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An ice cream truck was near.

...it's a small world after all...

Zella waved goodbye to the school bus driver, turned around and sprinted down the sidewalk toward the cheerfully ringing chime.

...it's a small world after all...

Vincent, straightening his shirt collar as he stepped out of the barbershop, heard the repeating notes. He searched a pocket for change. Without appearing too eager, he hurried down the sidewalk.

...it's a small world after all...

Sam and Jane entered the hotel lobby after an exhausting day. They heard the happy tune and grinned at each other. They stepped back outside.

...it's a small world after all...

Errol knew leftovers would be for dinner. He walked slowly, dreamily through the city. He smelled rain coming. He arrived at the music, stood in line.

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Clothespins

by Stuart Dybeck



I once hit clothespins for the Chicago Cubs.

I'd go out after supper when the wash was in and collect clothespins from under four stories of clothesline.

A swing-and-a-miss was a strike-out; the garage roof, Willie Mays, pounding his mitt under a pop fly. Bushes, a double, off the fence, triple, and over, home run. The bleachers roared. I was all they ever needed for the pennant.

New records every game—once, 10 homers in a row! But sometimes I'd tag them so hard they'd explode, legs flying apart in midair, pieces spinning crazily in all directions. Foul Ball! What else could I call it?

The bat was real.



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Then you should probably eat.

Maybe I can find some food if I
Czech the fridge.

There is Norway you will
find something in the fridge...

You are really Russian to get
those puns out!

They're a real Spain to
put up with...

Really? I don't Bolivia.

Uganda be kidding me.

Denmark my words, you won't
find any better puns!

Kenya think of any more puns?

Nah, Iran out of ideas.

(It's a Small World After All—Continued from Page 1)

...it's a small world after all...

Naomi, sitting in her parked patrol car, writing up another report, rolled down the window to listen. She set her paperwork aside. She opened the door.

...it's a small world after all...

Bryce lay with his back against a wall. He'd lost his job. And then he'd lost his girlfriend. His eyes were closed. He heard the distant chime. He jumped up.

...it's a small world after all...

Esther stood on a balcony trying to see the street below. Her old eyes were failing. She remembered the sudden bright thrill of ice cream trucks turning corners, and the merry chimes. She remembered how people at any hour would mysteriously appear from every direction to grasp melting bliss.



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How to Know You're Getting Old

- ~ Your kids are becoming you...but your grandchildren are perfect!
- ~ Going out is good... Coming home is better!
- ~ You forget names...But it's OK because other people forgot they even knew you!
- ~ You realize you're never going to be really good at anything...especially golf.
- ~ You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV blaring than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep".
- ~ You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch.
- ~ What used to be freckles are now liver spots.
- ~ Everybody whispers.
- ~ But "old" is good in some things: Old Songs, Old movies, and best of all, OLD FRIENDS!!



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then I fell asleep.
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OLD GEEZER QUIZ

1. In the '50s, if you had a flat rear tire, you often had to remove the ...?

- a. Necker knob
- b. Curb feeler
- c. Fender skirt

2. What color flash bulbs did Dad use for color film?

- a. Blue.
- b. Pink
- c. White

3. What was the "parking brake" called when you were a kid?

- a. Emergency brake
- b. Pull 'n' Stop
- c. Breaker. Breaker.

4. Way before Air Jordan, what was a kid's gym shoe of choice?

- a. Buster Brown
- b. PF Flyers
- c. Old Stinkers

5. In what year did "Dewey Defeat Truman" according to the Chicago Tribune?

- a. 1946
- b. 1948
- c. 1952

6. Before the Orkin Man, what technology was part of most homes' bug deterrence?

- a. Shoe Fly
- b. Fly paper
- c. 50 mm Phlit gun

7. Dixie cups had what printed on their tops?

- a. Secret decoders
- b. Pictures of Movie stars
- c. WW II propaganda slogans

8. What was the prevailing method of birth control in the '50s?

- a. Heavy lifting and cold showers
- b. Fear
- c. Girdles and crinoline petticoats

9. Jimmy Durante said what at the end of every show?

- a. "Aloha, my friends."
- b. "Good night, Mrs. Calabash, wherever you are."
- c. "Remember, wherever you go, my nose will get there first."

10. "I'm Popeye the sailor man; I'm Popeye the sailor man. I'm strong to the finish, _____, I'm Popeye the sailor man."

- a. "cause I eats me spinach"
- b. "my dad was big and Finnish"
- c. "isn't the music a bit tinnish?"

11. In greasy spoon jargon, what did "knock the horns off one, and drag it through the garden" mean?

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Decisions, decisions

One thing nobody ever talks about being an adult is how much time you debate yourself on keeping a cardboard box because it's like a really, really good box.

I made a huge To-Do list for tomorrow. I just can't figure out who's going to do it.



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Separation Anxiety

- Nichole Nordeman

I was sitting in an airport restaurant listening to a young couple behind me FaceTime on their iPad with their baby and his grandparents. It was so adorable and they are obviously had serious separation anxiety on their trip.

They are cooing and gushing, exclaiming "Well, look at YOU, big boy! So big! So handsome! Are you being good for Nana?"

Then there were a million questions about how the feeding and pooping are going, and a reminder about favorite blankies and toys.

They asked to say goodbye to baby one last time, and they nearly collapse with joy when he's back on the screen.

"Mommy and Daddy love you! You are the best boy!! We are coming home soon!"

I am literally crying into my latte because it's so precious, and I turned around to try and get a sneak peek at the baby on their FaceTime video.

It's a golden retriever.

Abandoned in the Forest

A father took his son deep into the forest. He set him on a stump and blindfolded him. He told his son he must stay on the stump the whole night and not remove the blindfold until the rays of the morning sun shone through it.

Once he survives the night, he would be a MAN. He cannot tell the other boys of this experience, because each lad must come into manhood on his own.

The boy is naturally terrified. He can hear all kinds of noises. Wild beasts must surely be all around him.

The wind blew the grass and leaves fiercely, and shook his stump, but he sat firmly, never removing his blindfold. It would be the only way he could become a man!

Finally, after a horrific night the sun appeared and the boy removed his blindfold.



It was then he discovered his father sitting on the stump next to him. He had been at watch the entire night, protecting his son from harm.

We, too, are never alone. Even when we don't know it, God is watching over us, sitting on the stump beside us. When trouble comes, all we have to do is open our eyes and reach out to Him.

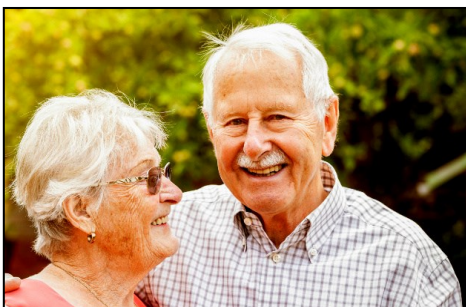
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Lost My Keys!

When I walked out of an appointment several days ago, I couldn't find my car keys. I quickly gave myself a full search.

They weren't in my purse or my pockets. Suddenly I realized I must have left them in the car. Frantically, I headed for the parking lot. My husband has scolded me many times for leaving my keys in the car's ignition. He's afraid that the car could be stolen.

As I looked around the parking lot, I realized he was right. The parking lot was empty. I immediately called the police. I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it must have been stolen.

Then I made the most difficult call of all to my husband: "I left my keys in the car and it's been stolen."

There was a moment of silence. I thought the call had been disconnected, but then I heard his voice: "Are you kidding me?" he barked, "I dropped you off!"

Now it was my turn to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, "Well, can you come and get me?"



He retorted, "I will, as soon as I convince this cop that I didn't steal your car!"

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Caution: Remember to use a timer.
4. A mouse trap placed on top of your alarm clock will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep after you hit the snooze button.
5. If you can't fix your problem with a hammer, you probably have an electrical problem.

6. In reality, you only need two tools in life... WD-40 and duct tape.

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If it moves and shouldn't, use duct tape.



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- a. Knock out the customer, then kick him out the back door
- b. Rare hamburger or steak with tomato and lettuce
- c. Cooties

12. Lincoln Logs were for what use?

- a. A diary of the presidency
- b. Keep track of fat cats who sleep in the Lincoln Bedroom
- c. Building toy structures

13. The names Ward and June bring what to mind?

- a. A popular TV series called "Leave it to Beaver"
- b. A Chicago family of butchers and knife sharpeners called The Cleavers
- c. Inventors of the clicker, Jack Ward and Ernest June

14. Cops and Robbers, Cowboys and Indians, and Zorro are all forms of what?

- a. Alcoholic beverages
- b. Capitalism
- c. Children's play

15. What was the cheapest way to turn a bicycle into a motorcycle?

- a. Baseball cards in the spokes
- b. An electric motor with a long cord
- c. Turning left into the path of a Harley

16. Tinkertoys date back to when?

- a. 1914
- b. 1949
- c. 1967

17. In grade school, what was the worst thing that could happen to you when being picked for a team?

- a. Getting picked last
- b. Getting your uniform dirty
- c. Not having the team tattoo

18. If we dared to sass our parents, we immediately found out what _ _ _ _ tasted like."

- a. Meatballs
- b. Soap
- c. Sarsaparilla

19. What was one thing the Lone Ranger and Roy Rogers would never do?

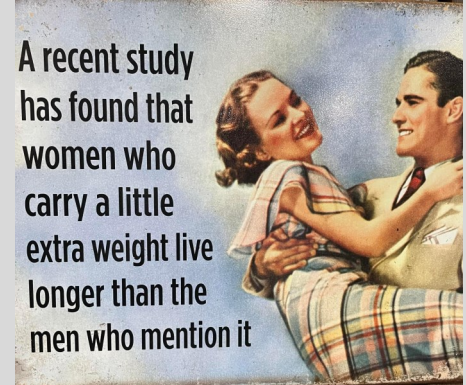
- a. Kill someone
- b. Shot a squirrel
- c. Eat lima beans

20. What convertible offered an optional radio that automatically increased its volume as the car accelerated?

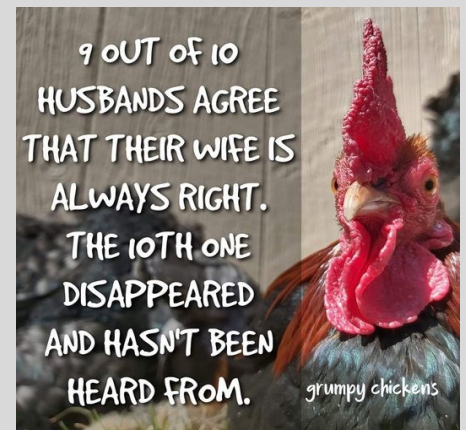
- a. 1912 Franklin
- b. 1943 Willys Jeep
- c. 1957 Ford Thunderbird
- d. 1927 Ford
- e. 1960 Rambler
- f. 1974 Corvette

ANSWERS ON PAGE 8

Laughing at mistakes can lengthen your life. Laughing at your wife's mistakes can shorten it.



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ANSWERS TO OLD GEEZER QUIZ (from Page 4 & 7)

1. c) Fender skirts, attached to the rear fenders, covered fully half the wheel streamlining the car.
2. a) Blue
3. a) Emergency brake.
4. b) PF Flyers.
5. b) It was November 3, 1948, when Truman upset Republican Thomas Dewey in the first postwar presidential election.
6. b) Sticky fly paper hanging from kitchen ceilings.
7. b) Movie stars.
8. c) Girdles and crinoline petticoats.
9. b) "Good night, Mrs. Calabash, wherever you are."
10. a) "cause I eats me spinach"
11. b) Rare hamburger or steak with tomato and lettuce.
12. c) Building toy structures.
13. a) The parents in a popular TV series called "Leave it to Beaver."
14. c) Children's play.
15. a) Baseball cards in the spokes.
16. a) 1914
17. a) Getting picked last.
18. b) Soap.
19. a) Kill someone.
20. c) 1957 Ford Thunderbird.

SCORING

17 – 20 correct: You are not only older than dirt, but obviously gifted with mind bloat. Now if you could only find those glasses of yours.

12 – 16 correct: Not quite dirt yet, but your mind is definitely muddy, ready to muck up others.

0 – 11 correct: You are one sad excuse of a geezer.

Just Curious

I always wondered what my parents did to avoid boredom before the internet.

I asked my 17 brothers and sisters and they didn't know either.



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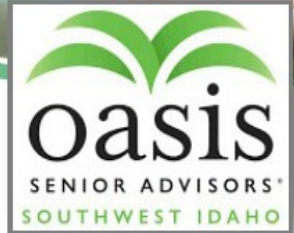
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 Every day take a 30 minute walk.
 Strive for excellence, not perfection.
 Be on time. Don't make excuses.
 Don't argue. Get organized.
 Be kind to unkind people.
 Let someone cut ahead of you in line.
 Take time to be alone.
 Cultivate good manners.
 Be humble.
 Realize and accept that life isn't fair.
 Know when to keep your mouth shut.
 Go on an entire day without criticizing anyone.
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 Live in the present.
 Don't sweat the small stuff.
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In 1957 I was riding my bike,
crashed and scraped my knee.

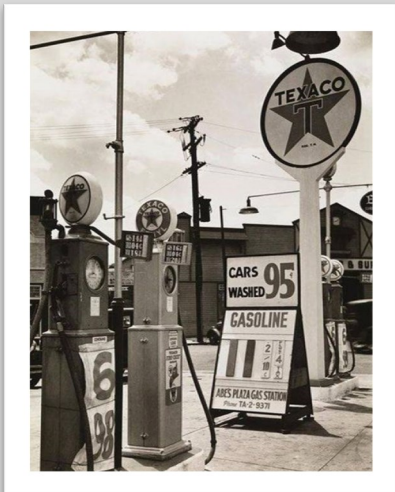
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