

KNOCK! KNOCK!

There is a popular type of English joke, called a 'Knock! Knock!' joke. Here is an example:

A: Knock! Knock!
B: Who's there?
A: Frank.
B: Frank who?
A: Frank you very much.

This is how it works:

Person A says: *Knock! Knock!*

Person B says: *Who's there?*

Person A says a name.

Person B says the name and *who?*

Person A says a sentence beginning with a word (or words) sounding like the name. In this example, *Frank* /fræŋk/ sounds like *Thank* /θæŋk/ in *Thank you very much*.

Put each of these names into one of the 'Knock! Knock!' jokes below. If you have a problem, there is some help at the bottom of the page.

Betty Ken Harry Mary Howard Paul

1
A: Knock! Knock!
B: Who's there?
A:
B: who?
A: I come in?

4
A: Knock! Knock!
B: Who's there?
A:
B: who?
A: I know?

2
A: Knock! Knock!
B: Who's there?
A:
B: who?
A: up and open the door!

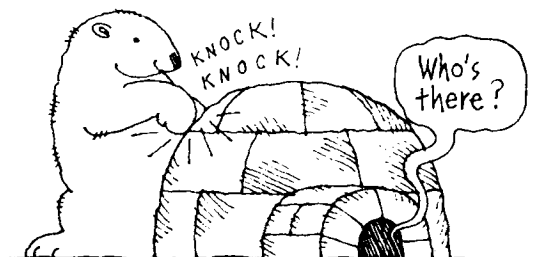
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A: Knock! Knock!
B: Who's there?
A:
B: who?
A: harder and maybe the door will open.

3
A: Knock! Knock!
B: Who's there?
A:
B: who?
A: Christmas!

6
A: Knock! Knock!
B: Who's there?
A:
B: who?
A: late than never!

The six names sound like these words:

PULL CAN HURRY BETTER
HOW WOULD MERRY



7. DO BLACK CATS BRING GOOD LUCK?
by Sue Perstishen.
(Sue Perstishen sounds the same as 'superstition'.)
8. THERE'S A PARTY ON SATURDAY by Will U. B. There.
(Will U. B. There sounds the same as 'Will you be there?')

Typing Mistakes

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75 North Square
Clifdon CL31 7PR

The Royal Hotel
Church Road
Hillborough HI25 7RJ

November 25th 1991

Dear Sir/Madam
Please reserve in my name a single room with bath/shower for the night of Wednesday December 18th.
Please also let me know whether you allow dogs in the hotel, as mine will probably be travelling with me.
Yours faithfully
John Smith
John Smith

THE ROYAL HOTEL
CHURCH ROAD HILLBOROUGH HI25 7RJ

Mr John Smith
75 North Square
Clifdon CL31 7PR

November 27th 1991

Dear Mr Smith
Thank you for your letter of November 25th. I have been a hotel manager for forty years, and have never had any problems with dogs.
- Dogs have never fallen asleep with cigarettes in their hands and burnt their beds.
- Dogs have never stolen towels from their rooms.
- Dogs have never paid their bills with bad cheques.
Your dog will be welcome.
Yours sincerely
J.T. Brown
J.T. Brown
Manager
P.S. If your dog promises that you will not cause any problems, you will be welcome too.

- G There's a mistake in my bill.
H I didn't make any phone calls.

*Remember: When you leave a hotel, you check out; when you arrive at a hotel, you check in.

Note: When you say room numbers such as 101, 206, etc., say the figures individually, and say the figure 0 like the letter O: 101 is ONE-O-ONE, 206 is TWO-O-SIX, etc.

Bricks in a Wall

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1. I'M OFF. BYE!
2. HELLO, EVERYONE. I'M BACK.
3. YOU DON'T LOOK VERY HAPPY. WHAT'S UP?
4. HE'S OUT. BUT HE'S COMING BACK LATER TODAY.
5. LET'S GO TO THE CINEMA. - O.K. WHAT'S ON?
6. HE'S IN. BUT HE DOESN'T WANT TO BE DISTURBED.
7. HE'S AWAY. HE'S NOT COMING BACK UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH.

Remember the difference between *He's out* (He's absent, but not far away and possibly not for very long) and *He's away* (He's absent, possibly quite far away and for quite a long time).

Remember also: *I'm off* means *I'm leaving*; *What's up?* means *What's the matter?/What's wrong?*; *What's on* (at the cinema)? means *What film can we see?*

4	2	6	3
5	7	1	

Answers to questions:
I'm down means *I'm unhappy*.
It's over means *It's finished*.

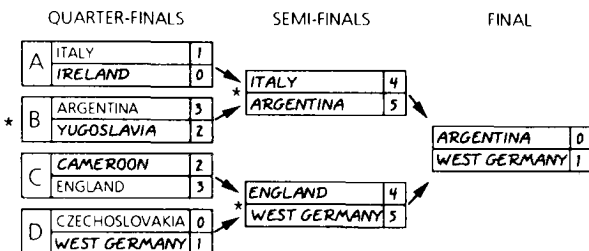
A Phonetic Crossword

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British Airways	11 Down
British Broadcasting Corporation	11 Across
British Rail	2 Down
Central Intelligence Agency	12 Down
European Community	5 Down
Federal Bureau of Investigation	7 Down
Great Britain	1 Across
Los Angeles	3 Down
Member of Parliament	8 Across
Organization of African Unity	15 Across
Please turn over	9 Down
Royal Air Force	6 Across
Please reply (from the French: <i>Répondez s'il vous plaît</i>)	17 Across
Science fiction	14 Across
Unidentified Flying Object	13 Down
United Nations	16 Down
United States of America	13 Across
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	10 Down
Very important person	4 Across

The World Cup

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Note for football enthusiasts: The scores in some matches (those marked *) included penalties after extra time.

Hotel Rooms

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- A Do you have a single room for tonight?
- B What's the price per night?
- C Is breakfast included?
- D Can I have breakfast in my room?
- E I'm checking out tomorrow.*
- F Could you have my bill ready?

Knock! Knock!

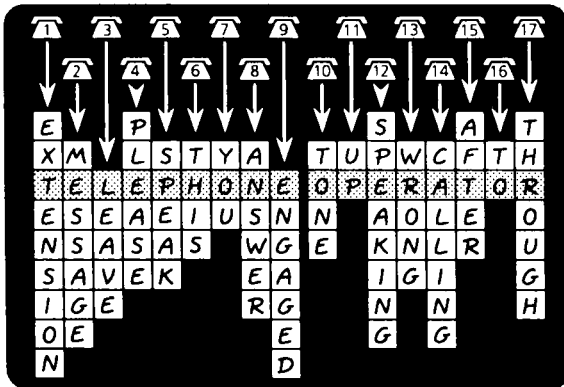
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1. Ken. (*Ken I come in!/Can I come in?*)
2. Harry. (*Harry up and open the door!/Hurry up and open the door!*)
3. Mary. (*Mary Christmas!/Merry Christmas!*)
4. Howard. (*Howard I know!/How would I know?*)
5. Paul. (*Paul harder and maybe the door will open./Pull harder and maybe the door will open.*)
6. Betty. (*Betty late than never!/Better late than never!*)

On the Telephone

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The job which appears in the special squares is *telephone operator*.



Note: 'The line's engaged' is British English; the American English equivalent is 'The line's busy'.

Eight Special Days

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| 1. MAY DAY | 5. INDEPENDENCE DAY |
| 2. CHRISTMAS DAY | 6. THANKSGIVING DAY |
| 3. NEW YEAR'S DAY | 7. VALENTINE'S DAY |
| 4. COLUMBUS DAY | 8. FATHER'S DAY* |

A:6, B:7, C:1, D:3, E:4, F:8, G:2, H:5.

*Note: *Mother's Day* is the second Sunday in May in the US, and the fourth Sunday in Lent (the period before Easter) in the UK.

Dictionary Definitions

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NORMAL DEFINITIONS

1. egotist
2. reality
3. defenceless
4. year
5. bore
6. reconsider
7. peace
8. dentist

AMBROSE BIERCE'S DEFINITIONS

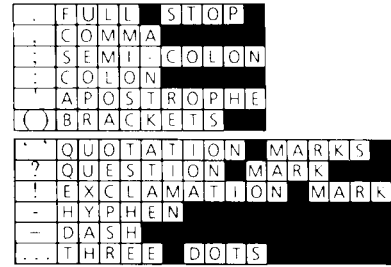
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Answer to question:

The abbreviations *n.*, *adj.* and *vb.* mean *noun*, *adjective* and *verb*.

Punctuation

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Answers to questions:

About the jokes

4; 5; 2; 1; 3.

About the famous remarks

D; A; B; C; E.

Note: In American English, a *full stop* is called a *period*.

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| 1. YOU CAN ALWAYS FIND WHAT YOU'RE NOT LOOKING FOR. | 2. IF YOU DON'T CARE WHERE YOU ARE, YOU'RE NOT LOST. |
| 3. TWO CARS APPROACHING EACH OTHER ON AN EMPTY ROAD WILL MEET AT A NARROW BRIDGE. | 4. IF YOU CAN STAY CALM WHEN EVERYONE ELSE IS PANICKING, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEM. |
| 5. EXPERTS LEARN MORE AND MORE ABOUT LESS AND LESS, UNTIL THEY KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT NOTHING | 6. WHEN YOU ARE REVISING YOUR NOTES BEFORE AN EXAM, THE MOST IMPORTANT ONES ARE ALWAYS ILLEGIBLE. |

Close the Shutters

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|---|---|
| ① IF YOU DON'T MAKE MISTAKES, YOU DON'T MAKE ANYTHING.
<i>Proverb</i> | ② IF YOU WANT SOMETHING DONE WELL, DO IT YOURSELF.
<i>Proverb</i> |
| ③ IF YOU NEVER LOVED, YOU NEVER LIVED.
<i>Proverb</i> | ④ IF A JOB'S WORTH DOING, IT'S WORTH DOING WELL.
<i>Proverb</i> |
| ⑤ IF I HAD A HAMMER, I'D HAMMER IN THE MORNING.
<i>Trini Lopez 1963</i> | ⑥ IF I FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU, WOULD YOU PROMISE TO BE TRUE?
<i>The Beatles 1964</i> |
| ⑦ IF I NEEDED SOMEONE TO LOVE, YOU'RE THE ONE THAT I'D BE THINKING OF.
<i>The Hollies 1965</i> | ⑧ IF I WERE A CARPENTER AND YOU WERE A LADY, WOULD YOU MARRY ME ANYWAY?
<i>Tim Hardin 1966</i> |

Answer to question:

In Numbers 1–4, the word *if* is followed by a verb in a *present tense* (*Present Simple* in 1, 2 and 4; *Present Perfect* in 3). In Numbers 5–8, the word *if* is followed by a verb in a *past tense* (*Past Simple* in all four).