

APPENDIX

Reader's Digest, "Laughter, the Best Medicine"

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1. Saint Peter greets a man at the Pearly Gates. "What have you done to deserve entry into heaven?" he asked.

"As I was driving along the highway, I came upon a gang of tough bikers threatening a young woman," says the man. "So I went up to the biggest, meanest biker and punched him in the nose. Then I kicked over his bike, yanked his ponytail and ripped out his nose ring. When I finished with him, I turned to the rest of the gang and said, 'Leave this woman alone or you'll have to answer to me!'"

Saint Peter was impressed. "When did this happen?"

"Just a couple of minutes ago."

E.T. THOMPSON

2. How many stockbrokers does it take to change a light bulb? Two – one to take out the bulb and drop it, and another to try to sell it before it crashes (knowing it has already burned out).

DAVID PEARCE

3. A Furniture Manufacturer visited Sweden to place an order of timber for his factory. He went to a disco on his first night and met a beautiful blonde girl at the bar. As neither spoke or understood the language of the other, they had to use graphic expression for communication. He drew a glass with a drink and an ice cube, she agreed, and they both had a drink. The music was inviting so he drew a pair of people dancing. She agreed again. They danced and danced before returning to the bar.

The girl then drew a wardrobe, bedside tables and a bed. Looking at the drawing, his face lit up. "Yes, yes!" he exclaimed. "I'm a furniture manufacturer!"

ANTONIO QUEIROZ

4. A man walks into a cardiologist's office.

Man: "Excuse me. Can you help me? I think I'm a moth."

Doctor: "You don't need a cardiologist. You need a psychiatrist."

Man: "Yes, I know."

Doctor: "So why did you come in here if you need a psychiatrist?"

Man: "The light was on."

HEATHER BORSBOR

5. A group of senior citizens goes on a mystery bus tour every Sunday, and each member pays a dollar in a competition to guess the destination. The driver has now won it three weeks in a row.

PETER ST. HENRY

6. Student: What's your opinion of the paper I submitted last week?
Professor: it's absolute drivel.
Student: that's OK. I'd kind of like to hear it anyway.

MICHAEL MCMILLAN

7. It's Dad's birthday, and he's celebrating at the bar with his son. "I'm paying for the drinks." Dad says to the waiter. "Beer for everyone."

When the waiter comes to collect, Dad hands him a couple of bottle caps.

"What's this?" the waiter asks.

The son takes him to one side and says: "Look, it's his 90th birthday. Humour him. Allow him to keep paying you with

bottle caps, and I'll fix it up at the end of the night."

The waiter reluctantly agrees, and all night Dad pays for drinks by throwing bottle caps on the bar. As they get up to leave at the end of a long night, the waiter yells, "Come back here!"

"What's up?" the son asks.

"Look, I've got all these bottle caps, and you said you'd settle up at the end of the evening."

The son says: "Sorry, I've had a few – I forgot. How much do I owe you?"

"\$465," the waiter tells him.

"No problem," the son says.

"Got change for a manhole cover?"

JOHN ROBERT COLOMBO

8. Bob was attending an interview for a job in a supermarket. When the interviewer asked what experience he had, Bob said he'd once worked in another food shop. "So why did you leave?"

"I was sacked for playing with the meat slicer," Bob explained.

The interviewer was puzzled:

"Surely they didn't consider that to be a serious offence?"

"They must have," replied Bob.

"They sacked her too."

ADAM CUTHBERTSON

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9. Mother Teresa arrives in Heaven. "Be thou hungry?" God asks. Mother Teresa nods. He served up some tuna sandwiches. Meanwhile, the sainted woman looks down to see gluttons in Hell devouring steaks, lobsters and wine. The next day God invites her to join him for another meal. Again, she sees the denizens of Hell feasting.

As another can of tuna is opened the following day, Mother Teresa meekly says, "I'm grateful to be here with you as a reward for the pious life I led. But I don't understand. All we eat is tuna and bread while in other place they eat like kings."

"Let's face it," God says with a deep sigh, "for just two people, does it pay to cook?"

ANONYMOUS

10. Email is like coming home at night after a long day and finding 70 people in your kitchen.

JOHN O'DONOHUE

11. My friend admitted she had a problem and went to self-help group for compulsive talkers. It's called On and On Anon.

ANONYMOUS

12. A couple of dog owners are arguing about whose dog is smarter.

"My dog is so smart," says the first owner, "that every morning he waits for the paper boy to come round. He tips the kid and then brings the newspaper to me, along with my coffee morning."

"I know," says the second owner.

"How do you know?"

"My dog told me."

ANONYMOUS

13. Finding a woman sobbing because she has locked her keys in her car, a man assures her that he can help. She looks on amazed as he removes his trousers, rolls them into a tight ball and rubs them against the car door. Magically, it opens. "That's so clever," the woman gapes. How did you do it?" "Easy," replies the man. "These are my khaki trousers."

DAVID NICHOLSON

14. Brenda couldn't understand why she was losing so badly at Trivial Pursuit. Nevertheless, she persevered, rolling the dice and landing on green – Science &

Nature. Her question was "If you are in a vacuum and someone calls your name, can you hear it?" Brenda mulled over the question for a minute, and then asked, "Is it on or off?"

ANONYMOUS

15. A couple were playing golf on the ninth green when the wife collapsed with what she suspected was a heart attack. Her husband ran off to get help and returned to lineup his shot. Astounded, the wife cried, "I may be dying and you're putting?"

"Don't worry," her husband said soothingly. "I found a doctor on the second hole and he's coming to help you."

"The second hole!" his wife exclaimed. "When on earth is he going to get here?"

"I told you not to worry," her husband snapped as he continued to practice his putt. "Everyone has agreed to let him play through."

MARK SOMERVILLE

16. Did you hear about a sword-swallower who was on a diet? He was on pins and needles for six weeks.

TODD HARRIS

17. A guy goes on a vacation to the Holy Land with his wife and mother-in-law. Halfway through their trip, the mother-in-law dies. So the guy goes to an undertaker, who explains that they can ship the body home, but it'll cost \$5000. Or they can bury her in the Holy Land for \$150.

"We'll ship her home," says the son-in-law.

"Are you sure?" asks the undertaker. "That's an awfully big expense. And I can assure you we do a very nice burial here."

"Look," says the son-in-law. "Two thousand years ago they buried a guy here, and three days later he rose from dead. I just can't take that chance."

JASON TUTHILL

18. A Frenchman with a parrot perched on his shoulder walked into a bar. The barman exclaimed, "Wow, that's neat. Where did you get him?"

"In France," the parrot replied.

"They've got millions of them there."

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19. Hal's handyman wasn't the swiftest guy on earth. But he was cheap, and so was Hal, which is why he hired the guy to paint his porch for \$50.

"You tightwad," scolded Hal's wife. Our porch covers half of the house! He'll be there for days." Hal simply smirked.

An hour later, there was a knock at the door. The handyman had finished. "How did you get done so quickly?" Hal asked.

"It was a piece of cake," the handyman replied. "Oh, and it's a Ferrari, not a Porsche."

ANONYMOUS

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TODD HARRIS

21. The state trooper pulled up alongside a speeding car and was shocked to see that the little old lady behind the wheel was knitting. The officer switched on his lights and sounded his siren, but the driver was oblivious.

So the trooper cranked up the bullhorn and yelled to the woman, "Pull over!" "No," the

old lady shouted back.
"Cardigan!" *ANONYMOUS*

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23. Shakey said to the psychiatrist, "Doc, every time I get into bed, I think there's somebody under it. You gotta help me!"

"Come to me three times a week for two years and I'll cure your fears," said the shrink. "And I'll only charge you \$200 a visit."

"I'll think about it," said Shakey. Six months later the doctor met Shakey on the street and asked why he never came to see him.

"For two hundred bucks a visit? A bartender cured me for ten dollars."

"Is that so! How?"

"He told me to cut the legs off the bed." *ANONYMOUS*

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ANONYMOUS

26. "How much do you charge?" a man asks a lawyer.

"I get \$50 for three questions" the lawyer answers.

"That's awfully steep, isn't it?" says the man.

"Yes, it is." replies the lawyer.

"Now, what's your final question?" *ANONYMOUS*

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JASON TUTHILL

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28. This puny guy applies for a job as a lumberjack.

"Sorry," says the head lumberjack, eyeing the man up and down, "you're just too small."

"Give me a chance to show you what can I do," the guy pleads. "You won't regret it."

"Okay," says the boss. "See that giant oak over there? Let's see you chop it down."

Half an hour later, the mighty oak is felled, amazing the boss.

"Where'd you learn to cut trees like that?" he asks.

"The Sahara Forest."

"You mean the Sahara Desert?"

"Sure, if that's what they call it now."

ANONYMOUS

29. A man walks into a bar and says, "Excuse me, I'd like a beer."

The bartender serves the drink and says, "That'll be four dollars."

The customer pulls out a \$20 bill and hands it to the bartender.

"I'm afraid I can't accept that, sir," the bartender says.

The man pulls out a \$10 bill, and the bartender rejects his money again. "What's going on here?" the man asks. Pointing to a neon sign, the bartender explains, "This is a singles bar."

LINDA QUELLETTE

30. Since light travels faster than sound, is that why some people appear bright until you speak to them?

STEVE WRIGHT

31. Lou sees a sign in front of a house: "Talking Dog for Sale."

Intrigued, he rings the bell and the owner shows him the dog.

"What's your story?" Lou asks.

The dog says, "I discovered I had this gift when I was a pup. The CIA signed me up, and soon I was jetting around the world, sitting at the feet of spies and world leaders, gathering important information and sending it back home. When I tired of that lifestyle, I joined FBI, where I helped catch drug lords and gunrunners. I was wounded in the line of duty, received some medals, and now a movie is being made of my life."

"How much do you want for the dog?" Lou asks the owner.

"Ten dollars," says the owner.

Lou is incredulous. "Why on earth would you sell that remarkable dog for so little?"

"Because he's a liar. He didn't do any of that stuff."

STEVE DERIVAN

32. As he hammered siding into the house, Clem would reach into his nail pouch, pull out a nail, and then either toss it away or pound it into the house.

"Hey, Clem, why are you throwing those nails away?" yelled Lem, the foreman.

"If I pull a nail out of my pouch and it's pointed toward the house, then I nail it into the siding," said Clem. "If it's pointed toward me, I throw it away 'cause it's defective."

"You moron!" yelled Lem. "The nails pointed toward you aren't defective. They're for the other side of the house."

PAT COLE

33. Did you hear about the new liberal church? It has six commandments and four suggestions.

"A Prairie Home Companion, Pretty Good Joke Book"

34. Joe and Al think there's big money to be made by starting a bungee-jumping business in Mexico. They travel to Mexico City and set up in a square. Soon a crowd assembles.

Joe and Al decide to give a demonstration. So Joe jumps. When he bounces back up, Al notices he has a few cuts and scratches. Joe leaps again. On the rebound, he's even more bruised and bloodied. So Al catches him. "What happened?" he asks. "Was the cord too long?"

"No, it was the crowd," Joe gasps. "What's a piñata?"

E.T. THOMPSON