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FUN WITH PALINDROMES
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01 -- FUN WITH PALINDROMES

A palindrome is a word, phrase, number or other sequence of units that has the property of reading the same in either direction (the adjustment of punctuation and spaces between words is generally permitted). The word "palindrome" was coined from Greek roots (palin) "back" and (dromos) "way, direction" by English writer Ben Jonson in the 1600s.

Palindromes as a form of wordplay have been created for many centuries. The Romans were admirers of palindromes, and produced such sentences as:

In girum imus nocte et consumimur igni.

It means we enter the circle after dark and are consumed by fire and is said to describe the movement of moths.

The number 1881 is a numeric palindrome. It is said that in that year a man was born named SYDNEY YENDYS, who, after learning that his name was a palindrome became obsessed with palindromes. Further, it is said that he competed in writing palindromic compositions with a man named LEVIN SNIVEL, whose name also is a palindrome. Finally, SYDNEY YENDYS was supposed to have had the following epitaph on his tombstone: "In my end is my beginning." I suspect that all of this is palindromic fiction, but since it illustrates what palindromes are I have recorded it here.

If you thought "radar" and several others were the only palindrome words in the English language, then just take a look at the list below. For uniformity, I have placed all of the palindromes in CAPS, and I have purposely omitted palindromes that are too delicate, or vulgar.

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PALINDROME WORDS

ABA -- A copper coin formerly used in India and Pakistan

AHA -- Used to express surprise, pleasure, or triumph

ALULA -- A small group of feathers arising from the pollex of a bird wing

AMA -- Float on a Hawaiian outrigger canoe

AMMA -- An abbess or spiritual mother

ANA -- A collection of various materials that reflect the character of a person or place

ANNA -- A copper coin formerly used in India and Pakistan

ARURA -- an ancient Egyptian unit of land

ATTA -- A type of whole wheat flour used to make east Indian breads

AWA -- The milkfish, a fish native to Hawaii

BIB -- A protector under the chin while eating

BOB -- To cause to move up and down
BUB -- A term of familiar address: See you around, bub. [Probably short for brother]
CINENIC -- A type of acid based on cinene, a terpene derived from cineol
CIVIC -- Of, relating to, or belonging to a city
DAD -- A father
DEED -- Something that is carried out; an act or action.
DEGAGED -- Past tense of degage
DEIFIED -- To make a god of
DEITIED -- Having one or more deities
DEKED -- Past tense of deke, to pass an opponent by feinting
DENNED -- A wild animal in its den or retreat
DEPIPED -- Having had one or more pipes removed
DEWED -- Covered with dew
DID -- Past tense of do
DUD -- A bomb, shell, or explosive round that fails to detonate.
ENIMINE -- A class of chemicals having a carbon-carbon double bond
ENONE -- A a ketone containing a carbon-carbon double bond
ENYNE -- Any of a class of chemicals having both double and triple carbon bond
ERE -- Previous to; before
EVE -- Evening
EVITATIVE -- a grammatical case expressing what is to be feared and avoided
EWE -- A female sheep, especially when full grown
EYE -- Organ of vision
GAG -- A regurgitative spasm, or a practical joke
GIG -- A light, two-wheeled carriage
HAGIGAH -- (Judaism) Free-will festival offering made on certain holy days
HAH -- Used to express surprise, wonder, triumph, puzzlement, or pique
HALLAH (Judaism) a traditional sabbath bread, also spelled challah
HUH -- Used to express interrogation, surprise, contempt, or indifference.
IWI -- A tribe or people of the Maori
KAKKAK -- A yellow bittern native to the Northern Marianas Islands
KAYAK -- A watertight Eskimo canoe
KINNIKINNIK -- The bearberry, an evergreen shrub
LAVAL -- Pertaining to or consisting of lava
LEVEL -- Flat
MADAM -- Used formerly as a courtesy title before a woman's given name
MAM -- Short for madam
MOM -- Mother
MUM -- Not verbalizing; silent
MURDRUM -- (Medieval English law) The secret killing of a man
MURRUM -- A hard lateritic material found in soils in tropical Africa
MUTUM -- The curassow, a large Amazonian bird
NOON -- 12:00 o'clock at midday
NUN -- Catholic Female Devotees
OBO -- Ritual cairn of stones in Mongolia
OGOPOGO -- The mythical inhabitant of Okanogan Lake, BC, Canada

PEEP -- To peek furtively
PEP -- Energy and high spirits;
PIP -- The small seed of a fruit, as that of an apple or orange. [Short for pippin.]
POP -- Used to express wonder, amazement, or great pleasure.
PUP -- A young dog; a puppy
QAMMAQ -- A traditional sod house among the Eskimo
RACECAR -- An automobile used for racing
RADAR -- R-radio D-etecting A-nd R-anging
REDDER -- More red
REFER -- To direct to another person, place, or thing
REPAPER -- Paper the walls again
RETTER -- One who rets flax in water to separate the fiber from the woody parts
REVER -- A folded back lapel
ROTATOR -- A person or thing that rotates
ROTOR -- A rotating part of an electrical or mechanical device
SABAS -- Cooking bananas from the Philippines
SAGAS -- Prose narratives
SARAS -- A large, grey crane, native to India
SASAS -- A type of bamboos
SAWAS -- Rice terraces
SAWBWAS -- Feudal aristocrats who ruled the Shan states in northern Burma
SAYAS -- ankle length skirts
SAZAS -- Administrative areas in Uganda
SEEKEES -- Those who are sought
SEES -- Perceives with the eye or eyes
SHAHS -- Used formerly as a title for the hereditary monarchs of Iran
SIS -- Short for sister
SOLOS -- Performance by or intended for a single individual
STATS -- Short for statistics
STOTS -- Yearling calves
TAT -- To do tatting or produce (something) by tatting
TENET -- An opinion, doctrine, or principle
TERRET -- One of the metal rings on a harness through which the reins pass
TIMIT -- A type of palm tree native to South America and some Caribbean islands
TOOT -- To sound a horn or whistle in short blasts
TOT -- Small child
TUT -- Used to express annoyance, impatience, or mild reproof: "Tut, Tut!"
UKU -- A grey snapper found in Hawaiian waters
VOV -- Ninth letter of the Yiddish alphabet
WAW -- Twenty-sixth letter of the Arabic alphabet
WOW -- Used to express wonder, amazement, or great pleasure
ZIZ -- A giant mythological bird
ZUZ -- A silver coin in ancient Judea

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PALINDROME PHRASES, CLAUSES, SENTENCES

These palindromes spell exactly the same forward and backward, but you must overlook spaces between words to see that.

A DOG! A PANIC IN A PAGODA!

A TOYOTA

BOMBARD A DRAB MOB

CAIN: A MANIAC

"DO NINE MEN INTERPRET?" "NINE MEN," I NOD.

DOC, NOTE: I DISSENT. A FAST NEVER PREVENTS A FATNESS. I DIET ON COD.

DON DID NOD

DON'T NOD

DRAW, O COWARD

GATEMAN SEES NAME, GARAGEMAN SEES NAME TAG

I, MADAM, I MADE RADIO. SO I DARED! AM I MAD? AM I?

LIVE NOT ON EVIL

MADAM I'M ADAM

MA IS AS SELFLESS AS I AM

NAME NO ONE MAN

NEVER EVEN

NEVER ODD OR EVEN

NOT A TON

NOT A TUB, BUT A TON

NOW, SIR, A WAR IS NEVER EVEN--SIR, A WAR IS WON!

NURSES RUN

POOR DAN IS IN A DROOP

PUFF UP

PULL UP

SENILE FELINES

SLEEP ON NO PEELS

SO MANY DYNAMOS

STEP ON NO PETS

TOO BAD I HID A BOOT

TOO FAR, EDNA, WE WANDER AFOOT

TOP SPOT

WAS IT A BAT I SAW

WAS IT A CAR OR A CAT I SAW

WE FEW

WE SEW

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PALINDROME PLACES

In conclusion, are a few palindrome places.

GLENELG (Australia)
KANAKANAK (Alaska)
KINIKINIK (Colorado)
NAVAN (Meath, Ireland)
NEUQUEN (Argentina)
WARD DRAW (South Dakota)
WASSAMASSAW (South Carolina)
YREKA BAKERY (Yreka, California)

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Please, nothing that borders on the delicate -- but, if you know of a palindrome word or group of words that I have not listed, feel free to share such with me. -- Duane

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02 -- MOSTLY AMUSING SPOONERISMS

Sometimes when I feel my worst, I resort to some humor as medicine. That is the best excuse I can give for my latest indulgence therein. This time, it's Spoonerisms. A Spoonerism is defined as "a transposition of sounds of two or more words" especially in a ludicrous way.

Spoonerisms were named after Rev. William Archibald Spooner (1844-1930), a college Dean in Oxford, England. He was reputed to have made these verbal slips frequently, thus lending his "tame to the nerm" -- Uh, I mean "his name to the term"! One person observed that Spooner "gave us Tinglish Errors and English Terrors at the same time."

Often, Spoonerisms are very funny to the people hearing them, but... uttering a Spoonerism CAN BE an "English Terror" to the speaker. I know from personal experience after uttering one that they can be very, very embarrassing -- and only funny after one has been removed from the time and place of its utterance long enough to be able look back upon it and chuckle. That said, in the following are some examples of Spoonerisms, mostly for good, clean fun. Those which are humorous are intended to amuse, and none are meant to abuse any individual. Whatever their actual origin, around most of the Spoonerisms below, I have written my own, imaginary scenario.

Here is one that I first heard in my youth. It goes something like this:

A wedding ceremony was to be conducted in a church, and the front pews were to be reserved for the family. After a lady seated herself in one of those

reserved pews, an usher approached her and attempted to address her in a very dignified manner, but got his words tangled and said:

"Mardon me padam, this pie is occu-pewed. Allow me to sew you to another sheet." -- when, of course, he had intended to say: "Pardon me, madam, this pew is occupied. Allow me to show you to another seat." ;O)

Just imagine what a Samson a man's wife might picture him to be when he says to her: "Dear, before we eat supper, I think I'm going to go shake a tower" -- instead of "take a shower"!

Or, back when I was a paper-boy, after getting a new bicycle, just imagine how amused I would have been to hear some know-it-all bike-expert tell me: "A well-boiled icicle will make it last longer" -- instead of: "A well-oiled bicycle will make it last longer"!

Again, think of a pastor and his wife in their little cabin-retreat up in the woods. They awaken in the early morning and it is quite cold. Pastor So-and-So gets out of bed shivering and says, "Honey, I'm going to go fight a liar" -- instead of "I'm going to go light a fire"! Can't you just imagine his wife replying, "That'll be a little hard to do up here, honey; we left them all down in the town where you preach every Sunday!"

Hear an old Navy-man boastfully describing one of the great sea-battles he was in. "There we were, a great fleet of cattle-ships and bruisers, about to engage the enemy!" -- meaning, of course to say, "battle-ships and cruisers"! I can imagine some of his listeners thinking: "Yeah, that DOES sound more accurate, the way this buffoon exaggerates!"

Another exaggerator is boasting of what a great pioneer his grandfather was: "Yes sir, my old grandpappy was one of those great tons of soil in the old west" -- meaning, of course to boast that his grandfather was a "great son of toil". -- his listeners also thinking to themselves: "Yeah, that's right, he was probably about as big a hunk of homely mud as YOU are!"

A college student who loved to play more than study is being reprimanded by his father who is helping finance his education. "Son, you've already tasted two worms in that school, and I refuse to pay for another!" -- Can't you just imagine the son thinking: "That's OK, dad, I never did like to eat worms anyway!" So, he quits college and becomes a grocery carry-out boy after "wasting two terms in school."

An adoring parishioner is praising her pastor before the church conference: "Pastor Blank has been such a shoving leopard of our flock; he has really moved our church forward!" As the crowd is convulsed with laughter, Pastor Blank is thinking to himself: "A leopard can't change his spots, but I'd like to change my

spot in this congregation for the nearest exit right now! -- Maybe some folks think she really DID MEAN to say 'shoving leopard' instead of 'loving shepherd'!"!

The Dean of Men at a big, worldly University spent the previous night wining and dining big contributors to the school. The next morning, his head is still spinning, and he instructs his receptionist to admit none for counsel until his head clears up. In walks a troubled student, and blurts out to the receptionist, so loudly that the Dean hears it in his back office: "IS THE BEAN DIZZY? I'D LIKE TO SEE HIM." -- Of course he meant to ask, "Is the Dean Busy?" But, taking no chances, the dizzy Dean walks over and flips the dead-bolt lock on his office door, thinking to himself, "Yeah, the BEAN IS DIZZY, and until it stops revolving, I SHALL NOT be SEEN!" (Too bad this humorous picture hits so near the truth of the rampant consumption of hard drink on such campuses! :O)

Telling of her husband's dismissal as professor of ornithology at a prestigious University, his proud wife tells a radio interviewer: "His firing was a blushing crow to him!" "But, why should a bird be embarrassed by his firing," asks the interviewer -- after which the wife of said ornithology professor is much redder-faced that any crow could ever be, and her gaff is "a crushing blow" to her pride!

A very nervous, first-time bank-robber pulls out a gun, and as he points it toward the teller his hand is shaking so badly that the gun points every-which direction. Finally, he blurts out: "Don't stick with me! This is a mess-up!" What matter that he intended to say, "Don't mess with me! This is a stick-up!" -- such a person would be somebody that nobody should "stick with" because those who steal from others "mess up" themselves and all who associate with them.

Observing the Hispanic Illegals demanding their rights as they march on U.S. streets waving Mexican flags, an incensed patriot approaches them and says angrily: "You people have very mad banners!" You mean "bad manners!" replies one of the marchers. "That TOO" retorts the fed-up U.S. taxpayer, whose tongue is as twisted as his arm is -- to pay for the freebies handed out to the interloping Latinos!

The losing candidate for political office vents his frustration during a campaign speech, and shouts out to the crowd: "My opponent's campaign is nothing but a big lack of pies!" -- whereupon, one of his opponent's supporters shouts back: "No it ISN'T! I'll PROVE IT!" -- and then throws a banana-cream pie right into the face of the speaker! No "lack of pies" there, even if his opponent's campaign WAS "a pack of lies"!

On a rainy day, a man walks into the Post Office and asks if a certain stamp is still available. Why do you ask, inquires the clerk? "Well," says the man, still dripping wet, "I'm a damp stealer, uhhh, I mean a stamp dealer!" "Well," observes the smiling clerk, "at least the first part of your Spoonerism was right!"

Bragging about the kitchen and diningroom arrangement in their house, a proud homemaker tells her friends at a tea-party: "And right off of our kitchen we have a nosey little cook." "She's overly inquisitive?" asks one of the guests. "Who's overly inquisitive?" asks the proud homemaker. "That nosey little cook you have in your house." Whereupon, the woman with the "cozy little nook" in her house is exactly as red-faced as "the nosey little cook" who serves the meals there!

Now, before I present the following, bear it mind that it was long before one of the words therein had the evil connotation that it does today. It involved the man after whom Spoonerisms are named. It is said that Spooner once said, when toasting Her Highness, Queen Victoria: "Three cheers for our queer old dean!" I wonder just how his "dear old Queen" was affected by that one!

During WWI Spooner is said to have reassured his students, "When our boys come home from France, we will have the hags flung out." I doubt that this is the reason the divorce rate has increased since the days when those "flags were hung out," and let's hope those soldier-boys who returned didn't fling out their wives as hags!

On another occasion Spooner told an audience, "We all know what it is to have a half-warmed fish inside us." He meant to say "a half-formed wish," but -- I suppose many of us DO know what it is to have a "half-warmed fish inside us." ;O)

After uniting a couple in matrimony, Spooner said: "Son, it is now kisstomary to cuss the bride." I suppose she was "kissed" right then -- after everyone stopped laughing, that is. And, let's hope she wasn't "cussed" later!

Scolding her vegetable-hating son as he starts to leave the table, his mother commands him: "Come right back here, Johnny, and finish eating your keys and parrots!" Well, I think Johnny would rather "eat peas and carrots" than the former! And, I think the parrot would prefer that too! ;O)

The following Spoonerism is one that I thought of a number of years ago. It would be good advice for some pledge-raisers at church conferences who take an hour to raise money, holding a worn-out crowd whose heads ache and whose pocketbooks are already empty: "Don't put all of your begs in one ask-it!" But, sometimes such money-gatherers, who are better beggars than ministers, DO "put all of their eggs in one basket" after that offering is raised. And, it has been known for such a begger to steal some of those eggs in that basket and appropriate them for his own use -- a la a certain televangelist who was jailed for doing so.

Here is another Spoonerism that I have told for a number of years. It goes something like this: After storing captured marijuana from drug-smugglers, U.S. officials took the huge cache of the stuff out to an incinerator to burn it. As they did so, a huge cloud of marijuana smoke ascended into the air -- just as a flock of Arctic Terns flew by. The birds were intoxicated by the smoke as they flew through

it. One of the officials said to the others, "Let's follow that flock of terns to their landing place to see what the effect was on them." They did so, and when they arrived at the spot they discovered that there was "not one tern left unstoned!" ;O) And, some of you may be tempted to think about now, "Yeah, and Duane left 'not one stone unturned' in digging up that one out of his memory!"

When the cow jumped over the moon, was she part of that famous "herd shot round the world?" Well, maybe not, but then there never was actually a "shot heard round the world" either.

Here's another one that I have told a number of times. Back in the days of King Arthur, one of his Knights went out slaying dragons and rescuing fair maidens. But, during one of his frays his horse was killed, and it began to rain cats and dogs. So, the knight found and mounted a big St. Bernard dog to ride back to the castle. However, the storm was raging so fiercely he decided to put up at an inn. After the innkeeper told him there were no vacant rooms, he noticed what the beleaguered knight was riding, and asked, "Isn't that a St. Bernard dog you are riding?" "Yes it is," the knight replied. "Well then," said the innkeeper, come on in and we'll make room for you. I wouldn't put out a knight on a dog like this!" If you can't figure out that Spoonerism, I won't bother explaining it to you. ;O)

An old gentleman who can no longer stoop down has his hat blown off amidst a crowd. Not one person offers to pick it up. In frustration, he says: "Will nobody pat my hiccup!?" I dunno, did somebody then pat his Adam's Apple, or did that somebody "pick his hat up"?

Proud of his achievement, the detective tells the news-reporter: "Through my brilliant work the punning clan to steal the cannister of laughing gas from the fair-grounds was thwarted!" Yes, "the cunning plan" was thwarted, but "the punning clan" of those who enjoy a way on plords lives on! I won't bother you with my story about making a stupid "weigh on plurds" -- nuff said about that Spoonerism here.

Here is another I have told a number of times. There was a piano-tuner named Opperknockety. He was so good that he could tune a piano the first time through all of the notes and get them perfectly tuned. However, after he tuned one man's piano, it was discovered that there was one key a bit off. So, he called the famous tuner, requesting that he come back. "I refuse to come!" said the proud tuner. "Why!" asked his customer. "Haven't you ever heard?" asked the tuner, "Opperknockety only tunes once!" If indeed your "Opportunity" to read Spoonerisms from DVM only "knocks once," this will probably be more than sufficient.

In closing: -- It is not true that "Time heals all wounds," nor is it true conversely that "Time wounds all heels." But, God HAS ordained both a place where "all wounds shall be healed" and another place where "all heels shall be wounded."

On that more serious note, I conclude.

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03 -- A FICTIONAL BRAIN-TEASER

You must deduce the answer from the following fictional facts:

A remote island was inhabited only by men. Half of the men were bald-headed and they never told the truth. Half of the men had hair on their heads and they always told the truth.

A newspaper reporter decided to go to the island to behold and write a story about this oddity.

As he was approaching the island alone in a little boat, at a distance still too far to see if they were bald or had hair on their heads, he beheld three men standing side by side on a knoll.

He cried out to the man in the middle: "Hey mister, are you bald-headed, or do you have hair on your head?"

But, just as the man in the middle replied, a factory whistle on the island blew, and the reporter did not hear his reply.

Then, after the whistle stopped blowing, the reporter asked the man on the left: "What did the man in the middle say?" The man on the left replied: "He said he is bald-headed."

Then, the reporter asked the man on the right: "What did the man in the middle say?"

The man on the right replied: "He said he has hair on his head, and he does."

NOW, WHICH MAN OR MEN HAD HAIR ON THE HEAD AND TOLD THE TRUTH? AND WHICH MAN OR MEN WERE BALD AND LIED? SEE THE ANSWER WAY DOWN BELOW -- BUT ONLY AFTER YOU THINK YOU HAVE THE ANSWERS.

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ANSWER: -- The man in the middle and the man on the right had hair on their heads and told the truth. The man on the left was bald-headed and lied.

HOW DEDUCED:

When the man in the middle was asked whether he was bald-headed or had hair on his head, **IF HE WAS BALD-HEADED, HE WOULD HAVE LIED AND SAID, "I HAVE HAIR ON MY HEAD."** Also, if the man in the middle had hair on his head, he would have told the truth and said, **"I HAVE HAIR ON MY HEAD."**

Therefore, we know that the man in the middle said: **"I HAVE HAIR ON MY HEAD."**

Therefore, when the man on the left said that the man in the middle said he was bald-headed, the man on the left was lying -- and of course was bald-headed.

Therefore, when the man on the right said the man in the middle said, **"I have hair on my head,"** the man on the right was a truth-teller, and had hair on his head.

Further, the man on the right said of the man in the middle, **"He said he has hair on his head, AND HE DOES."** Therefore, since the man on the right was a truth-teller who never lied, he identified the man in the middle as a truth-teller also.

Again:-- The man on the left was a bald-headed liar. The man on the right told the truth and therefore had hair on his head. The man in the middle also told the truth and had hair on his head.

Now, none of this is a bald-faced, or bald-headed lie. It is simply a fictional brain-teaser. Hope you got it figured out. -- Duane

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04 -- PUNCTUATION MATTERS!

"Let him that stole steal, no more.. labour, working with his hands..."

"Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands.."

Also, CONTEXT MATTERS! -- Here is the entire verse:

"Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth" (Eph. 4:28).

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05 -- THE RIGHT WORD MATTERS!

Sometimes, the wrong use an extra letter or a wrong word or two can cause a speaker to say what he or she did not intend to say. Below are some illustrations of this.

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A SPANISH TESTIMONY THAT WAS AMUSING AND PUZZLING

Years ago, I heard what I think was a true story that went much like the following:

A new missionary from the U.S. to Mexico was trying to testify in Spanish and in telling what the Lord had done for him, he said: "Ahora, no tengo pescados!"

He thought he was saying: "Now I have no sins!"

But, in using the word "pescados" he had actually said:

"Now, I have no FISH!"

As I vaguely recall hearing the story, I think that the Spanish-speaking crowd was quite amused and perhaps some puzzled by the missionary's use of the word "pescados" (fish) instead of the correct word for "sins" which is "pecados"!

Perhaps the missionary didn't have any "fish" as well as having no "sins" -- but that added "s" sure changed his testimony!

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A SPANISH QUESTION THAT WAS ALL WRONG!

Another "chiste" (joke) involving the misuse of Spanish went something like the following:

A portly American had just finished eating in a Mexican restaurant. Then, he went up to the cashier to pay for his meal. He had learned that the Spanish word for "how" is "como" and the word for "much" is "mucho".

So, he patted his bulging stomach and said to the cashier: "Como mucho."

The cashier smiled and said, "Si". (Yes)

Having not received the answer he desired, the portly American again said, "Como mucho"

But again the cashier simply responded, "Si".

Finally, becoming a bit annoyed, the overweight American demanded, "COMO MUCHO!"

But still, the reply from the cashier was a polite "Si".

What the fat American did not understand was: The way to ask "How much?" in Spanish is NOT the combination of "como" with "mucho". The way to ask "How much?" is by using the word "Cuanto es?" -- "How much is it?" or in this case "Cuanto es la comida" -- "How much is the meal?"

To compound the mistake and make his words amusing, the portly American did not know that the word "como" is also the first person singular for "I eat" -- and as he patted his bulging midsection he was telling the cashier, "Como much" he was saying: "I EAT MUCH!" ;O)

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THIS WOULD BE BAD!

The same portly American gentleman walks into another restaurant, and as the one who seats patrons approaches, he reaches into his vest for his handkerchief while mistakenly stating: "Deseo Dinero!" -- thinking he has said, "I want dinner."

The restaurant usher turns pale as again the portly American demands: "DESEO DINERO!"

Whereupon the usher flees to the telephone and quickly la policia (police) arrive on the scene and arrest the man!

"Deseo" is the first person singular for "I want" or "I wish" -- but "dinero" in Spanish is NOT the word for "dinner" -- but for "money"!

The Fat-Cat American with his hand in his vest is demanding: "I WANT MONEY!" -- and he lands in jail as one who is a hold-up man, instead of a hungry dude wanting dinner!

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THIS WOULD BE EVEN WORSE!

The Mexican policia ask the bumbling American how many times he has done this before?

He replies "once" -- (pronounced "own-say").

Whereupon they lock him up and throw away the key!

"Once" in English means "one time" -- but in Spanish it means "Eleven"! ;O)

The fat-cat would end up with fewer dollars and more dolores (pains) before he got out of jail and learned how to speak Spanish better!

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06 -- DON'T DO THIS!

It Was Horrible!

The inscription on the metal bands used by the U.S. Department of the Interior to tag migratory birds has been changed. The bands used to bear the address of the Washington Biological Survey, abbreviated:

Wash. Biol. Surv.

until the agency received the following letter from an Arkansas camper:

"Dear Sirs,

"While camping last week I shot one of your birds. I think it was a crow. I followed the cooking instructions on the leg tag and I want to tell you it was horrible."

The bands are now marked Fish and Wildlife Service.

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Birds Of A Feather

This one isn't a "real hoot" ... but, anyway, here goes...

Each evening, birdlover Tom Rowe stood in his backyard in Devon, England hooting like an owl -- and one night, an owl called back to him. For a year, the man and his feathered friend hooted back and forth. Rowe even kept a log of the "conversation."

Just as Rowe thought he was on the verge of a breakthrough in interspecies communication, his wife had a chat with next door neighbor, Nancy Hollis.

"My husband spends his nights... calling out to owls," said Mrs. Rowe.

"That's odd," Mrs. Hollis replied. "So does my John."

Then it dawned on them.

The moral of this story is: Not every old bird that "hoots" is a wise-owl! Some are "dumb as dodos"!

Paul Harvey, Good Day!

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