

# MoNdAy FuNnIeS

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Our attempt to help you smile every Monday Morning

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## Wisdom For The Week :

The best way to teach character is to have it around the house

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(Contributed by Ross Flanders.... Thanks Ross)

A young Jewish lad came home from school one day. His mother asked, "So, what did you learn today?"

He replied "Well, they told us about our ancestors when they were leaving Egypt. They were down by the Red Sea and the Pharaoh sent his army after them. So, they called in the Israeli engineers and had a bridge built. The Israeli Air Force flew air cover for them until they were all across. When the Pharaoh's army was about halfway across, the Israeli Air Force bombed the bridge and drowned the Pharaoh's army."

His mother said, "They told you that?"

He said, "Well----- no. But you wouldn't believe the story they told us!"

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## RIDDLES:

OK OK I am not going to start a riddles section every week. You will just have to get Alzheimer if you don't learn to practice thinking everyday on your own. But not to be outdone by the math wizards here is one last one....

In 1878 Lewis Carroll invented a game called "DOUBLET". It is a fun game you can play at parties with friends. It is a word game in which the starting word is changed one letter at a time to make it go from its current meaning to an opposite or related meaning.

Here is an example:

HEAD - TAIL

Now to play the game you would change HEAD one letter at a time until you have the word TAIL and each word in between has to be a real word. The objective is to get from Head to Tail in as few words as possible:

HEAD - heal - teal - tell - tall - TAIL

Got it?

OK... Here are some to practice on. (Try to get them in 5 or fewer steps.)

APE - MAN

WORD - DEED

PITCH - TENTS

SLEEP - DREAM

PIG - STY

FLOUR - BREAD

FISH - MEAT

HAND - FOOT

RICH - POOR  
COAL - MINE  
TEARS - SMILE  
LIVE - DEAD

I had a grade school teacher tell me a few years ago that, "It is getting harder and harder to teach kids every year because they don't have much of an imagination any more and more and more they don't want to think if it is hard to do. They instead expect to be entertained."

In trying to play this game, you have to understand that back in the days of Lewis Carrol they did not have TV so they actually did things like this.... Back then I think they called it "learning to think" ..... Now we call it Jeopardy or Wheel of Fortune.... and we just watch others do it.... ha ha ha...

(Anyone think they can beat Stacy to the answers?)

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## Consumer Tips

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