

Punctuation

First, complete the words for these twelve punctuation marks:

.	F	U	L	L	S	T	O	P
,	C	M	M					
:	S	M	-	C	L	N		
:	O	L	N					
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Now read the jokes and famous remarks, and answer the questions.

JOKES

FAMOUS REMARKS

- 1 A: Do you know it's costing me £950 to have my house painted?
B: Wouldn't it be cheaper just to have it photographed?
- 2 A: Why do you always answer a question with a question?
B: Why shouldn't I answer a question with a question?
- 3 A: How's your insomnia?
B: Worse – I can't even sleep when it's time to get up!
- 4 FAN: You were superb in 'Romeo and Juliet'.
ACTOR: I bet you say that to everyone who's superb.
- 5 TEACHER (in history class): Where was the American Declaration of Independence signed?
STUDENT: Er...At the bottom?

- A California is a great place – if you're an orange.
FRED ALLEN
American comedian
- B In the future, everyone will be famous for fifteen minutes.
ANDY WARHOL American artist
- C I wouldn't join any club that would have me as a member.
GROUCHO MARX
American comedian
- D If you have to ask what jazz is, you'll never know.
LOUIS ARMSTRONG
American musician
- E Flying on Concorde is great: it gives you three extra hours to find your luggage.
BOB HOPE
American comedian

Questions:

Which joke has:	
two colons, two full stops, a pair of quotation marks and an apostrophe?	4
two colons, two question marks, a pair of brackets and three dots?	
two colons, two question marks and an apostrophe?	
two colons, two question marks and two apostrophes?	
two colons, a question mark, a dash, an exclamation mark and three apostrophes?	

Which famous remark has:	
a full stop, a comma and an apostrophe?	
a full stop, a dash and an apostrophe?	
a full stop and a comma?	
a full stop and an apostrophe?	
a full stop and a colon?	

Knock! Knock!

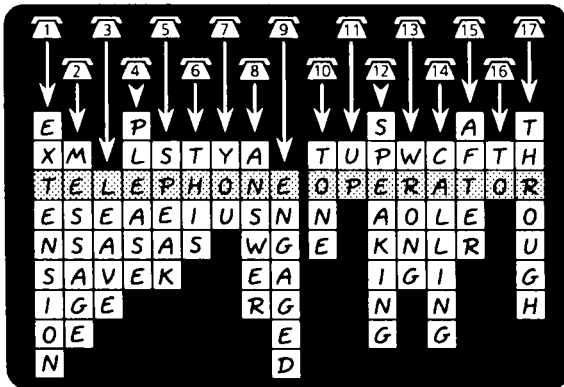
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1. Ken. (*Ken I come in!/Can I come in?*)
2. Harry. (*Harry up and open the door!/Hurry up and open the door!*)
3. Mary. (*Mary Christmas!/Merry Christmas!*)
4. Howard. (*Howard I know!/How would I know?*)
5. Paul. (*Paul harder and maybe the door 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

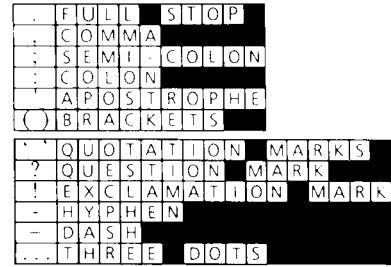
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Answer to question:

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

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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.
Proverb | ② IF YOU WANT SOMETHING DONE WELL, DO IT YOURSELF.
Proverb |
| ③ IF YOU NEVER LOVED, YOU NEVER LIVED.
Proverb | ④ IF A JOB'S WORTH DOING, IT'S WORTH DOING WELL.
Proverb |
| ⑤ IF I HAD A HAMMER, I'D HAMMER IN THE MORNING.
Trini Lopez 1963 | ⑥ IF I FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU, WOULD YOU PROMISE TO BE TRUE?
The Beatles 1964 |
| ⑦ IF I NEEDED SOMEONE TO LOVE, YOU'RE THE ONE THAT I'D BE THINKING OF.
The Hollies 1965 | ⑧ IF I WERE A CARPENTER AND YOU WERE A LADY, WOULD YOU MARRY ME ANYWAY?
Tim Hardin 1966 |

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).