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### Let's face it - English is a crazy language

There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple.

English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France.

Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat. We take English for granted.

But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig..

And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham?

If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese?

One index, 2 indices? Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend?

If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?

Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane.

In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship?

Have noses that run and feet that smell? How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down,

in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which, an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all. That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

PS. - Why doesn't 'Buick' rhyme with 'quick' ?

### Iced Down Car

This guy drives up to his house and the place where he usually parks is full of snow.

So, he parks in a nearby parking lot and walks back home to shovel out a car-sized space in front of his house.

It takes hours to shovel, but finally done, he walks back to the lot to get his car.

When he returns home, he finds that the space has been taken by some other car.

He is, well, upset.

What most people do is write nasty notes, etc. and place them on the windshield of the offending vehicle.

Police sometimes get involved, however, when the individual vents his wrath in somewhat more violent means. Tires and throats have been slashed over this.

So, this guy decides to get creative.

Instead of doing the usual nasty note, he got out his garden hose and watered the automobile down, real well. I mean, very, very thoroughly.

The water of course froze solid. When the owner returned, instead of a car, he found a car-sized popsicle.

The note on the car read, "You want the space? Here. It's yours until spring!"

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### Wrong number

Jim was just falling off to sleep when his wife nudged him and said the telephone was ringing.

"At this hour, it's probably for you," she said, closing her eyes.

Jim rolled out of bed and trundled downstairs.

When he returned, his wife was asleep. He woke her and said, "Wasn't for me, after all."

She crawled out of bed and pulled on a robe and was halfway to the door when he added, "It was a wrong number."

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### 8 words with 2 meanings

1. THINGY (thing-ee) n

Female... Any part under a car's hood.

Male..... The strap fastener on a woman's bra

2. VULNERABLE (vul-ne-ra-bel) adj.

Female... Fully opening up one's self emotionally to another.

Male..... Playing football without a cup.

3. COMMUNICATION (ko-myoo-ni-kay-shon) n.

Female... The open sharing of thoughts and feelings with one's partner.

Male..... Leaving a note before taking off on a fishing trip with the boys.

4. COMMITMENT (ko-mit-ment) n.

Female... A desire to get married and raise a family.

Male..... Trying not to hit on other women while out with this one.

5. ENTERTAINMENT (en-ter-tayn-ment) n.

Female... A good movie, concert, play or book.

Male..... Anything that can be done while drinking beer.

6. FLATULENCE (flach-u-lens) n.

Female.. An embarrassing by-product of indigestion.

Male..... A source of entertainment, self-expression, male bonding.

7. MAKING LOVE (may-king luv) n.

Female... The greatest expression of intimacy a couple can achieve.

Male..... Call it whatever you want, just as long as we do it.

8. REMOTE CONTROL (ri-moht kon-trohl) n.

Female... A device for changing from one TV channel to another.

Male..... A device for scanning through all 375 channels every 5 minutes.



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### Cowboy

One day, a cowboy rode into a Wild West town.

The people in the town love to play jokes on visitors.

After tying his horse to the pole outside a bar, the cowboy went in.

"A glass of milk please." he said to the bartender.

After drinking, he went out, only to find his horse missing.

Knowing that the villagers did it, he went back into the bar and said to everybody, "I am going to have

another drink and when I finish it, I want to see my horse outside! Or else, I will have to do what I did in Texas - HERE!" The people were very frightened. When he finished his drink, he went outside and saw his horse which the villagers had put back.

Curious, the bartender asked the cowboy," What did you do in Texas?" The cowboy replied," Well, I had to walk home.

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### **Backseat driver**

My wife cannot ride in a car without telling whoever is driving what to do, when to do it, etc.

She is, bar none, the worst backseat driver in the world. I have long thought this, though she would deny it.

She claims she seldom, if ever, makes comments about my driving.

I, of course, claim the opposite. And now I have proof!

The other day, we were headed to the mall and my daughter piped up, "Daddy, before you married Mommy, who told you how to drive?"

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### **Elderly couple**

An elderly couple is beginning to notice that neither of them seem to be able to remember things as well as they used to. So, they go to see their doctor, who explains that there is nothing really wrong, just typical memory loss associated with old age.

He suggests that they each get notebooks and write notes to themselves to help remember things.

The couple goes home and that evening while watching TV the man gets up and heads for the kitchen.

His wife asks if he can bring her some ice cream when he returns.

He says he will, and she says he should write it down.

"I'm just going to the kitchen, I'll remember."

"Well, I want that with nuts, too."

"O.K." he says, "ice cream with nuts."

She asks again if he's going to write it down.

"No, I'm just going to the kitchen."

"And a Cherry on the top?"

He agrees and turns toward the kitchen again and she asks again about writing it down.

Now the old man is angry, "Look, dear, I'm not senile, I can remember ice cream with nuts and a cherry on top."

He goes in the kitchen for 10 minutes and when he returns he sets a plate of bacon and eggs in front of his wife.

She looks up and says, "Honey, you forgot my toast."

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### **Quick diagnosis**

The psychology instructor had just finished a lecture on mental health and was giving an oral test.

She asked, "How would you diagnose a patient who walks back and forth screaming at the top of his lungs one minute, then sits in a chair weeping uncontrollably the next?"

A young man in the rear raised his hand and answered, "A football coach?"

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### **Irish divorce**

The mother-in-law arrives home from shopping to find her son-in-law, Paddy in a steaming rage and hurriedly packing his suitcase.

"What happened Paddy?" she asks anxiously.

"What happened? I'll tell you what happened! I sent an email to my wife telling her I was coming home today from my fishing trip. I get home .. and guess what I found? Your daughter, my wife, Jean, naked with Joe Murphy in our marital bed! This is unforgivable! The end of our marriage. I'm done. I'm leaving forever!" ;

"Ah now, calm down, calm down Paddy!" says his mother-in-law."There is something very odd going on here. Jean would never do such a thing! There must be a simple explanation I'll go speak to her immediately and find out what happened."

Moments later, the mother-in-law comes back with a big smile. "Paddy, there, I told you it must be a simple explanation. She never got your email!"

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### **A Blonde, a Car and a Mattress .....**

A blonde ran over a mattress on the highway, and decided not to worry -- and kept on driving.

The ensuing jumble finally whipped around enough to tear a hole in the fuel tank.

The subsequent lack of fuel is what finally brought her vehicle to its knees.. She had still managed to drive 30 more miles with a 60 pound tangle of stuff wrapped around her drive shaft.

She had it towed to her dealership and complained that the vehicle had a "Sort Of Shimmy" when she was driving at high speeds.

Below is a photo of what they found at her dealership .....



"Sort Of A Shimmy" -- I'll Bet It Did!  
They still can't believe their eyes and are still wondering how to remove it!

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### **He said, she said ...**

- \* He said..... I don't know why you wear a bra; you've got nothing to put in it.  
She said.... You wear pants, don't you?
- \* He said..... Shall we try swapping positions tonight?  
She said.... That's a good idea - you stand by the ironing board while I sit on the sofa and fart!
- \* He said..... What have you been doing with all the grocery money I gave you?  
She said.... Turn sideways and look in the mirror!
- \* He said..... Why are married women heavier than single women?  
She said.... Single women come home, see what's in the fridge and go to bed.  
Married women come home, see what's in bed and go to the fridge.

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### **Did You Know?**

- \* Cheetahs do not run at the full speed their muscles are capable of propelling them, as doing so would cause them to black out like fighter pilots losing consciousness at high speeds
- \* The deepest point in any of the Earth's oceans is the bottom of the Mariana Trench in the Pacific Ocean—a whopping 35,797 feet below sea level.
- \* Gold, a highly ductile element, can easily be stretched into a long and thin wire. One ounce of gold will yield a wire fifty miles long.
- \* The largest milk producing country by volume in the whole world is India.