



KEEP SMILING No. 16



Silly You!

You thought dogs were hard to train. Just look at all the humans who can't sit and stay.

When this quarantine is over, lets not tell some people.

So let me get this straight, there's no cure for a virus that can be KILLED by sanitizer and hand soap?

Just wait a second - so what you're telling me is that my chance of surviving all this, is directly linked to the Common Sense of others?



A man doing research for the Vaseline Company knocked at the door and was greeted by a young woman with three small children. I'm doing a survey for Vaseline. Have you ever used the product?" She said, "Yes. My husband and I use it all the time." "If you don't mind my asking," he said, "what do you use it for?" "We use it for sex," she said. The researcher was a little taken aback. "Usually people lie to me but, in fact, I know that most people do use it for sex. I admire you for your honesty. Since you've been so frank so far, can you tell me exactly how you use it for sex?" The woman said, "I don't mind telling you at all. My husband and I put it on the doorknob. It keeps the kids out.

BROKEN RESOLUTION

These New Year resolutions are a challenge to be sure. I thought I'd try just one this time instead of tackling more. The resolution that I made was only this last week. But sadly it's already gone right up the flipping creek. I had decided to resist a tempting gift of chocs. In retrospect the best thing would have been to ditch the box. To see it sitting on the shelf just proved to be too tough. I cracked and took a tasty bite but this won't be enough. I'm sure I'm not the only one to fail a New Year vow. We all try hard to keep our pledge. The question remains just how?



Poem from Sheila Chisnall of Brixham first published in The Daily Mail

OUR NEW VOCABULARY

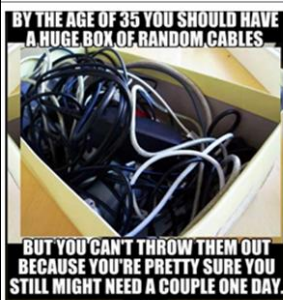
What ugly sounds they seem to make, those words we spoke last year. Pandemic, Lockdown. Test and Trace, not pretty words to hear. We speak of Furlough, PPE, we rarely did before. And now things must be Covid-Safe with gel and screens and more. A 'super -spreader' is not someone that you would choose to meet. You have to 'social- distance' if unmasked in the street. The new vocabulary feels like a virus in itself. Infecting all our usual chat about the global health. A 'circuit breaker' used to be just electrician speech, Now we hear it all the time that ruins every week. A 'vaccine roll out' is the phrase on everybody's lips. Let's hope it gets the numbers down and that we have no blips. Oh bring down long-gone happy days when sage meant wise or herb. When 'quarantining' was for dogs and Covid an unknown word!



Poem from Jenny Kinton of Sibley first published in The Daily Mail

Every day I watch the news to check up on the virus. But now I fear I rarely hear some words that would inspire us. Our country's now in lockdown including shops and schools. So every day we must obey the various regs and rules. Because I'm in my 80's I've been told I shouldn't roam. They say it's best I take a rest and stay inside my home. But when I must go shopping, I feel safe in empty stores, I simply must arrive there just before they close the doors. As for socialising which a lockdown always ends. I use my phone as I'm alone to FaceTime all my friends. I'm just a golden oldie, who prays it won't be long, before the day when we can say the Covid threat has gone. The answer's in the vaccine, as we have so much to gain and the time will come when everyone can live their lives again.

Poem from Norman Wanstall of Burford first published in The Daily Mail



Editor: The first cartoon is so true: The second picture is a Christmas present from my daughter a few years ago which was a box for 'Chargers Wires and Cables' and I have loads of items without any idea of what they are and where they originated, but I am convinced I still might need them some day. As I am over 70 I probably have twice as many items as the first picture!



One evening, in a busy lounge in America's deep south, a reindeer walked in the door, went up to the bar and ordered a martini. Without batting an eye, the bartender mixed and poured the drink, set it in front of the reindeer and accepted the 20-dollar note from the reindeer's hoof. As he handed the reindeer some coins in change, he said, "You know, I think you're the first reindeer I've ever seen in here." The reindeer looked hard at the change and said, "Well, let me tell you something, buddy. At these prices, I'm the last reindeer you'll see in here."



The teacher of the earth science class was lecturing on map reading. He spent the class explaining about latitude, longitude, degrees, and minutes. Towards the end of class, the teacher asked his students, "So, suppose I asked you to meet me for lunch at 23 degrees, 4 minutes north latitude and 45 degrees, 15 minutes east longitude? What would happen?" After a long, nervous pause, one student's voice broke the confused silence and volunteered, "Um, I guess you'd be eating alone, sir."

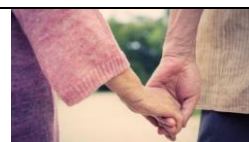


A teacher asked Little Johnny about his recent family holiday to the US. "Where did you go," the teacher asked. He replied, "We visited my grandmother in Minneapolis, Minnesota." The teacher said, "Good. Can you tell the class how you spell that?" Little Johnny thought for a few seconds and replied, "Sorry Sir I got that wrong, we actually, we went to Ohio."



There was an accident at a railroad crossing in which a train hit a car and pushed it some metres down the track. Though no one was hurt, the driver took the train company to court. At the trial, the engineer insisted that he had given the driver ample warning by waving his lantern back and forth for nearly a minute. He even stood and convincingly demonstrated how he'd done it. The court believed his story, and the suit was dismissed.

"Congratulations," the lawyer said to the engineer when it was over. "You did superbly under cross-examination." "Thanks," he said, "but he sure had me worried." How's that?" the lawyer asked. "I was afraid he was going to ask if the damned lantern was lit!"



There were two elderly people living in an aged care home. He was a widower and she a widow. They had known one another for a number of years. One evening there was a community dinner in the big activity centre. The pair were seated at the same table, across from one another. As the meal went on, he made a few admiring glances at her and finally gathered up his courage to ask her: "Will you marry me?" After a dramatic pause and several seconds 'careful consideration,' she answered: "Yes. Yes, I will The meal ended and with a few more pleasant exchanges and they went to their respective rooms.

The next morning, he was troubled. "Did she say 'yes' or did she say 'no'?" He couldn't remember. Try as he would, he just could not recall. Not even a faint memory. With trepidation, he went to the telephone and called her. First, he explained to her that he didn't remember as well as he used to. Then he reviewed the lovely evening past. As he gained a little more courage, he then inquired of her: "When I asked if you would marry me, did you say 'Yes' or did you say 'No'?" He was delighted to hear her say: "Why, I said, 'Yes, yes I will' and I meant it with all my heart". She continued: "And I am so glad that you called, because I couldn't remember who had asked me".



A newly-wed wife is crying over dinner The newly-married husband came home from the office to find his young wife in floods of tears. "Darling, whatever is the matter?" he asked. Sweetheart," she sobbed. "The most terrible thing has happened! I cooked my very first Beef Bourguignon for you, and I got it out the oven to season it, and the phone rang. When I came back from answering the phone," she sobbed again. "I found that the cat had eaten it!" "Don't worry, darling," said her husband "Don't cry. We'll get a new cat in the morning."



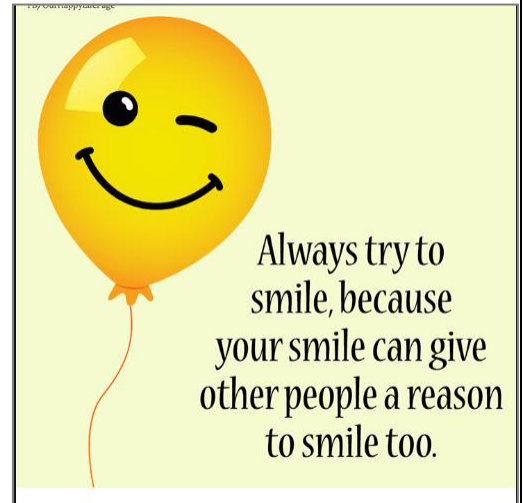
A yuppie was sent a ransom note which said that he was to bring £50,000 to the 17th hole of the country club at 10 o'clock the next day if he ever wanted to see his wife alive again. He didn't arrive until almost 12:30. A masked man stepped out from behind some bushes and growled: "What the hell took you so long? You're over two hours late". "Hey! Give me a break," whined the yuppie. "I have a 27 handicap. Now leave me alone whilst I play the 18th hole.



No, YOU tell him we want his Hotel for Covid patients

SMILE AND THE WORLD SMILES WITH YOU

The vicar turned around during a christening. He was back to front
 I asked a friend if he knows where the Pope lives. His reply Vat I Can do
 Ten years without brushing is a bad tooth decade
 Trench warfare is a last ditch effort
 My pet Eagle has just won first prize in a Talon contest
 The latest book on poltergeists is just flying off the shelves
 A man was beaten with stringed instruments. Was a brutal act of violins
 I wanted to be a monk but I never got the chants
 I heard people in jail can only turn left. They lost all their rights
 I'm glad you're not letting your education get in the way of your ignorance
 Confucius say 'man drunk in cemetery make grave mistakes
 When my wife ask me to stop being a flamingo I had to put my foot down
 Sound technicians hate feedback on their work
 A crazy man rode through the Forest. He was a PyschoPath
 What's a shiatsu?. A zoo with no animals
 If gravity was a person he'd be pretty down to earth
 I wasn't trained to be a dustman but just picked it up as I went along
 I've been known to say "adios" and "au revoir" I'm bye bye-lingual



Ever walk into a room with some purpose in mind, only to completely forget what that purpose was? Turns out, doors themselves are to blame for these strange memory lapses. Psychologists have discovered that passing through a doorway triggers what's known as an Event Boundary in the mind, separating one set of thoughts and memories from the next. Your brain files away the thoughts you had in the previous room and prepares a blank slate for the new locale. Thank goodness for studies like this. It's not our age, it's that darn door! Did I send this to you already from the other room?

SILVER SURFER GRANDMA DISAPPEARS INTO CYBERSPACE



The computer swallowed Grandma. Yes, honestly it's true.
 She pressed 'control' and 'enter' and she disappeared from view.
 It ate her up completely and the thought just makes me squirm.
 She must have caught a virus, or been eaten by a worm.
 I've searched in her recycle bin and files of every kind.
 I've even tried on Facebook, but nothing did I find.
 I typed her name in Google, my searches to refine.
 The result from them was fruitless, not a thing was found 'online.'
 So, if inside your 'Inbox,' my Grandma you should see,
 Attach her to an email and send her back to me!

PART ONE OF YOU MAY BE GETTING OLD IF YOU (More next week)

Feel stiff when you get out of bed.
 Creak when you bend down.
 Struggle to use technology.
 Answer a question with, "because I said so."
 Moan that petrol used to be 25p a GALLON.
 Ask your 4 year old grandchild how to send a text.
 Talk a lot about joints / ailments.
 Forget people's names

Give sound advice to your children that they ignore.
 Think policemen / teachers / doctors look really young.
 Fall asleep in front of the TV by 9.00 p.m.
 Listen to Classic FM rather than Radio One.
 Have no idea what young people are talking about.
 Take longer to rest, than it took you to get tired.
 Accidentally enter your password on the microwave.
 Complain about the rubbish programmes on television.

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DINGBAT ANSWERS

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1. Peas in a pod
2. One thing after another
3. Robin Hood
4. Paper Cut
5. On to ten
6. Six of one, half dozen of the other
7. Ambiguous
8. Turned inside out
9. Little understanding between friends
10. The odds are overwhelming
11. See through blouse
12. Gross Injustice

SET B

1. Dead Presidents
2. One step forwards two steps back
3. Cornerstone
4. United States
5. Dipstick
6. Parting of the ways
7. Missing in action
8. Equal rights
9. Forty niner
10. Full time/Part time
11. High Jinks
12. Quarter back/ Half back/Full back