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## Wisdom For The Week :

Just because we heard something does not mean we have learned it Until we do, we can not say we know.

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OK ... I give UP... As it ended UP, every one seemed to create quite an UP-roar about the UP-standing article on UP last time from John Bernhard. So as to not let John get the UPper hand on the UPs and downs of English, here is a little UPdate from Clint Long, who is UP to the task to give us another English Language catch Up.....

(But first I just wanted you to know that has always been amazing to me since I learned American Sign Language how the same sign can have several meanings depending on context and some how they get it every time. When I **readed*** (see **Dizzy Dean comment below**) this entry from Clint it made me realize that we do it everywhere in English. It is so amazing you can read these sentences below that Clint shared wit us and make almost no mistake in the words as you read. The human mind is such a marvelous thing.... It is the same thing when you speed read.

So here is what Clint sent...

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

CONTEXT...

- 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.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- 7) Since there's no time like the present, it's 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) The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a sewer fell 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.
- 18) After a number of injections my jaw got number.
- 19) Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
- 20) I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
- 21) How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

BUT THIS COULD MAKE YOU JUST GIVE UP ON ENGLISH ALTOGETHER

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 or 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 indices? Isn't it crazy that you can make amends but not one amend.

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?

Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what 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 about this? You park in the driveway and drive on the parkway?

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?

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, is not a race at all.

That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible; but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

PS. Why doesn't "Buick" rhyme with "quick"?

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And one final English Language comment then we will give it a rest. When I was in Junior High School my English teacher read us something like this from Dizzy Dean, the famous base ball announcer. He used to use really poor verb conjugation while announcing games. Every one called him down on it. The article she read was his reply to a reporter as to why he talked like he did. I just remember it was a bunch of justifications of why he conjugated verbs the way he did as he was announcing baseball. There were a whole bunch of them. The only one I really remember now was this one:

**DIZZY:** Yesterday on the 2nd out, the player had divened into third base and was tagged out.

**REPORTER:** Why did you say divened and not dove

**DIZZY:**

Drive Drove Driven  
Dive Dove Diven

It was a whole bunch of verb "mis-conjugations" like that. It was so funny but I have never been able to find it again. If any of you have knowledge as to where I could find that I would be happy to share it with everyone in here.

That is why I put in my comment above  
If the car can speed sped speeded  
Why can't I read read \*readed

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Consumer Tips

VINEGAR FISH

If you love to eat fish like I do, you will be interested in this. If you don't like to eat fish because of the "fishy" smell and taste (even though you know you should for your heart health) you will be really interested in this.

I stumbled upon this one quite by accident. Here in Seattle, Salmon is quite popular and quite inexpensive (\$3 to \$4 a pound normally). But it is quite a "fishy fish" if you know what I mean by that (if you don't you won't get this anyway). There are a couple of other kinds of fish that are quite fishy tasting and smell up the whole house of fish when you cook them.

Well my wife loves to eat vinegar on salads, so there is a bottle of balsamic vinegar sitting on our dinner table. A few weeks ago I was going to cook some Salmon. When I opened the package the fish smell was quite pronounced. I thought, "this is going to taste really fishy again". Those of you who know Salmon know that dill will really help to quell that fishy taste. If you look at most fish seasoning bottles you will see dill as one of the main ingredients. But some times it is just not enough.

So there sits the "FISHY" fish and there sits the balsamic vinegar bottle.... WHY NOT?

So I dumped some vinegar on the Salmon. To my surprise, within seconds the fishy smell stopped.

I was worried that when I cooked the Salmon, that it would taste really vinegary. But as I started to cook it, there was no vinegar smell at all. I was shocked when we ate the Salmon. It did not taste of vinegar at all and it was not "FISHY" tasting at all either. WOW!!! Martha Stewart has been replaced right in my own kitchen.

We have tried it several more times now with several other kinds of fish and several other kinds of vinegar. It does not seem to matter what kind of vinegar. The vinegar just seems to take out the fishy smell and taste but does not make the fish taste like vinegar when you cook it. We use just enough vinegar to wet the entire piece of fish then bread it, flower it or put on other seasonings then bake away....

So there you have it .. VINEGAR FISH from Cordell Vail... enjoy!!



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