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Wisdom For The Week:

(Contributed by Kandace McClure..... Thanks Kandace)

True wisdom:

Top Ten Things Men Understand About Women

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REASONS WHY THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE IS HARD TO LEARN

- 1) The bandage was **wound** around the **wound**.
- 2) The farm was used to **produce produce**
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to **refuse** more **refuse**.
- 4) We must **polish** the **Polish** furniture.
- 5) He could **lead** if he would get the **lead** out and find the electrical **lead**.
- 6) The soldier decided to **desert** his **dessert** in the **desert**.
- 7) Since there is no time like the **present**, he thought it was time to **present** the **present**.
- 8) A **bass** was painted on the head of the **bass** drum.
- 9) When shot at, the **dove** **dove** into the bushes.
- 10) I did not **object** to the **object**.
- 11) The insurance was **invalid** for the **invalid**.
- 12) There was a **row** among the oarsmen about how to **row**.
- 13) They were too **close** to the door to **close** it.
- 14) You can pay a **buck** to see the **buck** **does** funny things when the **does** are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a **sewer** dropped the purse down into a **sewer** line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his **sow** to **sow**.
- 17) The **wind** was too strong to **wind** the sail back around the mast.
- 18) After a **number** of injections my jaw got **number**.
- 19) Upon seeing the **tear** in the painting I shed a **tear** as I stood on the third **tier** of steps.
- 20) I had to **subject** the **subject** to a series of tests.
- 21) How can I **intimate** this to my most **intimate** friend?

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 nor 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 ndices?

Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend, that you comb through annals of history but not a single annal? 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?

If we say drive drove driven then why not say dive dove diven or slide slode sliden?

Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what other 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? How can overlook and oversee be opposites, while quite a lot and quite a few are alike? How can the weather be hot as h--- one day and cold as h--- another?

Have you noticed that we talk about certain things only when they are absent? For example our use of "less". Have you ever seen a horseful carriage or a strapful gown? Or our use of "UN". Have you met a sung hero or experienced requited love? And there is our use of "im". Have you ever run into someone who was combobulated, grunted, ruly or peccable? And where are all those people who ARE spring chickens or who would ACTUALLY hurt a fly? 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, isn't a race at all). That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible. And why, when I wind up my watch, I start it, but when I wind up this essay, I end it. Hmmmmmm.....

-- Author Unknown



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