



A bank robber pulls out a gun, points it at the teller, and says, "Give me all the money or you're geography!"

The puzzled teller replies, "Did you mean to say 'or you're history?'"

The robber says, "Don't change the subject!"

When Britain changed the packaging for Tylenol to blister packs instead of bottles, suicide deaths from Tylenol overdoses declined by 43 percent. Anyone who wanted 50 pills would have to push out the pills one by one but pills in bottles can be easily dumped out and swallowed.

Watermelons originated in Africa and were first cultivated solely for their water content; their flavor was very bitter.

Rice does not need to grow in water, but since it can survive it, is done so to control weeds and other pests- creating higher yields.

"When you're good at something, you'll tell everyone. When you're great at something, they'll tell you." – Hall of Fame running back Walter Payton

### My Mother

My Mother taught me LOGIC... "If you fall off that swing and break your neck, you can't go to the store with me."

My Mother taught me MEDICINE... "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they're going to freeze that way."

My Mother taught me TO THINK AHEAD... "If you don't pass your spelling test, you'll never get a good job!"

My Mother taught me ESP... "Put your sweater on; don't you think that I know when you're cold?"

My Mother taught me TO MEET A CHALLENGE... "What were you thinking? Answer me when I talk to you... Don't talk back to me!"

My Mother taught me HUMOR... "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."

My Mother taught me how to BECOME AN ADULT... "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."

My mother taught me about GENETICS... "You are just like your father!"

My mother taught me about my ROOTS... "Do you think you were born in a barn?"

# Pelly Coffee Pot

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On New Year's Eve, Patty stood up in the local bar and said that it was time to get ready. At the stroke of midnight, she wanted everyone to be standing next to the one person who made their life worth living.

As the clock struck 12, chaos erupted as the bartender was almost crushed to death.

A woman woke from a dream and told her husband, "There I was, no more dents, a new paint job, waxed to a high gloss, surrounded by men in jumpsuits with polishing cloths!" He sleepily mumbled, "Sounds to me like you had an auto body experience."

Tomorrow, I'm going to get up early and go for a run. I might also win the lottery. The odds are about the same.

The older sister asks her younger brother, "What are you giving Mom and Dad for Christmas?"

Without missing a beat, the little brother replies, "A list of everything I want."

Shortly before World War I, the German Kaiser was the guest of the Swiss government to observe military maneuvers. The Kaiser asked a Swiss militiaman: "You are 500,000 and you shoot well, but if we attack with 1,000,000 men what will you do?" The soldier replied: "Shoot twice and go home."

2017

- Jan 12 - Garbage Day
- Jan 13 - this is a Friday
- Jan 14 - Coffee House
- Feb 29 - not in 2017
- Oct 13 -also a Friday

"A ship in harbour is safe, but that is not what ships are for."  
- Arabian Proverb -

I've noticed the strangest thing about men who hang out in bars a lot. It seems they have only one of two reasons to be there: They have no wife to go home to... or they do.

## How can you keep your word



If you give it to someone?

**Lake Superior State University's 42nd Annual List of Banished Words**

**You, Sir** - Hails from a more civilized era when duels were the likely outcome of disagreements. Today, we suffer on-line trolls and Internet shaming.

**Focus** - Good word, but overused when *concentrate* or *look at* would work fine. See 1983's banishment of, *We Must Focus Our Attention*.

**Bête Noire** - After consulting a listing of synonyms, we gather this to be a bugbear, pet peeve, bug-boo, pain, or pest to our nominators.

**Town Hall Meeting** - Candidates seldom debate in town halls anymore. Needs to be shown the door along with "soccer mom(s)" and "Joe Sixpack" (banned in 1997).

**Post-Truth** - To paraphrase the late Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, we are entitled to our own opinions but not to our own facts.

**Guesstimate** - When *guess* and *estimate* are never enough.

**831** - A texting encryption of, *I love you*: 8 letters, 3 words, 1 meaning. Never encrypt or abbreviate one's love.

**Historic** - Thrown around far too much. What's considered as such is best left to historians rather than the contemporary media.

**Manicured** - As in a manicured lawn. Golf greens are the closest grass comes to being manicured.

**Echo Chamber** - Lather, rinse, and repeat. After a while, everything sounds the same.

**On Fleek** - Anything that is on-point, perfectly executed, or looking good. Needs to return to its genesis: perfectly groomed eyebrows.

**Bigly** - Did the candidate say "big league" or utter this 19th-Century word that means, *in a swelling blustering manner*? Who cares? Kick it out of the echo chamber!

**Ghost** - To abruptly end communication, especially on social media. Is it rejection angst, or is this word really as overused as word-banishment nominators contend? Either way, our committee feels the pain.

**Dadbod** - The flabby opposite of a chiseled-body male ideal. Should not empower dads

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**Listicle**- Numbered or bulleted list created primarily to generate views on the Web, LSSU's word-banishment list excluded.

**"Get your dandruff up . . ."** - The Committee is not sure why this malapropism got nominators' dander up in 2016.

**Selfie Drone** - In what could be an ominous development, the selfie - an irritating habit of constantly photographing and posting oneself to social media - is being handed off to a flying camera. How can this end badly?

**Frankenfruit** - Another food group co-opted by "frankenfood." Not to be confused with other forms of genetically modified language.

**Disruption** - Nominators are exhausted from 2016's disruption. When humanity looks back on zombie buzzwords, they will see disruption bumping into other overused synonyms for change.

*Claims made in 1952 that smoking causes cancer caused Kent cigarettes to come out with an asbestos filter to protect its smokers.*

Why does read rhyme with reed but read rhymes with red?

**Evolution of a Resolution**

2011: I will read at least 20 good books a year.

2012: I will read at least 10 books a year.

2013: I will read 5 books a year.

2014: I will finish Dan Brown's 'The Lost Symbol'

2015: I will read some articles in the newspaper this year.

2016: I will read at least one article this year.

2017: I will try and finish the comics section this year.

The term "pipe dream" came from people having fantasies from smoking an opium pipe.

When a dignitary complained to President Theodore Roosevelt about Alice Roosevelt (his daughter) smoking on top of the White House, Roosevelt replied, "I can be President of the United States, or I can control Alice. I cannot possibly do both."

Tobacco company Phillip Morris advised the Czech government to encourage smoking cigarettes because the increased mortality rate would save the government money on healthcare, pensions, and housing for the elderly.

A beginner rider at the stables was trying to saddle a horse. "Excuse me," said the old hand, "but you are putting that saddle on backwards."

"How do you know?" snapped the student. "You do not know which way I'm going."

Seriously?? So I'm at Wal-mart buying a bag of dog food. While in the check-out line, a woman behind me asked if I had a dog. Why else would I be buying dog food, RIGHT?? So on impulse I told her that no, I didn't have a dog. "I'm starting the dog food diet again. I probably shouldn't because I ended up in the hospital last time. I lost 50 pounds before I woke up in intensive care with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms." I told her that it was essentially a perfect diet. "All you do is load your pockets with food nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete so it works well, and I am going to try it again." (I should add that practically everyone in line was now enthralled with my story.) Horrified, this chick asked if I ended up in ICU because the dog food poisoned me. I told her, "no, I stepped off a curb to sniff a poodle's ass and a car hit me." I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack he was laughing so hard.

Is it good or bad if my vacuum cleaner sucks?

If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress (in the USA) the opposite of progress?

Unless you've just arrived in 2009 on a time machine, you know that smoking isn't good for you. Did you know, that smoking isn't good for your computer, either? It's true, at least according to Apple. Two readers in different parts of the country claim that their Applecare warranties were voided due to secondhand smoke. Both readers appealed their cases up to the office of God Steve Jobs himself. Both lost.

When in 2007 Minnesota passed an anti-smoking law that banned smoking in public buildings, there was a line that said only actors who had to smoke were allowed to do so. Thus, the Barnacles Bar declared that everyone in the bar is an actor in a live performance.

Light thinks it travels faster than anything but it is wrong. No matter how fast light travels, it finds the darkness has always got there first, and is waiting for it

Why are goods sent by car called a shipment but goods sent by ship are called cargo?



How come your nose runs and your feet smell?

Why is it called a hamburger if it's made of beef?

Breathing the air in Beijing has the same health risks as smoking 40 cigarettes a day.