

# MoNdAy FuNnIeS

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Our attempt to help you smile every Monday Morning

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## Wisdom For The Week :

Where there is no responsibility there is no accountability.

We see a perfect example of this in school. If the teachers did not give a "FINAL EXAM" at the end of the class the learning retention curve would be greatly decreased. The test makes us become accountable and thus forces us to learn. All of us would be greatly helped if we would put a few "FINAL EXAMS" along the way in our life.

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(Contributed *again* by Clint Long.... Thanks Clint)

This is so amazing. Clint and I both test software. We should have been perfect at this.... This is what we do for a living... "FIND BUGS"... This is so amazing.... Don't cheat and look at the answer first. I think you will be amazed too.

**Count the "F's" in the following text:**

**FINISHED FILES ARE THE RE-  
SULT OF YEARS OF SCIENTIF-  
IC STUDY COMBINED WITH THE  
EXPERIENCE OF YEARS...(see below)**

Managed it ?

Scroll down only after you have counted them, okay?

Do you think there are three?

How many ? 3 - 4 - 5 ???

Count them again.

(Now you can scroll down for the answer)

If you got 3, 4 or 5 you were wrong. There are 6 !!--no joke.

The reasoning behind it :

The brain can not process "OF".

Incredible or what ? Go back and look again!!

Show it to someone else and watch them count the F's and you will see them skip right over the OF's even if they are circling the

F's with a pencil.

Anyone who counts all 6 "F's" on the first go is a genius.

Three is normal, four is quite rare.

(I got 5 the first time then 4 two more times when I recounted.... most software testers I showed this to at work got 3 or 4. .... that is just so amazing to me ... Cordell)

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## Consumer Tips

### THREE WAYS TO "CAN" SPAM

(summarized from USA Weekend May 28-30 2004 page 4)

- 1. Maintain at least two email addresses.** One for public use and one for friends and family. Posting an email address on a blog, message board or news groups greatly increases your chances for junk mail. If your public email address gets flooded with junk mail just change it. (This is easy to do with YAHOO or HOTMAIL for example) Don't ever give your family email address out for public use.
- 2. Make your address unusual.** Using an odd combination of letters and numbers. There are spam harvesting programs that create obvious addresses like joe@aol.com and just add them to email junk mailing lists.
- 3. Sign up for a disposable email address service.** They maintain your email addresses for you then forward mail to your permanent personal email account. If your disposable email address gets on a junk email list and you start getting flooded with spam junk email, you can just cancel it and get a new one without disrupting your permanent address. Two reputable ones are Mailshell.com and Spamex.com. You can

also do this with YAHOO.com and HOTMAIL.com email services.



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