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OUCH!

A tough old cowboy from Alberta counseled his granddaughter that if she wanted to live a long life, the secret was to sprinkle a pinch of gun powder on her oatmeal every morning. The granddaughter did this religiously until the age of 103, when she died. She left behind 14 children, 30 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren, 25 great-great-grandchildren, and a 40-foot hole where the crematorium used to be.

SIGN OF THE TIMES

Two crows were in a field when they noticed a figure that looked like a man in the distance. "See that over there? What is that?", says the first crow. The second crow takes a long look, "That's a scarecrow. Looks authentic, doesn't it." "How can you tell it's a scarecrow and not a person?", replies the first crow. "Look at its hand. No cellphone", says the second crow.

SWINDLED

A guy asks a lawyer about his fees. "I charge \$50 for three questions", the lawyer says. "That's awfully steep, isn't it?", the guy asks. "Yes, I suppose so", the lawyer replies. "Now what's your final question?"



TEAM CANADA: AIMING HIGH AT MILANO CORTINA 2026

With the 2026 Winter Olympics set for February 6–22 in Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, Team Canada is shaping up as one of the most exciting and deep contingents in this year's Games. From powerhouse hockey teams to seasoned skaters and winter sport specialists, Canada enters with a blend of elite talent and Olympic experience.

Women's Ice Hockey is one of Canada's signature Olympic programs. The Canadian women have never missed the podium since the sport's Olympic debut in 1998 and are perennial favourites for gold.

Men's Ice Hockey: NHL Stars Return On the men's side, Canada's Olympic hockey roster is stacked with NHL talent — marking the return of NHL participation in the Olympics for the first time since 2014. Big names like Connor McDavid, Sidney Crosby, and Cale Makar highlight a squad built for gold.

Ice Sports & More Beyond hockey, Canada boasts strong contenders in figure skating, including seasoned competitors and fresh Olympians ready to shine on the world stage. Across disciplines — from curling and speed skating to skiing and sliding sports — the country fields athletes with podium potential.

As the world gathers in Italy, Team Canada combines tradition and talent with the drive to compete at the very top — especially in women's ice hockey, where history and heart meet Olympic gold ambitions.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

1. What is the largest planet in our solar system?
2. What is the largest internal organ in the human body?
3. What country will be hosting the 2026 Olympic Winter Games?
4. Which animal is known for having the longest lifespan?
5. What is the capital city of Australia?
6. Which famous artist cut off part of his own ear?
7. What is the fastest land animal?
8. Which continent is the Sahara Desert located on?
9. What is the smallest prime number?
10. Which movie features the quote, "I'll be back"?

Answers on back page



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WEEKLY HOROSCOPE

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19) This week is about action—especially around work or personal goals you've been putting off. Start strong, but pace yourself.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20) Slow and steady wins. Be practical with money and patient with people. A calm conversation brings unexpected clarity.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 20) Your mind is buzzing with ideas. This is a great time to plan, write, or pitch something new. Just be sure to finish what you start.

Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22) Time to bring focus on relationships. This week favors honest talks and emotional balance. Setting boundaries now will help the rest of the month flow smoothly.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 22) Health, habits, and routines take center stage. A small change this week can make a big difference. Consistency is your power move.

Virgo (Aug 23 – Sep 22) Creativity returns in a quiet but meaningful way. This week encourages you to enjoy what you're building instead of critiquing it. Have some fun.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22) Home and family matters come into focus. Energy supports organizing your space or reconnecting with someone important.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21) Your words carry extra weight. Now is the time to favour honest expression, learning, and decision-making. Say what needs to be said—calmly and clearly.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21) Money and self-worth are highlighted. Review budgets or rethink priorities. Invest in what truly supports your freedom.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19) It's your season, and the spotlight is on you. Use this week to define what success looks like for you, not others.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 18) This week invites rest and reflection. It isn't all about pushing forward—quiet insight now will spark big ideas later.

Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20) Friends and future plans come into focus. Collaboration and long-term dreams could open a surprising door.

The look you have when discussing a job with someone who you have to act nice because they're trying to help you.



SAY WHAT?

Once there lived a happy couple who had been together for decades. But after spending years together, the husband was concerned that his wife was not hearing as well as she used to hear. He thought that she might need a hearing aid but he wasn't sure how to approach her.

He called his family doctor and asked for suggestions. The doctor told him to test it with a simple idea. The doctor said, "Stand 40 feet away from her and speak as loud as you would speak to her in a normal conversation. Observe if she hears you. If not, reduce the distance into 30 feet, then 20 feet, and so on until you get a response. The distance will help us to estimate her requirements for the hearing aid."

The next day, the husband saw his wife cooking dinner in the kitchen. So he took the opportunity to check the doctor's idea. He got 40 feet away from his wife and asked, "dear what is there for dinner?" He waited for a response but did not get one.

He moved a bit closer and asked "dear, what is there for dinner?". He still did not get any response from his wife.

He then stood twenty feet away from his wife and asked the same question, hoping he would get a response this time. But the wife did not respond.

He then stood just ten feet away from his wife and asked "Dear, What is there for dinner?" He did not get any response.

By now the husband was very concerned and felt pity about how bad his wife's hearing is.

Then he walked right behind her and said, "Honey, what is there for dinner." The wife shouted, "John, This is the the fifth time I'm saying, CHICKEN...!"

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

You are not responsible for your first thought, but you are for your second thought. *Raquel Smith*

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE ANSWERS

1. Jupiter
2. The liver
3. Italy
4. The bowhead whale
5. Canberra
6. Vincent van Gogh
7. Cheetah
8. Africa
9. 2
10. The Terminator

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