

What is it
that you see
in water that
never gets wet?



Your reflection.

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Can You Punctuate the Following So That It's Believable?

Though seldom from my yard I roam,
I saw some odd things here at home.
I saw wood floating in the air
I saw a skylark bigger than a bear
I saw an elephant with arms and hands
I saw a baby breaking iron bands
I saw a blacksmith weighing half a ton
I saw a star singing and laughing and running
I saw a schoolboy nearly ten feet tall
I saw an oak tree spanning Niagara Falls
I saw a rainbow black and white and brown
I saw a parasol walking through the town
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Answer:

(Cover this side while participants are guessing)

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When it's light, I'm dark; when it's
dark, I'm gone; when I'm gone for
good, so are you. What am I?

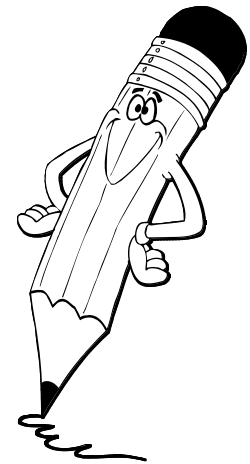


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Answer: Your shadow.

Can you punctuate the following so that you can read it with meaning?

**That that is is that that is
not is not that that is is
not that that is not that
that is not is not that that
is is that not not it it is**



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Answer: That that is is. That that is not is not. That that is is not that that is not. That that is not is not that that is. Is that not not it? It is.

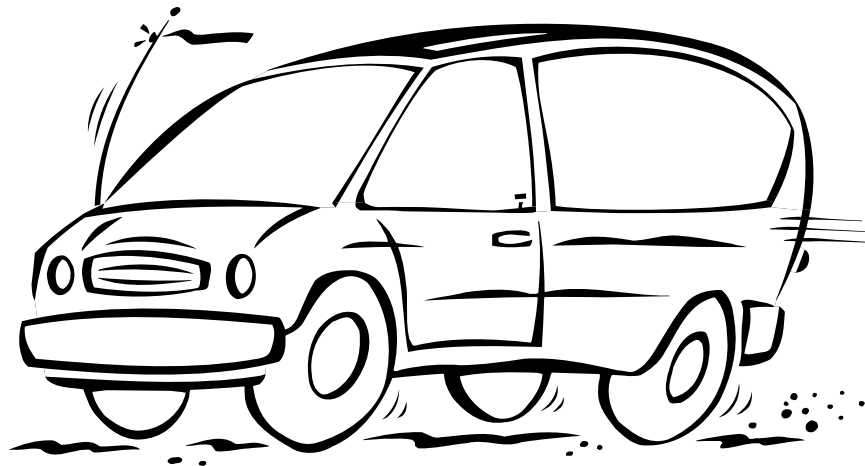
What makes
more noise
when they're
dead than when
they're alive?



Leaves.

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**You are planning a 12,000 mile trip.
Your mechanic tells you that your new
tires will only go 8,000 miles and not
one mile more. You know that you
need to buy spares but aren't sure how
many. How many will you need?**



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Answer: Most will say four, but actually only two are needed, since you can take the front two off after four thousand miles and put the spares on. Then you can, after four thousand miles, take the back tires off and put the former front two tires back on. That's the minimal need which is the goal in cost control.

**What is it that you
sit on, sleep in and
brush your teeth with?**



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Answer: A chair, a bed, and a toothbrush.

What is neither inside
a house nor outside a
house, but is still part
of a house?



Windows and doors.

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How many of the following words
are misspelled?

Ukulele

Obbligato

Ecstasy

Supersede

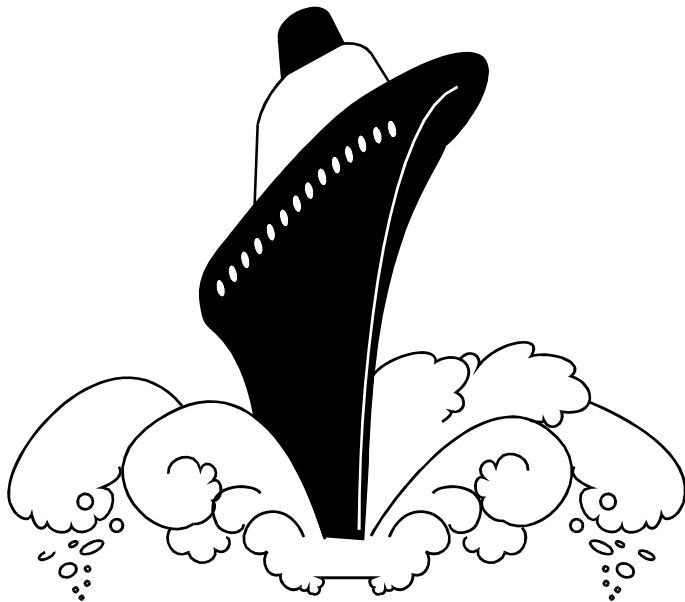
Sacrilegious

Fuschia

Graffito

INOCULATE

Only “fuschia” is misspelled...it should read “fuchsia.” And the word “misspelled” is also misspelled.

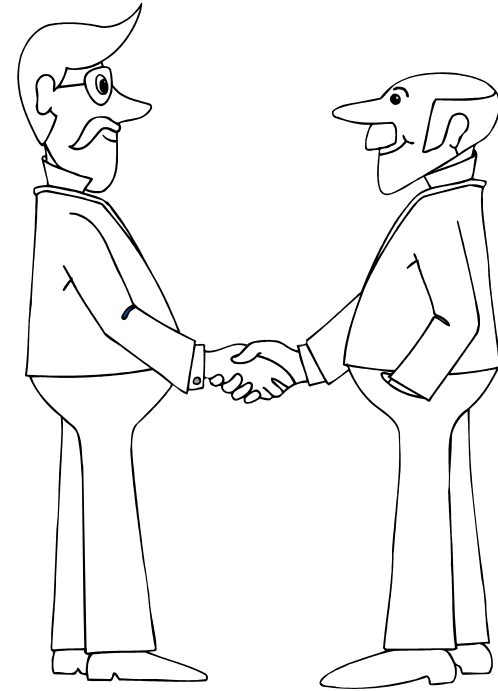


Jim and John are on the deck of a ship. The ship is going north. Jim is facing west and John is facing east. Suddenly, without turning around, Jim says to John, “You have a nose bleed.” How could he possibly know this without turning around?

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Answer: Jim and John were facing each other right from the start.

One speaker said to the other speaker, “My mother is your mother’s mother-in-law.” What relationship did the speakers have to one another?”



Father and child or paternal uncle/aunt and nephew/niece.

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Can you name at least
two things that fall
but never break?



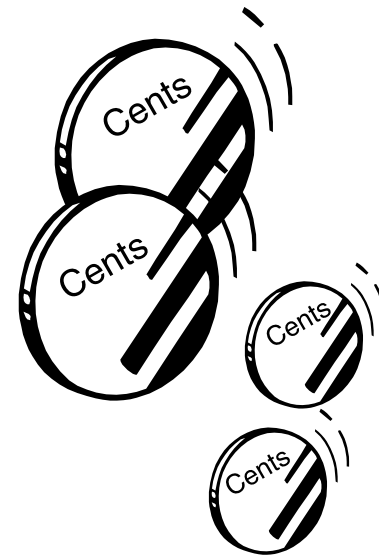
Can you name at least
one thing that breaks
but never falls?



Night falls, leaves fall, day breaks.

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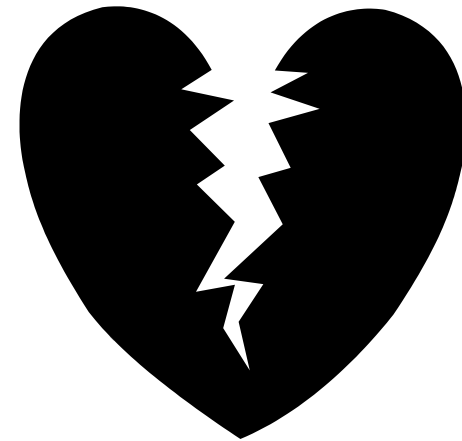
I purchase one
for 30 cents;
fourteen for 60 cents;
and one hundred
forty four
for 90 cents.
What am I buying?



House Address Numbers.

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How many things can
you name that have
to be broken before
they are used?



An egg, walnut, a horse etc.

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What eats
but never
swallows?



Munch!
Munch!

acid/rust.

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There are five
words in the
English language
that end in “cion.”
Can you think of
one of them?



Suspicion, Coercion, Epinicion, Scion, Internecion

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a i c d b f n
g e j l m h k

What is the four letter word which
can have three letters removed,
leave five and not change the
meaning of the word at all?

Five. Cross out the F, I, E and leave the Roman numeral V.

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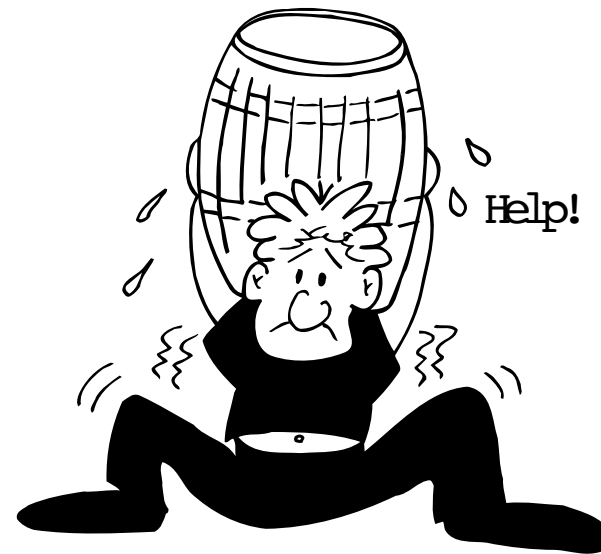
What is it that
you throw out
when you need
it and take in
when you don't?



An anchor.

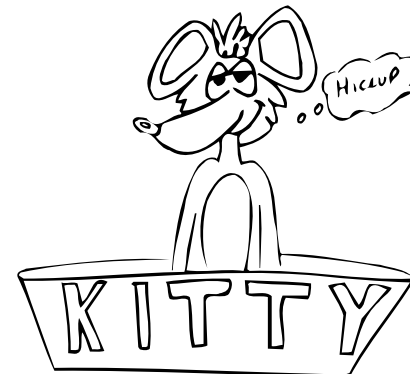
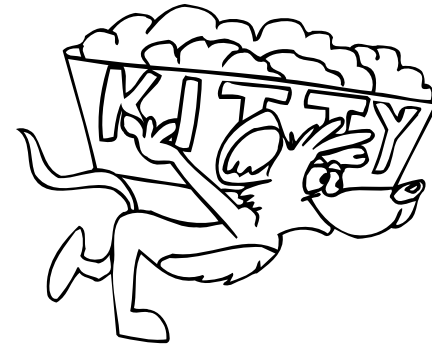
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What can you
put inside a
barrel to make
it lighter?



holes

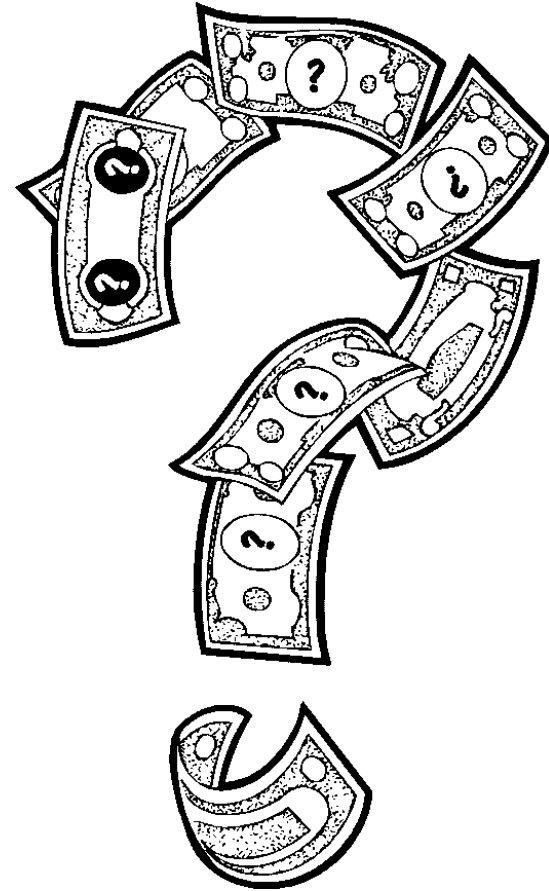
How many things can
you name that are
filled when they are
in use, but empty
when not in use?



Shoes, pitcher, frame, canteen, salt and pepper shaker, etc.

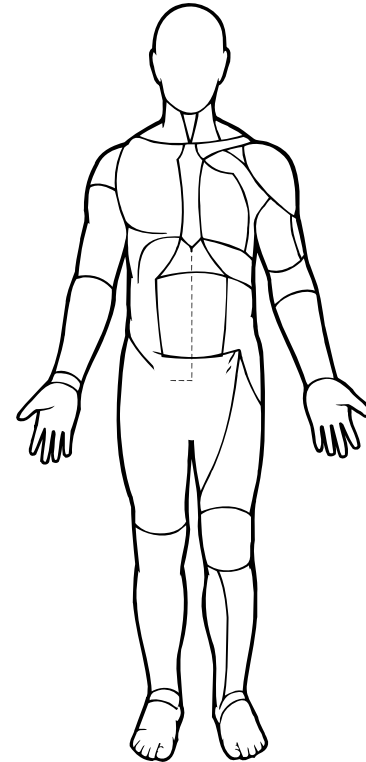
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What is it that a
rich man doesn't
have, a poor man
has plenty of and
when you die you
take it?



Nothing

Ten parts of the
human body can
be spelled with
only three letters.
Can you name
them?



Arm, toe, eye, jaw, gum, hip, leg, lip, ear, and rib.

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? What has ?
eight wheels
but is
designed to
carry one
passenger?
?

What is it that
was given to you,
still belongs to you,
that you've never
lent to anyone,
but is used by
everyone you know?



Your name.