- * A prison guard is shaving your head.

MASCULINE OR FEMININE

A Spanish teacher was explaining to her college class that in Spanish, unlike English, nouns are designated as either masculine or feminine. "House" for instance, is feminine: thus, "la casa." "Pencil," however, is masculine: "el lapiz." A student asked, "What gender is 'computer'?" Instead of giving the answer, the teacher split the class into two groups, male and female, and asked them to decide for themselves whether "computer" should be a masculine or a feminine noun. Each group was asked to give four reasons for its recommendation.

The men's group decided that "computer" should definitely be of the feminine gender ("la computadora"), because:

- 1 No one but their creator understands their internal logic;
- 2 The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else;
- 3 Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long term memory for possible later retrieval; and
- 4 As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories for it.

The women's group, however, concluded that computers should be masculine ("el computador"), because:

- 1 In order to do anything with them, you have to turn them on;
- 2 They have a lot of data but still can't think for themselves;
- 3 They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they ARE the problem; and
- 4 As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer, you could have gotten a better model.

The women won.

MARRIAGE

Joe had asked Bob to help him out with the deck after work, so Bob just went straight over to Joe's place. When they got to the door, Joe went straight to his wife, gave her a hug and told her how beautiful she was and how much he had missed her at work. When it was time for supper, he complimented his wife on her cooking, kissed her and told her how much he loved her.

Once they were working on the deck, Bob told Joe that he was surprised that he fussed so much over his wife. Joe said that he'd started this about 6 months ago, it had revived their marriage, and things couldn't be better.

Bob thought he'd give it a go. When he got home, he gave his wife a massive hug, kissed her and told her that he loved her. His wife burst into tears. Bob was confused and asked why she was crying. She said, "This is the worst day of my life. First, little Billy fell off his bike and twisted his ankle. Then, the washing machine broke and flooded the basement. And now, you come home drunk!"

THE WORLD ACCORDING TO STUDENT BLOOPERS

One of the fringe benefits of being an English or History teacher is receiving the occasional jewel of a student blooper in an essay. I have pasted together the following "history" of the world from certifiably genuine student bloopers collected by teachers throughout the United States, from eighth grade through college level. Read carefully, and you will learn a lot.

The inhabitants of Egypt were called mummies. They lived in the Sarah Dessert and traveled by Camelot. The climate of the Sarah is such that the inhabitants have to live elsewhere, so certain areas of the dessert are cultivated by irritation. The Egyptians built the Pyramids in the shape of a huge triangular cube. The Pyramids are a range of mountains between France and Spain.

The Bible is full of interesting caricatures. In the first book of the Bible, Guinnesses, Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. One of their children, Cain, asked "Am I my brother's son?" God asked Abraham to sacrifice Issac on Mount Montezuma. Jacob, son of Issac, stole his brother's birthmark. Jacob was a patriarch who brought up his twelve sons to be patriarchs, but they did not take to it. One of Jacob's sons, Joseph, gave refuse to the Israelites.

Pharaoh forced the Hebrew slaves to make bread without straw. Moses led them to the Red Sea, where they made unleavenbed bread, which is bread made without any ingredients. Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten commandments. David was a

Hebrew king skilled at playing the liar. He fought with the Philatelists, a race of people who lived in Biblical times. Solomon, one of David's sons, had 500 wives and 500 porcupines.

Without the Greeks, we wouldn't have history. The Greeks invented three kinds of columns - Corinthian, Doric and Ionic. They also had myths. A myth is a female moth. One myth says that the mother of Achilles dipped him in the River Styx until he became intolerable. Achilles appears in "The Iliad", by Homer. Homer also wrote the "Odyssey", in which Penelope was the last hardship that Ulysses endured on his journey. Actually, Homer was not written by Homer but by another man of that name. Socrates was a famous Greek teacher who went around giving people advice. They killed him. Socrates died from an overdose of wedlock.

In the Olympic Games, Greeks ran races, jumped, hurled the biscuits, and threw the javelin. The reward to the victor was a laurel wreath. The government of Athens was democratic because the people took the law into their own hands. There were no wars in Greece, as the mountains were so high that they couldn't climb over to see what their neighbors were doing. When they fought the Persians, the Greeks were outnumbered because the Persians had more men.

Eventually, the Romans conquered the Greeks. History call people Romans because they never stayed in one place for very long. At Roman banquets, the guests wore garlic in their hair. Julius Caesar extinguished himself on the battlefields of Gaul. The Ides of March killed him because they thought he was going to be made king. Nero was a cruel tyranny who would torture his poor subjects by playing the fiddle to them.

Then came the Middle Ages. King Alfred conquered the Danes, King Arthur lived in the Age of Chivalry, King Harold mustered his troops before the Battle of Hastings, Joan of Arc was canonized by George Bernard Shaw, and the victims of the Black Death grew boils on their necks. Finally, the Magna Carta provided that no free man should be hanged twice for the same offense.

In medieval times most of the people were illiterate. The greatest writer of the time was Chaucer, who wrote many poems and verse and also wrote literature. Another tale tells of William Tell, who shot an arrow through an apple while standing on his son's head.

The Renaissance was an age in which more individuals felt the value of their human being. Martin Luther was nailed to the church door at Wittenberg for selling papal indulgences. He died a horrible death, being excommunicated by a bull. It was the painter Donatello's interest in the female nude that made him the father of the Renaissance. It was an age of great inventions and discoveries. Gutenberg invented the printing press. Sir Walter Raleigh is a historical figure because he invented the pipe. Another important invention was the circulation of blood. Sir Francis Drake circumnavigated the world with a 100-foot clipper.

The government of England was a limited monarchy. Henry VIII found walking difficult because he had an abscess on his knee. Queen Elizabeth exposed herself before her troops, they all shouted "hurrah." Then her navy went out and defeated the Spanish Armada.

The greatest writer of the Renaissance was William Shakespeare. Shakespeare never made much money and is famous only because of his plays. He lived in Windsor with his merry wives, writing tragedies, comedies and errors. In one of Shakespeare's famous plays, Hamlet ratiocates out his situation by relieving himself in a long soliloquy. In another, Lady Macbeth tries to convince Macbeth to kill the King by attacking his manhood. Romeo and Juliet are an example of a heroic couplet. Writing at the same time as Shakespeare was Miguel Cervantes.

He wrote "Donkey Hote". The next great author was John Milton. Milton wrote "Paradise Lost." Then his wife dies and he wrote "Paradise Regained."

During the Renaissance America began. Christopher Columbus was a great navigator who discovered America while sailing about the Atlantic. His ships were called the Nina, the Pinta, and the Santa Fe. Later the Pilgrims crossed the Ocean, and the ship was called the Pilgrim's Progress. When they landed at Plymouth Rock, they were greeted by Indians, who came down the hill rolling their war hoops before them. The Indian squaws carried porpoises on their back. Many of the Indian heroes were killed, along with their canoes, which proved very fatal to them. The winter of 1620 was a hard one for the settlers. Many people died and many babies were born. Captain John Smith was responsible for all this.

One of the causes of the Revolutionary Wars was the English put taxes in their tea. Also, the colonists would send their parcels through the post without stamps. During the War, Paul Revere was throwing balls over stone walls. The dogs were barking and the peacocks crowing. Finally, the colonists won the War and no longer paid for taxes.

Delegates from the original thirteen states formed the Continental Congress. Thomas Jefferson, A Virgin, and Benjamin Franklin were two signers of the Declaration of Independence. Franklin had gone to Boston carrying all his clothes in his pocket and a loaf of bread under each arm. He invented electricity by rubbing cats backwards and declared "a horse divided against itself cannot stand." Franklin died in 1790 and is still dead.

George Washington married Martha Curtis and in due time became the Father of our Country. Then the Constitution of the United States was adopted to secure domestic hostility. Under the Constitution the people enjoyed the right to keep bare arms.

Abraham Lincoln became America's greatest Precedent. Lincoln's mother died in infancy, and he was born in a log cabin which he built with his own hands. When Lincoln was President, he wore only a tall silk hat. He said, "In onion there is strength." Abraham Lincoln wrote the Gettysburg address while traveling from Washington to Gettysburg on the back of an envelope. He also signed the Emancipation Proclamation, and the Fourteenth Amendment gave the ex-Negroes citizenship. But the Ku Klux Klan would torch and lynch the ex-Negroes and other innocent victims. On the night of April 14, 1865, Lincoln went to the theater and got shot in his seat by one of the actors in a moving picture show. The believed assassin was John Wilkes Booth, a supposed insane actor. This ruined Booth's career.

Meanwhile in Europe, the enlightenment was a reasonable time. Voltaire invented electricity and also wrote a book called "Candy". Gravity was invented by Issac Walton. It is chiefly noticeable in the Autumn, when the apples are falling off the trees. Bach was the most famous composer in the world, and so was Handel. Handel was half German, half Italian and half English. He was very large. Bach died from 1750 to the present. Beethoven wrote music even though he was deaf. He was so deaf he wrote loud music. He took long walks in the forest even when everyone was calling for him. Beethoven expired in 1827 and later died for this.

France was in a very serious state. The French Revolution was accomplished before it happened. The Marseillaise was the theme song of the French Revolution, and it catapulted into Napoleon. During the Napoleonic Wars, the crowned heads of Europe were trembling in their shoes. The Spanish gorrilas came down from the hills and nipped at Napoleon's flanks. Napoleon became ill with bladder problems and was very tense and unrestrained. He

wanted an heir to inherit his power, but since Josephine was a baroness, she couldn't bear him any children.

The sun never set on the British Empire because the British Empire is in the East and the sun sets in the West. Queen Victoria was the longest queen. She sat on a throne for 63 years. Her declining years and finally the end of her life were exemplary of a great personality. Her death was the final event which ended her reign.

The nineteenth century was a time of many great inventions and thoughts. The invention of the steamboat caused a network of rivers to spring up. Cyrus McCormick invented the McCormick Reaper, which did the work of a hundred men. Samuel Morse invented a code for telegraphy. Louis Pasteur discovered a cure for rabies. Charles Darwin was a naturalist who wrote the "Origin of the Species". Madame Curie discovered Radium. And Karl Marx became one of the Marx Brothers.

The First World War, caused by the assassination of the Arch-Duke by a serf, ushered in a new era in the annals of human history.

WOMANSPEAK ..VS.. ENGLISH

You want. = You want.

We need. = I want.

It's your decision. = The correct decision should be obvious by now.

Do what you want. = You'll pay for this later.

We need to talk. = I need to complain.

Sure, go ahead. = I don't want you to.

I'm hungry. = (a) Make me something to eat (b) Stop what you are doing, scrape together your last \$5, and go drive across town and get me something to eat. I don't care if what you are doing is important.

I'm not upset. = Of course I'm upset, you moron.

You're so manly. = You need a shave and you sweat a lot.

You're certainly attentive tonight. = Is sex all you ever think about?

I'm not emotional! And I'm not overreacting! = I have female problems.

Be romantic, turn out the lights. = I have flabby thighs.

This kitchen is so...inconvenient = I want a new house.

The car is empty. = Go fill it up

The trash is full. = Take it out.

The dog is barking = Go outside in your underwear and see what is wrong.

I want new curtains = and carpeting, and furniture, and wallpaper.

I need wedding shoes = The other 40 pairs are the wrong shade of white.

Hang the picture there = NO, I mean hang it there!

I heard a noise = I noticed you were almost asleep.

Do you love me? = I'm going to ask for something expensive.

How much do you love me? = I did something today you're really not going to like.

I'll be ready in a minute = Kick off your shoes and find a good game on T.V.

Is my butt fat? = Tell me I'm beautiful.

You have to learn to communicate. = Just agree with me.

Are you listening to me!? = Too late, you're dead.

Please walk me home = Let's go make out.

It's all right, dear. = You'll pay for this.

Yes = No.

No = No.

Maybe = No.

I'm sorry. = You'll be sorry.

Do you like this recipe? = It's easy to fix, so you'd better get use to it.

Was that the baby? = Why don't you get out of bed and walk him until he goes to sleep.

I'm not yelling! = Yes I am yelling because I think this is important.

All we're going to buy is a soap dish = It goes without saying that we're stopping at the cosmetics department, the shoe department, I need to look at a few new pocket books, and OMIGOSH there's a sale in lingerie, and wouldn't these pink sheets look great in the bedroom and did you bring your checkbook?

(In response to "What's Wrong?")

The same old thing. = Nothing.

Nothing. = Everything.

Everything. = My PMS is acting up.

Nothing, really. = It's just that you're such an _____.

I don't want to talk about it. = Go away, I'm still building up steam.

What makes you think there is something wrong? = I'm going to kill you.



HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DATA SHEET



ELEMENT:	Woman
SYMBOL:	♀
DISCOVERER:	Adam
ATOMIC MASS:	Accepted as 55kg, but known to vary from 45kg to 225kg

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

1. Body surface normally covered with film of powder and paint.
2. Boils at absolutely nothing – freezes for no apparent reason.
3. Found in various grades ranging from virgin material to common ore.

CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

1. Reacts well to gold, platinum and all precious stones.
2. Explodes spontaneously without reason or warning.
3. The most powerful money reducing agent known.

COMMON USE

1. Highly ornamental, especially in sports cars.
2. Can greatly aid relaxation.
3. Can be a very effective cleaning agent.

HAZARDS

1. Turns green when placed alongside superior specimen.
2. Possession of more than one is possible but specimens must never make eye contact.