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**A Meeting in the Street**

- Pete, can you see these people in the street?

* Do you mean the group in green T-shirts and jeans?
* Yes, let’s go and see.
* They’re handing out some leaflets and free sweets for the kids.
* Can you see the man with the beanie? He’s preaching something to the people.
* There are some free seats under the trees. Let’s see what he can teach us.
* OK, Pete. But, please, buy me some ice cream. And not the cheapest!

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**Milk or a Pill?**

- Why didn’t you drink the milk, Mister Will? I insist that you drink it.

- This milk makes me feel sick. You’d better give me a pill!

- It’s a pity! I think with your illness milk is better than a pill.

- But you mixed it with something pink! You’ve tricked me! It isn’t just milk. Now it’s bitter and it stinks!

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**A Desperate Friend**

-Inspector Edwards? Can you help?

- Yes?

- My friends, Ken and Jenny, went away and they never came back.

- Let me ask you some questions. When was it?

- On Wednesday, the 10th of February, around ten.

- So, tell me about the events of the 10th.

- Well, Jenny telephoned me. I was in bed. She was evidently stressed. She said they went somewhere and then the call ended. The telephone was dead.

- Anything else?

- Yes, then Ken texted me at ten past ten. The message said “get help.”

- Did they have any enemies?

- I guess. They were threatened.

- Well, Ms. Bell. I’ll do my best. And you’d better get some rest.

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**A Mad Day**

* What’s happened, Sam? Why are you so sad?
* A black African rabbit has vanished from the lab!
* Why panic? Is it so bad?
* Exactly! The animal is mad! It can attack!
* Why didn’t you keep the rabbit in a special tank or a plastic sack?
* I couldn’t do that! The tank is full of mad rats and there is a mad parrot in the sack!

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**A Muddy Rug**

- My love, this rug is muddy. Can you clean it on Sunday?

- But I can’t. On Sunday my mom’s coming for lunch. And the drycleaner is shut on Sunday.

- Maybe Monday?

- On Monday our son is taking us to the country to have some fun.

- Where does he get the money, I wonder?

- Oh, shut up. We’ve discussed this enough.

- Ok, hun. If there’s so much trouble, let’s clean the rug some other time.

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**The Car Alarm**

-Darling! I can’t see our car! Where did you park it?

- Just past the last house. On the large patch of grass near the park.

- Why so far from the apartment?

- Well, they don’t charge anything for parking on the grass.

- That’s a disaster, Mark! It’s so far! We won’t hear the alarm!

- Calm down, sweetheart. I left Charlie in the car. He’ll bark. Thieves won’t get too far.

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**The Forgotten Broth**

- Sorry, but this coffee’s horrible.

- What's the problem?

- There's something wrong with it…

- There’s not! Stop bothering me, Scott! The coffee is strong and hot! What more do you want?

- Sonya…. Did you wash the pot properly?

- The pot? Wash it? No, I did not!!

- That’s the problem. There was broth for Bob in it before.

- Was there? Oh, gosh! I forgot!

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**In-laws in August**

-Paul! All my in-laws are coming in August! They’re forcing us to board them.

- It’s awful. You ought to call them! We can’t afford it!

- I’ve already called! They say our house is gorgeous but I think it’s rather small!

- Why so much talk? How many in-laws have you got?

- More than forty!

- Oh, no! Then tell them it’s an awfully long walk and our Ford is too small to transport them all.

- You know…they say they’ll bring their horses!

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**Choosing a Pullover**

- Can you help me to choose a pullover?

- What pullover would you like?

- It should look like the pullover on this woman in the picture I took.

- Do you like this one with a hood?

- No, no hoods.

- Then put on this one. It's made of wool.

- But it's purple! It wouldn't look good!

- Let's have a look…

- I like the one hanging on the hook! It's wonderful!

- Hm... but it’s my pullover. I wouldn't sell it even if I could.

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**Blue Shoes for Cuba**

-Guess where Trudy is going on Tuesday!

- No clue!

- She is going to Cuba! In June she is playing the flute at a music festival “Loony Tunes.”

- Cool! That’s quite soon.

- And now she is looking for blue shoes.

- Why did she choose blue for the shoes?

- She wants them to match her suit and jewelry and the flag of Cuba.

- Oh! That’s cute!

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**A Perfect Girl-friend**

- I've got a new girl-friend!

- Who is she?

- That girl with curly hair in a fur coat.

- She is perfect, Curt! Where does she work?

- She is in her third term at Birmingham University. She earns some money doing research.

- What kind of research?

- Some project work “Murders and Crimes for Mercenary Purposes.”

- A perfect girl-friend! I hope she won't hurt you!

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**Going to Monaco**

-Where are we going for the weekend?

- We are going to Monaco!

- Oh, no! It’s October. Does it snow?

- In Monaco? You must be joking!

- Then how are we going to snowboard?

- But nobody spoke about snowboarding. We are going boating!

- Boating? I didn’t know.

- Monte Carlo has a most beautiful coast. And I know a fellow in a nearby cove. He can show us how to row a boat.

- Oh! It’ll be so romantic, I hope.

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**Dying for Ice-cream**

- What's the time?

- It's nearly nine.

- Right. We've walked five miles. Would you like some ice-cream?

- That would be nice. I'm dying for some ice-cream.

- There’s a wide choice here. What kind of ice-cream would you like?

- I think lime would be nice. Let's try it.

- Fine… Here you are. I've decided to buy five.

- Five ice creams? You are so kind!... What a delight to sit here idly looking at the kite flying in the sky!

- The pleasure is all mine.

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**A Loud Row**

-How would you explain your row?

- I can’t speak about it now. I’m really down.

- Anyhow you shouldn’t have been so loud. A crowd gathered around the house.

- But he shouted at me! And was using foul language! He called me a stout cow!

- I doubt it. Go out and make it up with him right now!

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**A Strange Play**

- Wake up! Our neighbours are staring!... Your behaviour is strange!

- It's not my behaviour that is strange but the play.

- The play?

- Yes. Coming here was a mistake. I'd rather go straight to the buffet and have my favourite cake.

- Wait! Just look at the people on the stage!

- Ok, babe… They are naked… with pale faces… and have snakes around their waists! Isn't that strange?

- Maybe… in a way. But the playwright is very famous! It's his eighth play on the stage!

- My congratulations to him on the occasion!

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**A Noisy Boy**

-I can’t control this boy! He is very noisy and boisterous.

- Yes, and he is always breaking the toys and destroying the furniture!

- And his voice always annoys me.

- He is a real disappointment…

- But there is no point complaining…

- Yes… he’s our boss’s boy.

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**“Tomorrow Free Beer”**

Mr. Deer: Hello! We want our free beer!

Waiter: Really? Who said we serve free beer here?

Mr. Deer: We were here yesterday and we saw that sign in the rear saying “Tomorrow free beer”.

Waiter: But the sign makes it clear: “TOMORROW free beer”.

Mr. Deer (losing his temper): Can you hear me? Yesterday…Oh! I have the idea.

Waiter: The sign here always says “Tomorrow free beer”. So whenever you appear, you always pay for your beer.

Mr. Deer: Oh, dear!

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**Scary Hair**

Clair: Why are you staring at me?

Mr. Ware: We are staring at your hair. It looks scary.

Clair: Don’t even dare to criticize my hair!

Mr. Ware: But we are your parents! When you came home last year it looked fair and healthy. And now…

Clair: Well, I don’t really care. I like the way I wear it.

Mr. Ware: Clair! Let’s be fair. Are you aware that you’re losing your hair? Look over there!

Clair (looking in the mirror): Oh, dear! I was unaware! I despair!

Mr. Ware: (philosophically): Good hair has become so rare.

Clair: I think the cause is in the air!

Mr. Ware: The cause is elsewhere! You just have to take better care of your hair.