

This file contains 891 lines from my private collection beginning with the letter "B". More to follow in due time. Enjoy!

THE SUPERLIST OF FUN LINES AND FAMOUS QUOTATIONS

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But the fact that some geniuses were laughed at does not imply that all who are laughed at are geniuses. They laughed at Columbus, they laughed at Fulton, they laughed at the Wright brothers. But they also laughed at Bozo the Clown. *Carl Sagan*

Some fun lines and famous quotations

B2 or not B2, THAT is the question.

B-52 bombing from 30,000-40,000 feet is very accurate. They hit the ground every time.

Babies are God's opinion that the world should go on.

Babies are such a nice way to start people. *Don Herold*

Babies can't walk because their legs aren't long enough to reach the ground.

Baby, I ain't askin' much of you / Just a big-a big-a hunk o' love will do. *Aaron Schroeder & Sid Wyche*

Babylon in all its desolation is a sight not so awful as that of the human mind in ruins. *Scrope Davies*

Babylon in ruins is not so melancholy a spectacle (as a distracted person). *Joseph Addison*

Bacchus: A convenient deity invented by the ancients as an excuse for getting drunk. *Ambrose Bierce*

Bachelor: A guy who is footloose and fiancée-free.

Bachelor: A man who never made the same mistake once.

Bachelor: A selfish guy who has cheated some woman out of a divorce. *Quinn*

Bachelor: the only man who has never told his wife a lie.

Bachelors have consciences, married men have wives. *H. L. Mencken*

Bachelors know more about women than married men. If they didn't, they would be married too. *H. L. Mencken*

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Bachelors' wives and old maids' children are well taught.

Back: That part of your friend which it is your privilege to contemplate in your adversity. *Ambrose Bierce*

Backward, turn backward, O Time, in your flight! / Make me a child again, just for to-night! / Rock me to sleep. *Elizabeth Akers Allen*

Bacteria: the only culture some people have.

Bad artists always admire each other's work. *Oscar Wilde*

Bad conduct soils the finest ornament more than filth. *Titus Plautus* (B.C. 254-184)

Bad cop! No donut!

Bad habits are hard to break... especially if you like them.

Bad is never good until worse happens. *Danish proverb*

Bad luck is being run over by the welcome wagon.

Bad luck is fertile. *Russian Proverb*

Bad men are full of repentance. *Aristotle*

Bad men live that they may eat and drink, whereas good men eat and drink that they may live. *Socrates*

Bad money drives out good.

Bad money drives out good money. *Thomas Gresham* (1519-1579) (*Gresham's Law*)

Bad news travels fast.

Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote. *George Jean Nathan*

Bad races are the result of giving in to natural urges: running fast when you feel fresh and slowing down when you start to hurt. *Joe Henderson*

Bad situations provide the opportunity for great deeds. *Dee Groberg*

Bad taste is a species of bad morals. *Christian Nestell Bovee*

Bad weather forecasts are more often right than good ones.

Bad weather reports are more often right than the good ones. (*Murphy's Thirty-sixth Law*)

Badness comes in waves.

Badness you get easily, in quantity; the road is smooth, and it lies close by. But in front of excellence the immortal gods have put sweat, and long and steep is the way to it, and rough at first. But when you come to the top, then it is easy even though it is hard. *Hesiod* (700 B.C.)

Bad's the best, if that be the best of her characters. *Edgeworth*

Balance the checkbook: To go to the cash machine and hit "inquire".

Bald = Comb-Free

Ban the bomb. Save the world for conventional warfare.

Banectomy: The removal of bruises on a banana. *Rich Hall*

Bank error in your favor. Collect \$200.

Banker: A fellow who lends you his umbrella when the sun is shining and wants it back the minute it begins to rain. *Mark Twain*

Bankers are the assassins of hope.

Banking establishments are more dangerous than standing armies. *Thomas Jefferson*

Bar-be-que: You bought the groceries, washed the lettuce, chopped the tomatoes, diced the onions, marinated the meat and cleaned everything up but he, "made the dinner".

Bare walls make giddy housewives. *John Clarke*

Barium: What doctors do when treatment fails.

Barking dogs don't bite people they don't know.

Barking dogs never bite.

Barking dogs seldom bite.

Barometer: An ingenious instrument which indicates what kind of weather we are having. *Ambrose Bierce*

Base 10 numbers are still not accepted by a number of older people who grew up with shillings and crowns.

Baseball is a skilled game. It's America's game - it, and high taxes. *Will Rogers*

Baseball is to football as Beethoven is to rap. *Patrick Mott*

Bashfulness is an enemy to poverty.

Basic Airline Flying: Keep the pointy end forward.
Basic research is what I am doing when I don't know what I am doing. *Werner von Braun*
Basic research is what you do when you don't know what you are doing.
Basically, I'm for anything that gets you through the night - be it prayer, tranquilizers or a bottle of Jack Daniels. *Frank Sinatra*
Bathroom: a room used by the entire family, believed by all except Mom to be self-cleaning.
Batman is the hero any of us could be, given determination, exercise, and deep psychological trauma. *Chris Jarocha-Ernst*
Battle not with monsters, lest ye become a monster. And if you gaze long into the Abyss, the Abyss gazes into you. *Friedrich Nietzsche* (1844-1900)
Be a better psychiatrist and the world will beat a psychopath to your door.
Be a corporate good citizen; hire the morally handicapped.
Be a god and hold me with a charm! Be a man and fold me with thine arm! *Robert Browning* (1812-1889)
Be a good listener 'cause you never learn much from talking. *Will Rogers*
Be a life long or short, its completeness depends on what it was lived for. *David Starr Jordan*
Be a tail to lions rather than a head to jackals. *The Talmud* (B.C. 500?-400? A.D.)
Be affectionate to one who adores you.
Be alert, Americana needs more lerts.
Be alert, the world needs more lerts.
Be an angel on your own - perform a small act of kindness for someone else.
Be an opener of doors for such as come after thee, and do not try to make the universe a blind alley. *Ralph Waldo Emerson* (1803-1882)
Be and not seem. *Ralph Waldo Emerson* (1803-1882)
Be anxious for nothing. / Be thankful for anything. / Be prayerful about everything. *Apostle Paul*
Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity. *Horace Mann*
Be assured that a walk through the ocean of most Souls would scarcely get your Feet wet. Fall not in Love, therefore: it will stick to your face.
Be bold and courageous. When you look back on your life, you will regret the things you didn't do more than the ones you did.
Be bold in what you stand for; and careful what you fall for.
Be bold. If you're going to make an error, make a doozey, and don't be afraid to hit the ball. *Billie Jean King*
Be both a speaker of words and a doer of deeds.
Be brave. Even if you're not, pretend to be. No one can tell the difference.
Be braver. You cannot cross a chasm in two small jumps.
Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint. *Mark Twain*
Be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts. *Solomon*
Be careful - Is it classified?
Be careful of reading health books; you might die of a misprint. *Mark Twain*
Be careful of your thoughts, they may become words at any moment.
Be careful out there. There are things that go bump in the night. Actually, there are things that go 'Give me your wallet or I'll kill you' in the night. *John Larroquette*
Be careful what rut you choose. You may be in it the rest of your life.
Be careful what you pretend to be because you are what you pretend to be. *Kurt Vonnegut*
Be careful what you wish for, you might get it.
Be careful when a loop exits to the same place from side and bottom.
Be carefull of your speling and your languague; you never know when your menuscrypt is red by somebody else than you-self. *Christer Sundqvist*
Be careless in your dress if you must, but keep a tidy soul. *Mark Twain*
Be cautious in your daily affairs.
Be cheerful while you are alive.

Be civil to all; sociable to many; familiar with few; friend to one; enemy to none. *Benjamin Franklin*

☞ Be comforted and don't be lonely. The sun shines on you by day, and the moon and the stars reflect their light on you by night; Thus you are loved by those around you, with an unceasing, bright love. Hold this love in your hopes and remember it in your prayers. *Joanne Domenech*

Be content with your lot; one cannot be first in everything. *Aesop* (620-560 BC)

Be content with what you've got, but be sure you've got plenty.

Be convinced that to be happy means to be free and that to be free means to be brave. Therefore do not take lightly the perils of war. *Thucydides*

Be courteous with all, but intimate with few; and let those few be well tried before you give them your confidence. *George Washington*

Be different: Conform.

Be excellent to each other.

Be free and open and breezy! Enjoy! Things won't get any better so you better get used to it.

Be glad of life because it gives you the chance to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars. *Henry van Dyke* (1852-1933)

Be good and you will be lonesome. *Mark Twain* (1835-1910)

Be good, be kind, be humane, and charitable; love your fellows; console the afflicted; pardon those who have done you wrong. *Zoroaster* (B.C. 628?-551?)

Be good or be good at it!

Be happy while you're living, For you're a long time dead. *Scottish Proverb*

Be happy with the real pleasures in life.

Be humble or you'll stumble.

Be kind and considerate to others, depending somewhat upon who they are. *Don Herold*

Be kind, everyone you meet is fighting a tough battle, too.

Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a battle. *John Watson*

Be kind to everyone you talk with. You never know who's going to be on the jury. *Tiger Goldstick*

Be kind to unkind people - they need it the most.

Be kind to your inferiors, if you can find any.

Be kind to your web-footed friends; that duck may be a buyer.

Be kind to yourself, look for improvement, not perfection.

Be like a postage stamp. Stick to one thing until you get there. *Josh Billings* (1818-1885)

Be like the bird in flight. Pausing a while on boughs too slight, feels them give way beneath her, yet sings knowing yet, that she has wings. *Victor Hugo*

Be moderate where pleasure is concerned, avoid fatigue.

Be modest! It is the kind of pride least likely to offend. *Jules Renard*

Be more brave: You cannot cross a chasm in two small jumps.

Be more concerned with your character than with your reputation. Your character is what you really are while your reputation is merely what others think you are. *John Wooden*

Be nice to everyone on your way to the top because you pass them all on the way down. *Fred A. Hufnagel Sr.*

Be nice to people on your way up because you'll meet them on your way down. *Wilson Mizner*

Be nice to your enemies, it drives them nuts.

Be nice to your kids. They'll choose your nursing home.

Be nice to your kids, they'll decide on your nursing home. (Bumper Sticker)

Be not afraid of going slowly; be afraid only of standing still. *Chinese Proverb*

Be not afraid of growing slowly, be afraid only of standing still. *Chinese Proverb*

Be not afraid of life - believe that life is worth living and your belief will help create the fact. *William James* (1842-1910)

Be not afraid of shadows. *William Shakespeare*

Be not angry that you cannot make others as you wish them to be, since you cannot make yourself as you wish to be. *Thomas a Kempis*

Be not as one that hath ten thousand years to live; death is nigh at hand: while thou livest, while thou hast time, be good. *Marcus Aurelius Antoninus* (121-180)

Be Not Bumptious! *Stan Buchanan*

Be not careless in deeds, nor confused in words, nor rambling in thought. *Marcus Aurelius Antoninus* (121-180)

Be not deceived with fair pretences, nor suppose that sorrow healeth misfortune. It is a poison under the colour of a remedy; while it pretendeth to draw the arrow from thy breast, lo, it plungeth it into thine heart. *Akhenaton?* (c. B.C. 1375)

Be not forgetful to entertain strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. *The New Testament*

Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. *The New Testament*

Be not simply good - be good for something. *Henry David Thoreau*

Be not surprised if thou findest thyself in possession of unexpected wealth. Allah will provide an unexpected use for it. *James J. Roche*

Be not too tame neither, but let your own Discretion be your tutor; suit the action to the word, the word to the action. *William Shakespeare* (1564-1616)

Be of an exceedingly humble spirit, for the end of man is the worm. *The Talmud* (B.C. 500?-400? A.D.)

Be of good cheer. Do not think of today's failures, but of the success that may come tomorrow. You have set yourselves a difficult task, but you will succeed if you persevere; and you will find a joy in overcoming obstacles. *Helen Keller*

Be of good hope in the face of death. Believe in this one truth for certain, that no evil can befall a good man either in life or death, and that his fate is not a matter of indifference to the gods. *Socrates* (B.C. 469-399)

Be on your guard against a silent dog and still water. *Latin Proverb*

Be organized : This is a euphemism for being efficiently lazy. *Isaac Asimov*

Be patient with those who are slower than you, for they make you look better.

Be Prepared. *Boy Scout Motto*

Be reasonable: Do it my way.

Be regular and orderly in your life, that you may be violent and original in your work. *Clive Barker*

Be ruled by time, the wisest counsellor of all. *Plutarch* (c.46-c.120 A. D.)

Be security conscious - National defense is at stake.

Be seeing you.

Be self-reliant and your success is assured.

Be silent and safe - silence never betrays you. *John O'Reilly* (1844-1890)

Be slow in choosing a friend, but slower in changing him. *Scottish Proverb*

Be slow in choosing a friend, slower in changing. *Benjamin Franklin*

Be slow of tongue and quick of eye. *Miguel de Cervantes*

Be slow to fall into friendship; but when thou art in, continue firm and constant. *Socrates* (B.C. 469-399)

Be spontaneous!

Be sure to ask enough. *John Clarke*

Be sure to treat your assumptions as though they are reality.

Be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath. *New Testament*

Be the change that you want to see in the world. *Mohandas Gandhi*

Be the first to say what is self-evident, and you are immortal. *M. Ebner-Eschenbach*

Be thine enemy an ant, see in him an elephant. *Turkish Proverb*

Be thou familiar, but by no means vulgar. *William Shakespeare*

Be true to your own act and congratulate yourself if you have done something strange and extravagant to break the monotony of a decorous age.

Be true to your work, your word, and your friend. *Henry David Thoreau*

Be valiant, but not too venturous. Let thy attire be comely, but not costly.

Be wary of any enterprise which requires new clothes. *Henry David Thoreau*

Be wary of strong drink. It can make you shoot at tax collectors and miss. *Lazarus Long*

Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind. *Dr. Seuss*

Be willing to lose a battle in order to win the war.

Be willing to make decisions. That's the most important quality in a good leader. Don't fall victim to what I call the 'ready-aim-aim-aim-aim syndrome.' You must be willing to fire. *George S. Patton*

Be wiser than other people if you can; but do not tell them so. *Lord Chesterfield*

Be ye lamps unto yourselves - hold ye fast to the truth as to a lamp. *Buddhism*

Be your character what it will, it will be known; and nobody will take it upon your word. *Chesterfield (1694-1773)*

"Be Yourself" is about the worst advice you can give to people. *Mark Twain*

Be yourself - who else is better qualified? *Frank J. GIBLIN II*

Bear in mind, if you are going to amount to anything, that your success does not depend upon the brilliancy and the impetuosity with which you take hold, but upon the ever lasting and sanctified bulldoggedness with which you hang on after you have taken hold. *Dr. A. B. Meldrum*

Bear wealth, poverty will bear itself. *French Proverb*

Bear with evil and expect good. *French Proverb*

Beautiful dreamer, wake unto me, / Starlight and dewdrop are waiting for thee. *Stephen Foster*

Beauty and chastity seldom agree.

Beauty and grace command the world. *Park Benjamin*

Beauty and harmony are as necessary to you as the very breath of life.

Beauty and sadness always go together. / Nature thought beauty too rich to go forth / Upon the earth without a meet alloy. *George MacDonald (1824-1905)*

Beauty contests didn't start in Hollywood, Atlantic City or Miami, they began when the second woman arrived on earth.

Beauty depends on size as well as symmetry. No very small animal can be beautiful, for looking at it takes so small a portion of time that the impression of it will be confused. Nor can any very large one, for a whole view of it cannot be had at once, and so there will be no unity and completeness. *Aristoteles (384-322 B.C)*

Beauty draws more than oxen.

Beauty draws us with a single hair. *Alexander Pope*

Beauty fades like a flower.

Beauty in a woman without good judgement is like a gold ring in a pig's snout. *Solomon*

Beauty in things exists in the mind which contemplates them. *David Hume*

Beauty is a short-lived reign. *Socrates*

Beauty is a witch, / Against whose charms faith melteth into blood. *William Shakespeare (1564-1616)*

Beauty is an outward gift which is seldom despised, except by those to whom it has been refused. *Edward Gibbon*

Beauty is but a blossom. *Draxe*

Beauty is in the body of the beholdee. *John Quill Taylor*

Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder. (Bumper Sticker)

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

Beauty is no inheritance. *John Ray*

Beauty is not caused. It is. *Emily Dickinson*

Beauty is only skin deep.

Beauty is only skin deep, but it is very agreeable though, for all that. *Cobbett*

Beauty is only skin deep, but it's a valuable asset if you're poor or haven't any sense. *Kin Hubbard*

Beauty is only skin deep...but ugly goes all the way to the bone!

Beauty is only skin deep, but ugly goes clean to the bone. (*Parker's Law*)

Beauty is only skin deep, but ugly goes clear to the bone.

Beauty is potent but money is omnipotent. *John Ray*

Beauty is power; a smile is its sword. *Charles Reade*

Beauty is quite different from charm, beauty is what you notice in a woman, charm is when a woman notices you.

Beauty is the first present nature gives to women and the first it takes away. *George Brossin Méré*

Beauty... it's a sort of bloom on a woman. If you have it you don't need to have anything else; and if you don't have it, it doesn't much matter what else you have. *James Matthew Barrie*

Beauty, like truth, is relative to the time when one lives and to the individual who can grasp it. The expression of beauty is in direct ratio to the power of conception the artist has acquired. *Gustave Courbet*

Beauty may have fair leaves, yet bitter fruit. *Lyly*

Beauty, more than bitterness / Makes the heart break. *Sara Teasdale (1884-1933)*

Beauty parlor: A place where women curl up and dye.

Beauty seldom recommends one to another.

Beauty soon grows familiar to the lover, / Fades in his eye, and palls upon the sense. The virtuous Marcia towers above her sex. *Joseph Addison (1672-1719)*

Beauty, strength, youth, are flowers but fading seen; / Duty, faith, love, are roots, and ever green. *George Peele (1558?-1597?)*

Beauty that doesn't make a woman vain makes her very beautiful. *Josh Billings*

Beauty times brains equals a constant. (*Beckhap's Law*)

Beauty when most unclothed is clothed best. *Phineas Fletcher*

Beauty without expression is boring. *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Bebop was about change, about evolution. It wasn't about standing still and becoming safe. If anybody wants to keep creating they have to be about change. *Miles Davis (1926-1991)*

Because an appeal makes logical sense is no guarantee that it will work. *William Bernbach*

Because everyone uses language to talk, everyone thinks he can talk about language. *Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*

Because I am a woman, I must make unusual efforts to succeed. If I fail, no one will say, She doesn't have what it takes. They will say, Women don't have what it takes. *Clare Boothe Luce*

Because I could not stop for Death, / He kindly stopped for me - / The Carriage held but just ourselves / And Immortality. *Emily Dickinson*

Because I'm a guy, I must hold the television remote control in my hand while I watch TV. If the thing has been misplaced, I'll miss a whole show looking for it, though one time I was able to survive by holding a calculator.

Because I'm a guy, when I catch a cold I need someone to bring me soup and take care of me while I lie in bed and moan. You never get as sick as I do, so for you this isn't an issue.

Because is a woman's reason.

Because just as good morals, if they are to be maintained, have need of the laws, so the laws, if they are to be observed, have need of good morals. *Niccolò Machiavelli*

Because: Mom's reason for having kids do things which can't be explained logically.

Because of the age of the patient, speed was increased for fear of the patient going bad on the table.

Because the stone does not think, does not even feel, its limitedness is not a limitation for it, that is, is not a negation in it for sensation, imagination, thought, etc., which it does not possess. *G. W. F. Hegel (1770-1831)*

Because the wine remembers.

"Because there has been no one to stop me" has been one of the principles of my life. *Joyce Carol Oates*

Become a possibilitarian. No matter how dark things seem to be or actually are, raise your sights and see possibilities always see them, for they're always there. *Norman Vincent Peale*

Becoming aware of my character defects leads me to the next step - blaming my parents.

Becoming overweight is something that snacks up on you.

Bed is the poor man's opera. *Italian Proverb*

Bedfellows make strange politicians.

Been there, done that and have the tee-shirt to prove it.

Bees that have money in their mouths have stings in their tails. *W. Secker*

Beethoven always sounds to me like the upsetting of a bag of nails, with here and there an also dropped hammer. *John Ruskin*

Before a marriage, a man will lie awake all night thinking about something you've said; after marriage, he'll fall asleep before you finish saying it. *Helen Rowland*

Before all else, be armed. *Niccolo Machiavelli*

Before all else, each of us must take a fundamental risk to be true to ourselves. *Jim Webb*

Before beginning a Hunt, it is wise to ask someone what you are looking for before you begin looking for it.

Before borrowing money from a friend, decide which you need more.

Before creation God did just pure mathematics. The He thought it would be a pleasant change to do some applied. *John E. Littlewood*

Before dinner, let us explore the southern plains and climb the northern mountains. After dinner, there are snakes in the southern plains and tigers in the northern mountains. *Chinese Proverb*

Before everything else, getting ready is the secret of success. *Henry Ford*

Before God we are all equally wise - and equally foolish. *Albert Einstein (1879-1955)*

Before I married, I had three theories about raising children and no children. Now, I have three children and no theories. *John Wilmot*

Before I met my husband, I'd never fallen in love, though I'd stepped in it a few times. *Rita Rudner*

Before I start speaking, I'd like to say something.

Before I was married, I had a hundred theories about raising children and no children. Now, I have three children and no theories. *John Wilmot*

Before marriage, a man declares that he would lay down his life to serve you; after marriage, he won't even lay down his newspaper to talk to you. *Helen Rowland*

Before marriage a man will lie awake all night thinking about something you said. After marriage he will fall asleep before you have finished saying it.

Before St. John's Day for rain we pray, after that we get it anyway. *English Proverb*

Before the world finds a place for you, find a place for yourself in the world.

Before they invented drawing boards, what did they go back to?

Before we blame, we should first see if we can't excuse. *Georg Christoph Lichtenberg*

Before we can forgive one another, we have to understand one another. *Emma Goldman*

Before we set our hearts too much on anything, let us examine how happy are those who already possess it. *Francois de La Rochefoucauld*

Before Xerox, five carbons were the maximum extension of anybody's ego.

Before you can break out of prison, you must realize that you are locked up.

Before you flare up at another's faults, take time to count ten of your own.

Before you have an argument with your boss, take a good look at both sides - your boss's side and the outside.

Before you make a friend eat a bushel of salt with him. *Cicero*

Before you point your fingers be sure your hands are clean.

Before you put on a frown, make absolutely sure there are no smiles available. *Jim Beggs*

Before you speak, turn your tongue seven times in your mouth. *Yoruban Proverb*

Before you utter somebody else's shortcomings, remember yours. *Mohammed*

Beg from beggars and you'll never be rich.

Begathon: A multi-day event on public television, used to raise money. *Hall*

Beggars breed, and rich men feed.

Beggars can't be choosers.

Beggars cannot be choosers. *English Proverb*

Beggars must be no choosers. *Francis Beaumont & John Fletcher*

Beggars should be no choosers.

Begin at the beginning and go on till you come to the end; then stop. *Lewis Carrol*

Begin difficult things when they are easy. *Lao Tze*

Begin; to begin is half the work. Let half still remain; again begin this, and thou wilt have finished.

Ausonius (310-395 A.D.)

Begin well, end badly; begin badly, end worse.

Begin with the end in mind. *Stephen Covey*

Beginning of the end.

Beginnings are apt to be shadowy and so it is the beginnings of the great mother life, the sea.

Rachel Carson (1907-1964)

Behavior is a mirror in which everyone shows his image. *Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*

Behaviorism is the art of pulling habits out.

Behaviorism is the art of pulling habits out of rats. *O'Neill*

Behaviorist psychology - pulling habits out of rats.

Behind an able man there are always other able men. *Chinese Proverb*

Behind every argument is someone's ignorance. *Louis D. Brandeis*

Behind every avalanche is a... snowflake! *Becky Mallett*

Behind every great man there is a surprised woman. *Maryon Pearson*

Behind every successful man - a surprised mother-in-law.

Behind every successful man is a surprised woman. *Maryon Pearson*

Behind every successful man is a woman, behind her is his wife. *Julius Henry (Groucho) Marx (1895-1977)*

Behind every successful man is an astonished mother-in-law.

Behind every successful man you'll find a woman with nothing to wear.

Behind every successful woman - herself.

Behind the mountains there are people to be found. *German proverb*

Behind your back, your colleagues are talking about Jeckyl and Hyde.

Behold how brightly breaks the morning! / Though bleak our lot, our hearts are warm. *James Kenney (1780-1849)*

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments. *Old Testament*

Behold I do not give lectures or a little charity, When I give I give myself. *Walt Whitman*

Behold prosperity, how sweetly she flattereth thee; how insensibly she robbeth thee of thy strength and thy vigour! Though thou has been constant in ill fortune, though thou has been invincible in distress; yet by her thou art conquered: not knowing that thy strength returneth not again; and yet that thou again mayst need it. *Akhenaton (c. B.C. 1375)*

Behold, the fool saith, "Put not all thine eggs in the one basket" - which is but a manner of saying, "Scatter your money and your attention"; but the wise man saith, "Put all your eggs in the one basket and - watch that basket! *Mark Twain*

Behold the turtle. He makes progress only when he sticks his neck out. *James Bryant Conant*

Behold the vain man, and observe the arrogant; he clotheth himself in rich attire, he walketh in the public street, he casteth round his eyes, and courteth observation. He tosseth up his head, and overlooketh the poor; he treateth his inferiors with insolence, his superiors in return look down on his pride and folly with laughter. *Akhenaton? (c. B.C. 1375)*

Behold the warranty: The bold print giveth, and the fine print taketh away.

Behold, therefore would I rather be a swineherd on Amager and be understood by the swine than a poet, and misunderstood by men. *Sören Kierkegaard (1813-1855)*

Being a good communicator means people find out what's really wrong with you.

Being a star has made it possible for me to get insulted in places where the average Negro could never hope to go and get insulted. *Sammy Davis, Jr.*

Being a woman is a terribly difficult task since it consists principally in dealing with men. *Joseph Conrad*

Being a woman is a terribly difficult trade, since it consists principally of dealing with men. *Joseph Conrad*

Being a woman is quite difficult since it consists mainly of dealing with men.

Being busy does not always mean real work. The object of all work is production or accomplishment and to either of these ends there must be forethought, system, planning, intelligence, and honest purpose, as well as perspiration. Seeming to do is not doing. *Thomas Alva Edison*

Being careful about interests of others is essence of goodness. *B. J. Gupta*

Being cool, is not trying to be cool.

Being entirely honest with oneself is a good exercise. *Sigmund Freud*

Being human is a privilege. Not an excuse.

Being in a minority, even a minority of one, does not make one insane. *Winston Smith (Orwell)*

Being in a ship is being in a jail, with the chance of being drowned. *Samuel Johnson (1709-1784)*

Being in love is a wonderful feeling but being loved and appreciated in return can be the most wonderful experience that can happen to your life...

Being in politics is like being a football coach. You have to be smart enough to understand the game and dumb enough to think it's important. *Eugene McCarthy*

Being is. Being is in-itself. Being is what it is. *Jean-Paul Sartre*

Being king is not much fun if no one knows you are one.

Being myself animated by feelings of affection toward my fellowmen, I am saddened by the modern system of advertising. Whatever evidence it offers of enterprise, ingenuity, impudence, and resource in certain individuals, it proves to my mind the wide prevalence of that form of mental degradation which is called gullibility. *Joseph Conrad*

Being natural is simply a pose.

Being right half the time beats being half-right all the time.

Beer is not a good cocktail-party drink, especially in a home where you don't know where the bathroom is. *Billy Carter*

Beer: Man's best friend!?

Begin a lesson with a humorous illustration. *The Talmud*

Being human involves becoming a burden. *Roy Bonisteel*

Being kind to others is a way of being good to yourself. *Rabbi Harold Kushner*

Being lazy will make you poor, but hard work will make you rich. *Solomon*

Being natural is simply a pose.

Being on sea, sail; being on land, settle. *George Herbert*

Being Politically Correct means always having to say you're sorry. *Charles Osgood*

Being popular is important. Otherwise people might not like you.

Being powerful is like being a lady. If you have to tell people you are, you aren't. *Margaret Thatcher*

Being right too soon is socially unacceptable. *R. A. Heinlein*

Being too good is apt to be uninteresting. *Harry S Truman (1884-1972)*

Being without you is like having half a soul.

Belief gets in the way of learning. *Robert Heinlein*

Belief in a cruel God makes a cruel man. *Thomas Paine*

Believe everything you hear about the world; nothing is too impossibly bad. *Honore de Balzac*

Believe, if thou wilt, that mountains change their place, but believe not that man changes his nature. *Mohammed (570-632)*

Believe in miracles but don't depend on them. When you hear a kind word spoken about a friend, tell him so. Spoil your spouse, not your children. Never make fun of someone who speaks broken English. It means they know another language.

Believe in something larger than yourself. *Barbara Bush*

Believe "It's better to burn out, rust never sleeps..."

Believe me! The secret of reaping the greatest fruitfulness and the greatest enjoyment from life is to live dangerously! *Friedrich Nietzsche*

Believe me when I say that Bill Clinton's second term will be good for business. My business. *Mark Russel*

Believe no tales from an enemy's tongue. *James Howell*

Believe not all that you see nor half what you hear.

Believe nothing and be on your guard against everything. *Latin Proverb*

Believe nothing merely because you have been told it. Do not believe what your teacher tells you merely out of respect for the teacher. But whatsoever, after due examination and analysis, you find to be kind, conducive to the good, the benefit, the welfare of all beings - that doctrine believe and cling to, and take it as your guide. *The Buddha*

Believe only half of what you see, and nothing that you hear. *Mulock*

Believe that life is worth living, and your belief will help create the fact. *William James*

Believe those who are seeking the truth. Doubt those who find it. *Andre Gide*

Believe well and have well. *Heywood*

Believe you are defeated, believe it long enough, and it is likely to become a fact. *Norman Vincent Peale*

Believe your beliefs and doubt your doubts. *F. F. Bosworth*

Below the navel there is neither religion nor truth. *Italian Proverb*

Below the tongue, there is an ax hidden. *Korean Proverb*

Bend a carrot if you will, but a turnip will never bend.

Bend the facts to fit the conclusion. It's easier that way.

Benefits bind.

Benefits please, like flowers, while they are fresh. *George Herbert*

Besides, our Souls go not out of our Bodies to measure the greatness of the Heaven, and consequently, they cannot see External Bodies, but by the Idea's which represent them. This is what all the World ought to grant. *Nicolas Malebranche (1638-1715)*

Best gift for the person who has everything: A burglar alarm.

Best is best cheap. *Wolcot*

Best to bend while it is a twig.

Better a bad excuse than none at all. *T. Wilson*

Better a bird in the fist than ten in the wood. *Finnish Proverb*

Better a bird in the hand than a thousand on the house. *Roumanian Proverb*

Better a bird in the hand than ten doves on the roof. *German Proverb*

Better a dish of illusion and a hearty appetite for life, than a feast of reality and indigestion therewith. *Harry A. Overstreet*

Better a feather in the hand than a bird in the air. *Italian Proverb*

Better a fool than a knave. *James Howell*

Better a handful of dry dates and content therewith than to own the Gate of Peacocks and be kicked in the eye by a broody camel. *Arabian Proverb*

Better a hawk in the hand than two in flight. *Icelandic Proverb*

Better a hundred enemies outside the house than one inside. *Arabian Proverb*

Better a lean peace than a fat victory. *Sanford*

Better a little bird in the hand than a big bird in the wood. *Finnish Proverb*

Better a little loss than a long sorrow. *Langland*

Better a mischief than an inconvenience.

Better a mouse in the pot than no meat at all. *Romanian Proverb*

Better a sparrow in the hand than a crane on the roof. *German Proverb*

Better a sparrow in the hand than two flying. *Portuguese Proverb*

Better a sparrow in the pan than a hundred chickens in the pastor's yard.

Better a mouse in the pot than no meat at all. *Romanian Proverb*

Better a witty fool than a foolish wit. *William Shakespeare (1564-1616)*

Better a wood-grouse in the fist than nine or two on the branch. *Finnish Proverb*

Better aim at a star than shoot down a well; you'll hit higher.

Better an apple given than eaten.

Better an egg today than a hen tomorrow. *French Proverb*

Better an empty house than an ill tenant. *James Kelly*

Better an open enemy than a false friend.

Better an ounce of luck than a pound of gold. *Yiddish Proverb*
Better an ugly face than an ugly mind. *James Ellis*
Better are meals many than one too merry. *Heywood*
Better are small fish than an empty dish. *John Ray*
Better be alone than in bad company.
Better be an old man's darling, than a young man's wordling. *Nicholas Breton*
Better be envied than pitied.
Better be first in a village than second at Rome. *Julius Caesar*
Better be happy than wise. *W. Alley*
Better be ill spoken of by one before all than by all before one. *Scottish Proverb*
Better be quarreling than lonesome. *Irish Proverb*
Better be sure than sorry. *Lover*
Better be the head of an ass than the tail of a horse. *John Clarke*
Better be unmannerly than troublesome.
Better beg than steal. *John Clarke*
Better bend than break. *Scottish Proverb*
Better beware of notions like genius and inspiration; they are a sort of magic wand and should be used sparingly by anybody who wants to see things clearly. *Jose Ortega y Gasset (1883-1955)*
Better blind than burned.
Better break your word than do worse in keeping it. *Thomas Fuller*
Better buy than borrow. *Richard Taverner*
Better dead than mellow.
Better die with honour than live with shame.
Better eye out than always ache.
Better eye sore than all blind. *Hending*
Better fed than taught. *Scott*
Better give than receive.
Better give than take.
Better give the wool than the sheep.
Better go away longing than loathing. *Thomas Fuller*
Better go by your enemy's grave than his gate. *Robinson*
Better go to bed supperless than run in debt for a breakfast. *Benjamin Franklin*
Better go to bed supperless than to rise in debt.
Better go to heaven in rags than to hell in embroidery. *Thomas Fuller*
Better good afar off than evil at hand.
Better hazard once than always be in fear. *Thomas Fuller*
Better in the dust than crawl near the throne. *German Proverb*
Better is a child unborn than unlearned.
Better is to bend than to break.
Better is to shine with labour, than to rust with idleness. *Edgeworth*
Better keep than ask. *James Howell*
Better keep the devil at the door than turn him out of the house.
Better keep yourself clean and bright; you are the window through which you must see the world.
George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950)
Better known than trusted.
Better late than never. *Leng-Tzu & Marryat & Mathew Henry (1662-1714)*
Better leave than lack.
Better living a beggar than buried an emperor.
Better lost than found.
Better luck next time. *Marryat*
Better make a weak man your enemy than your friend. *Josh Billings*
Better never to begin than never to make an end. *Alexander Barclay*
Better old debts than old grudges. *Irish Saying*

Better one bird in hand than ten in the wood. *Heywood*
Better one bird in the cage than four in the arbor. *Italian Proverb*
Better one bird in the cage than seven in the bush. *Finnish Proverb*
Better one bird in the pot than ten in the wood. *Finnish Proverb*
Better pass a danger once than be always in fear. *Julius Caesar*
Better pointed bullets than pointed speeches. *Otto von Bismarck*
Better reap two days too soon than one day too late. *English Proverb*
Better ride on an ass that carries me than a horse that throws me. *Thomas Draxe*
Better safe than sorry.
Better say, "here it is", than, "here it was". *James Carmichaell*
Better say nothing, than nothing to the purpose. *English Proverb*
Better shun the bait than struggle in the snare. *John Dryden*
Better sit still than rise and fall. *Scott*
Better sleep with a sober cannibal than a drunken Christian. *Herman Melville Moby Dick*
Better some of a pudding than none of a pie. *John Ray*
Better spare at brim than at bottom. *W. Robertson*
Better spared than ill spent. *Thomas Draxe & John Ray*
Better speak truth rudely, than lie covertly. *George Herbert*
Better suffer ill than do ill.
Better the devil you know than the devil you don't know. *Trollope & English Proverb*
Better the foot slip than the tongue. *Sanford & American Proverb*
Better the harm you know than harm you don't know. *Hazlitt*
Better the last smile than the first laughter. *Heywood*
Better to be a crystal and to be broken, than to be a tile upon the housetop. *Japanese Proverb*
Better to be beaten than be in bad company. *Codrington*
Better to be blind than to see ill. *George Herbert*
Better to be driven out from among men than to be disliked of children. *Richard Henry Dana*
Better to be half blind.
Better to be looked over than overlooked. *Mae West*
Better to be poor and fear the Lord than to be rich and in trouble. *Solomon*
Better to be poor and honest than rich and dishonest. *Solomon*
Better to burn out than rust out.
Better to correct someone openly than to let him think you don't care for him at all. *Solomon*
Better to die a beggar than live a beggar. *Codrington*
Better to die ten thousand deaths than wound my honor. *Joseph Addison (1672-1719)*
Better to eat a dry crust of bread with peace of mind than to have a banquet in a house full of trouble. *Solomon*
Better to eat vegetables with people you love than to eat the finest meat where there is hate. *Solomon*
Better to go about than to fall into the ditch. *James Howell*
Better to have a fortune in your wife than with her. *E. J. Hardy*
Better to have loved a short man than never to have loved a tall. *David Chambless*
Better to have one eye than be blind altogether.
Better to have than hear.
Better to have than to hear of a good thing. *John Ray*
Better to have than wish.
Better to hunt in fields for health unbought, Than fee the doctor for a nauseous draught. The wise for cure on exercise depend; God never made his work for man to mend. *Dryden (1631-1700)*
Better to light a candle than to curse the darkness. *Chinese Proverb*
Better to live on the roof than share the house with a nagging wife. *Solomon*
Better to live out in the desert than with a nagging, complaining wife. *Solomon*
Better to pay and have little than have much and to be in debt. *James Howell*

Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt. *Abraham Lincoln* (1809-1865)

Better to rule than to be ruled. *More*

Better to see the face than to hear the name. *Zen Saying*

Better to send ten ambulances when they are not needed than one when it is.

Better to Trade Knowledge than Something of Value.

Better to understand little than to misunderstand a lot.

Better to use medicines at the outset than at the last moment.

Better to wear out than rust out. *John Wesley*

Better to wear out than to rust out. *Bishop Cumberland* (1632-1718)

Better unborn than untaught.

Better untaught than ill-taught. *John Ray*

Better watch out that you won't become a television set in your next life. *Loesje*

Better wear out shoes than sheets. *Thomas Fuller*

Between brothers, two witnesses and a notary. *Spanish Proverb*

Between "just desserts" and "tragic irony" we are given quite a lot of scope for our particular talent.

Generally speaking, things have gone about as far as they can possibly go when things have got about as bad as they reasonably get. *Tom Stoppard*

Between men and women there is no friendship possible. There is passion, enmity, worship, love, but no friendship. *Oscar Wilde* (1854-1900).

Between saying and doing, many a pair of shoes is worn out. *Italian Proverb*

Between the day of St. John (Chrysostom) and the day of St. Blaise, you will see the stork; and if you don't see her, it will be a bad year. *Spanish Proverb*

Between the stirrup and the ground, / I mercy ask'd; I mercy found. *Johnson*

Between two evils, always pick the one you never tried before. *Mae West*

Between two evils, choose neither; between two goods, choose both. *Tryon Edwards*

Between two evils, I always pick the one I haven't tried before. *Mae West*

Between two Saturday's happen many marvels. *Spanish Proverb*

Beware beginnings.

Beware how you take away hope from any human being. *Oliver Wendel Holmes*

Beware lest in your anxiety to avoid war you obtain a master. *Demosthenes*

Beware lest you lose the substance by grasping at the shadow. *Aesop* (620-560 BC)

Beware low flying ducks.

Beware of a dark-haired man with a loud tie.

Beware of a man of one book. *English Proverb*

Beware of a man's shadow and a bee's sting. *Burmese Proverb*

Beware of a silent dog and still water. *German Proverb*

Beware of a tall dark man with a spoon up his nose.

Beware of after-claps.

Beware of all enterprises requiring new clothes.

Beware of all enterprises that require new clothes. *Henry David Thoreau*

Beware of breed. *John Ray*

Beware of food products whose ingredients are in quotation marks.

Beware of friends who are false and deceitful.

Beware of Greeks bearing gifts.

Beware of little expenses, a small leak will sink a great ship. *Benjamin Franklin* (1706-1790)

Beware of low-flying butterflies.

Beware of low-flying rocks.

Beware of over-great pleasure in being popular or even beloved. *Margaret Fuller* (1810-1850)

Beware of rashness, but with energy, and sleepless vigilance, go forward and give us victories.

Abraham Lincoln

Beware of the man of one book. *George Herbert*

Beware of the man who knows the answer before he understands the question.

Beware of the man who works hard to learn something, learns it, and finds himself no wiser than before. *Kurt Vonnegut*

Beware of the young doctor and the old barber. *Benjamin Franklin*

Beware prejudices. They are like rats, and men's minds are like traps; prejudices get in easily, but it is doubtful if they ever get out. *Lord Jeffrey*

Beware the fury of a patient man. *John Dryden (1631-1701) & Publius Syrus*

Beware the ides of March. *William Shakespeare (1564-1616)*

Beware the legless man who teaches running.

Beware the man with white feathers and an orange mouth, for he is a duck in disguise.

Beware the thirty-first of November.

Beware when the great God lets loose a genius upon the world. Then all things are at risk.

Beware you be not swallowed up in books! An ounce of love is worth a pound of knowledge. *John Wesley*

Bias has to be taught. If you hear your parents downgrading women or people of different backgrounds, why, you are going to do that. *Barbara Bush*

Big book, big bore.

Big doesn't necessarily mean better. Sunflowers aren't better than violets. *Edna Ferber*

Big fish eat little fish. *Hesiod*

Big girls like soldiers - big boys like dolls !

Big ideas are so hard to recognize, so fragile, so easy to kill. Don't forget that, all of you who don't have them. *John Elliott, Jr.*

Big occasions and races which have been eagerly anticipated almost to the point of dread, are where great deeds can be accomplished. *Jack Lovelock*

Big shots are only little shots who keep shooting. *Christopher Morley*

Big thinking precedes big achievement. *Wilferd A. Peterson*

Bigamy is having one spouse too many. Monogamy is the same.

Bigamy is having one wife too many. Monogamy is the same. *Oscar Wilde*

Biggest security gap - an open mouth.

Bigotry and intolerance, silenced by argument, endeavors to silence by persecution, in old days by fire and sword, in modern days by the tongue. *Charles Simmons*

Bigotry dwarfs the soul by shutting out the truth. *Edwin Hubbel Chapin*

Bigotry murders religion to frighten fools with her ghost. *Charles Caleb Colton*

Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of checks.

Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of paychecks.

Biography is one of the new terrors of death. *John Arbuthnot*

Biology grows on you.

Biology is the only science in which multiplication means the same thing as division.

Bipolar: Refers to someone who has homes in Nome, Alaska, and Buffalo, New York

Birchen twigs break no ribs.

Birds fly upside down over Iowa because Iowa isn't worth a crap.

Birds of a feather flock together.

Birds of a feather will gather together. *Robert Burton (1576-1640)*

Birds take off at sunrise. On the opposite side of the world, they are landing at sunset. This causes the earth to spin on its axis.

Birth is much, but breeding is more. *Thomas Fuller*

Birth is nothing where virtue is not. *Moliere*

Birth! School! Work! Death!

Birth: The first and direst of all disasters. *Ambrose Bierce*

Bisexuality immediately doubles your chances for a date on Saturday night.

Bitter pills may have blessed effects.

Biz is better.

Bizarreness is the essence of the exotic.

Black as ink. *William Shakespeare*

Black as night and devil's kite. *English Proverb*

Black as the devil. *J. Redford*

Black as thunder. *Thackeray*

Black holes are outa sight!

Black holes are where God divided by zero. *Steven Wright*

Black holes result from God dividing the universe by zero.

Black Holes Suck.

Black is beautiful when it is a slum kid studying to enter college, when it is a man learning new skills for a new job. *Whitney M. Young, Jr. (1921-1971)*

Black rubber baby buggy bumpers.

Blackberries are red when they are green.

Blame is safer than praise. *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Blame San Andreas - it's his fault.

Blamestorming: Sitting around in a group discussing why a deadline was missed or a project failed, and who was responsible.

Blessed are the censors, for they shall inhibit the earth.

Blessed are the flexible, for they can tie themselves into knots.

Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the crap.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inhibit the earth.

Blessed are the young for they shall inherit the national debt. *Herbert C. Hoover*

Blessed are the young, for they will inherit the national debt. *Herbert Hoover*

Blessed are they that run around in circles, for they shall be known as wheels.

Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves, for they shall never cease to be amused.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst, for they are sticking to their diets. *Pootsnocker*

Blessed be he who is called a big wheel, for he goeth around in circles.

Blessed is he who doesn't show hatefulness over what is lost, but instead, shows gratefulness over what is left.

Blessed is he who expects nothing, for he shall never be disappointed. *Alexander Pope (1688-1744)*
& *Jonathan Swift*

Blessed is he who expects nothing, for he will never be disappointed. *Franklin (1706-1790)*

Blessed is he who has learned to laugh at himself, for he shall never cease to be entertained. *John Powell*

Blessed is he who, having nothing to say, refraineth from giving wordy evidence of the fact.

Blessed is the influence of one true, loving human soul on another. *George Eliot*

Blessed is the man who has some congenial work, some occupation in which he can put his heart, and which affords a complete outlet to all the forces that are in him. *John Burroughs*

Blessed is the man, who having nothing to say, abstains from giving the world evidence of the fact. *George Eliot (1819-1880)*

Blessed is the man who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving us worthy evidence of the fact. *George Eliot (1819-1880)*

Blessed is the one who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving us worthy evidence of the fact. *George Eliot*

Blessed is the person who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving wordy evidence of the fact. *George Eliot (Mary Ann Evans) (1819-1880)*

Blessed our young they will inherit our national debt.

Blesses his stars and thinks it luxury. *Joseph Addison (1672-1719)*

Blessings do not come in pairs; misfortunes never come singly. *Chinese Proverb*

Blessings ever wait on virtuous deeds, and though a late, a sure reward succeeds. *William Congreve*

Blink and you miss a sprint. The 10,000 meters is lap after lap of waiting. Theatrically, the mile is just the right length: beginning, middle, end, a story unfolding. *Sebastian Coe*

Blonde jokes: Jokes that are short so men can understand them.

Blood alone moves the wheels of history. *Benito Mussolini*

Blood is a cleansing and sanctifying thing, and the nation that regards it as the final horror has lost its manhood... there are many things more horrible than bloodshed, and slavery is one of them!
Padraic Pearse (1879-1916)

Blood is thicker than water.

Blood is thicker than water, and much tastier.

Blood will tell, but often it tells too much. *Don Marquis*

Blood's not thicker than money. *Julius Henry (Groucho) Marx (1895-1977)*

Blossomed the lovely stars, the forget-me-nots of the angels. *Henry W. Longfellow (1807-1882)*

Blow, blow thou winter wind! / Thou art not so unkind / As man's ingratitude. *William Shakespeare (1564-1616)*

Blowing out another man's flame doesn't make yours shine any brighter, but less.

Blowing out someone else's candle doesn't make yours burn any brighter.

Blows are sarcasms turned stupid. *George Eliot*

Bluegrass is not just a weed.

Bluntness is the art of saying nothing in a way that leaves nothing unsaid.

Blushing is the colour of virtue. *Mathew Henry (1662-1714)*

Blushing is virtue's colour.

Bodily exercise, when compulsory, does no harm to the body, but knowledge acquired under compulsion obtains no hold on the mind. *Plato (427-347 BC)*

Body Nazis: Hard-core exercise and weight-lifting fanatics who look down on anyone who doesn't work out obsessively.

Bodybuilding means increase of muscles. Brain building means increase of puzzles. *Gerhard Uhlenbruck*

Boldness is a child of ignorance. *Francis Bacon*

Boldness is a mask for fear, however great. *Lucan*

Boldness is ever blind, for it sees not dangers and inconveniences whence it is bad in council though good in execution. *Francis Bacon*

Bones; there are 206 in the human body. No need for dismay, however: two bones of the middle ear have never been broken in a skiing accident.

Bookie - pickpocket who lets you use your own hands.

Books are not men and yet they stay alive. *Stephen Vincent Benét*

Books as well as food nourish and warm people. Books make connections. *May Sarton*

Books, like friends, should be few and well chosen. *Joineriana & Samuel Paterson*

Books must follow sciences, and not sciences books. *Francis Bacon (1561-1626)*

Books that you may carry to the fire and hold readily in your hand, are the most useful after all. *Samuel Johnson (1709-1784)*

Booze may not be the answer, but it helps you to forget the question. *Lt. Henry Mon*

Bore: a person who talks when you wish him to listen. *Ambrose Bierce*

Bore: He who talks so much about himself that you can't talk about yourself.

Bore: The kind of man who, when you ask him how he is, tells you. *Channing Pollock*

Bore: Wraps up a two-minute idea in a two-hour vocabulary. *Winchell*

Boredom is a vital problem for the moralist, since at least half the sins of mankind are caused by the fear of it. *Bertrand Russell*

Boredom is rage spread thin. *Paul Tillich (1886-1965)*

Boredom sets into boring minds.

Boredom - the desire for desires. *Leo Tolstoi*

Born free... Taxed to death. (Bumper Sticker)

Born in iniquity and conceived in sin, the spirit of nationalism has never ceased to bend human institutions to the service of dissension and distress. *Thorstein Veblen*

Born twice, die once. Born once, die twice.

Borrow money from pessimists - they don't expect it back.

Borrow trouble for yourself, if that's your nature, but don't lend it to your neighbors. *Rudyard Kipling*

Borrowed garments never fit well. *Thomas Fuller*
Borrowed thing will home again.
Bosses come and bosses go, but a good secretary lasts forever.
Both class and race survive education, and neither should. What is education then? If it doesn't help a human being to recognize that humanity is humanity, what is it for? So you can make a bigger salary than other people? *Beah Richards*
Both mind and heart when given up to reveries and dreaminess, have a thousand avenues open for the entrance of evil. *Charles Simmons*
Both the cockroach and the bird could get along very well without us, although the cockroach would miss us most. *Joseph Wood Krutch*
Bought wit is best. *Porter*
Bought wit is dear.
Boundary: In political geography, an imaginary line between two nations, separating the imaginary rights of one from the imaginary rights of another. *Ambrose Bierce*
Bourgeois scientists make sure that their theories are not dangerous to God or to capital. *Georgi V. Plekhanoff*
Boy: a noise with dirt on it.
Boycott shampoo... Demand REAL poo!
Boyfriends come and go, but friends are forever.
Boys are beyond the range of anybody's sure understanding, at least when they are between the ages of 18 months and 90 years. *James Thurber*
Boys should abstain from all use of wine until their eighteenth year, for it is wrong to add fire to fire. *Plato (427-347 BC)*
Boys will be boys.
Boys will be boys. And even that wouldn't matter if only we could prevent girls from being girls. *Anthony Hope (1863-1933)*
Boys will be boys, and so will a lot of middle-aged men. *Kin Hubbard*
Boys will be men one day. *Randle Cotgrave*
Boys will have toys. *Sewel*
Brad, where Tad had had "had had", had had "had". "Had had" had had me glad.
Braggin' IS advertisin'. *Jef I. Richards*
Brain cells come and brain cells go, but fat cells live forever.
Brain: The apparatus with which we think that we think. *Ambrose Bierce*
Bravery has no place where it can avail nothing. *Samuel Johnson*
Bread is the staff of life. *Jonathan Swift & English Proverb*
Break a few rules.
Breathes there the man with soul so dead, Who never to himself hath said, This is my own, my native land! *Walter Scott*
Breathless, we flung us on a windy hill; Laughed in the sun, and kissed the lovely grass. *Rupert Brooke*
Breed is stronger than pasture. *George Eliot*
Breeding rabbits is a hare raising experience.
Breeding rather than birth. *Japanese Proverb*
Brevity and conciseness are the parents of correction. *Hosea Ballou*
Brevity is a great charm of eloquence. *Cicero*
Brevity is the best recommendation of speech, whether in a senator or an orator. *Cicero*
Brevity is the soul of lingerie. *Dorothy Parker*
Brevity is the soul of wit. *M. Scott & William Shakespeare (1564-1616)*
Bride: A woman with a fine prospect of happiness behind her. *Ambrose Bierce*
Bridges were made for wise men to walk over, and fools to ride over. *John Ray*
Brigands ask for your money or your life; spouses require them both.
Bright light city gonna set my soul on fire. *Doc Pomus & Mort Shuman*
Bright rain makes fools fain. *Roper*

Brilliance is typically the act of an individual, but incredible stupidity can usually be traced to an organization. *Jon Bentley*

Broad-minded is just another way of saying a fellow's too lazy to form an opinion. *Will Rogers*

Broad-mindedness: The result of flattening high-mindedness out.

Broadway has been very good to me. But then, I've been very good to Broadway. *Ethel Merman*

Bronze is the mirror of the form; wine, of the heart. *Æschylus (525-456 B. C.)*

Brotherhood is not just a Bible word. Out of comradeship can come and will come the happy life for all. *Heywood Broun*

Brotherhood is the very price and condition of man's survival. *Carlos P. Romulo*

Brothers and sisters, friends and enemies: I just can't believe that everyone in here is a friend and I don't want to leave anybody out. *Malcolm X (1925-1965)*

Brush up your Shakespeare, / Start quoting him now, / Brush up your Shakespeare / And the women you will wow. *Cole Porter (1893-1964)*

Budget: A method for going broke methodically.

Budget: A method of worrying before you spend money, as well as afterward.

Budget: An attempt to live below your yearnings.

Budget: An orderly system for living beyond your means.

Buffalo Bill was a good fellow, and while he was no great shakes as a scout, we had to hand it to him, because he was the only one that had brains enough to make that Wild West stuff pay money. *Teddy Blue Abbott*

Bugs: Small living things that small living boys throw on small living girls.

Build a system even a fool can use, and only a fool will use it.

Build a system that even a fool can use, and only a fool will use it. (*Shaw's Principle*)

Build a system that even a fool can use and only a fool will want to use it. (*Shaw's Principle*)

Build something foolproof and every fool will use it.

Building castles in the air, and making yourself a laughing-stock. *Miguel de Cervantes (1547-1616)*

Bullfighting is the only art in which the artist is in danger of death and in which the degree of brilliance in the performance is left to the fighter's honour. *Ernest Hemingway*

Bullshit baffles brains.

Bullshit Detector. When alarm sounds, please re-engage your brain.

Bureaucracy: A method of transforming energy into solid waste.

Bureaucracy is a challenge to be confronted with a righteous attitude, a tolerance for stupidity, and a bulldozer when necessary.

Bureaucracy defends the status quo long past the time when the quo has lost its status. *Laurence J. Peter*

Bureaucracy is a giant mechanism operated by pygmies. *Honoré de Balzac*

Bureaucrat: A person who cuts red tape sideways. *J. McCabe*

Bureaucrat: A politician who has tenure.

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Bureaucratic organization is like a septic tank: the big chunks rise to the top.

Bureaucrats do not change the course of the ship of state. They merely adjust the compass.

Bury me on my face, because in a little while everything will be turned upside down. *Diogenes*

Buses stop at bus stations, trains at train stations, my desk has a workstation.

Buses turn up within minutes of you lighting a cigarette. (Bus Travel Law VI)

Business before pleasure.

Business before pleasure unless pleasure is your business.

Business conventions are important because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.

Business first and pleasure afterwards. *Surtees*

Business has only two basic functions - marketing and innovation. *Peter F. Drucker*

Business is a combination of war and sport. *Andre Maurois*

Business is business. *G. Colman*

Business is improving. I can tell. People are beginning to take their bills out of the envelopes again.

Business is like a wheelbarrow. Nothing ever happens until you start pushing.

Business is like riding a bicycle. Either you keep moving or you fall down. *John D. Wright*

Business is never so healthy as when, like a chicken, it must do a certain amount of scratching for what it gets. *Ford (1863–1947)*

Business is the salt of life. *Codrington*

Business: The art of extracting money from another man's pocket without resorting to violence. *Max Amsterdam*

Business today, tomorrow never. *Spanish Proverb*

Business will be either better or worse. *Calvin Coolidge*

Businesses planned for service are apt to succeed; businesses planned for profit are apt to fail. *Nicholas M. Butler (1862-1947)*

Busy, curious, thirsty fly, / Drink with me, and drink as I. *William Oldys (1696-1761)*

Busy souls have no time to be busybodies. *Austin O'Malley*

But all in good time. *Miguel de Cervantes (1547-1616)*

But America is a great, unwieldy Body. Its Progress must be slow... Like a Coach and six the swiftest Horses must be slackened and the slowest quickened, that all may keep an even Pace. *John Quincy Adams*

But be not afraid of greatness: some men are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them. *William Shakespeare*

But Captain - the engines can't take this much longer!

But earthlier happy is the rose distill'd / Than that which withering on the virgin thorn / Grows, lives, and dies in single blessedness. *William Shakespeare*

But enough about me. Let's talk about you. What do you think of me? *Midler*

But for dying, which is the greatest task we have to perform, practice cannot help us. A man can, by habit and experience, fortify himself against pain, shame, indigence, and such other accidents; but as for death, we can try it only once: we are all apprentices when we come to it. *Michel de Montaigne (1533-1592)*

But friendship is precious, not only in the shade, but in the sunshine of life; and thanks to a benevolent arrangement of things, the greater part of life is sunshine. *Thomas Jefferson*

But how can fame and profit concern a man of genius? *Li Ch'i*

But how can he expect that others should build for him, sow for him, and at his call love him, who for himself will take no heed at all? *William Wordsworth (1770-1850)*

But how is one to determine what is pleasing to God?... Whatever is unpleasant to man is pleasant to God. The test is the natural instinct of man. If there arises within one's dark recesses a hot desire to do this or that, then it is the paramount duty of a Christian to avoid doing this or that. And if, on the contrary, one cherishes an abhorrence of the business, then one must tackle it forthwith, all the time shouting 'Hallelujah!' A simple enough religion, surely - simple, satisfying and idiotic. *H. L. Mencken*

But I don't like Spam!

But I have always liked bird dogs better than kennel-fed dogs myself you know, one that will get out and hunt for food rather than sit on his fanny and yell. *Charles E. Wilson*

But if we believe what we profess concerning the worth of the individual, then the idea of individual development within a framework of ethical purpose must become our deepest concern, our national preoccupation, our passion, our obsession. We must think of education as relevant for everyone everywhere - at all ages and in all conditions of life. *John Gardner*

But in a larger sense we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. *Abraham Lincoln*

But in the case of human beings, friendship is a transitory art, subject to discontinuance without further notice. *O. Henry*

But in the prevalent discussion of classes, there are illegitimate transitions to the notions of a 'nexus' and of a 'proposition'. The appeal to a class to perform the services of a proper entity is exactly analogous to an appeal to an imaginary terrier to kill a real rat. *Alfred Whitehead*

But isn't hate just scorned love?

But it is reason, thought, which is supposed to be unable to transcend limitation reason, which is the universal explicitly beyond particularity as such (that is, all particularity), which is nothing but the overcoming of limitation! Granted, not every instance of transcending and being beyond limitation is a genuine liberation from it, a veritable affirmation; even the ought itself, and abstraction in general, is in imperfect transcending. *G. W. F. Hegel (1770-1831)*

But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream. *Amos*

But love is blind, and lovers cannot see the pretty follies that themselves commit. *William Shakespeare*

But love is many things, none of them logical. *William Goldman*

But man is not made for defeat. A man can be destroyed but not defeated. *Ernest Hemingway*

But much learning makes a man mad. *R. L'Estrange*

But Nature flies from the infinite, for the infinite is unending or imperfect, and Nature ever seeks an end. *Aristotle*

But, O Sarah! if the dead can come back to this earth and flit unseen around those they loved, I shall always be near you; In the gladdest days and in the darkest nights... always, always, and if there be a soft breeze upon your cheek, it shall be my breath, as the cool air fans your throbbing temple, it shall be my spirit passing by. Sarah do not mourn me dead; think I am gone and wait for thee, for we shall meet again. *Major Sullivan Ballou*

But officer, I stopped for the last one, and it was green!

But pain often rises to torture and agony; and the longer it continues, it becomes still more genuine agony and torture. Patience is exhausted, courage languishes, melancholy seizes us, and nothing terminates our misery but the removal of its cause, which is the sole cure of all evil, but which, from our natural folly, we regard with still greater horror and consternation. *David Hume (1711-1776)*

But please observe, now, that when as empiricists we give up the doctrine of objective certitude, we do not thereby give up the quest or hope of truth itself. We still pin our faith on its existence, and still believe that we gain an ever better position towards it by systematically continuing to roll up experiences and think. *William James (1842-1910)*

But quiet to quick bosoms is a hell. *Lord Byron (1788-1824)*

But, say you, though the ideas themselves do not exist without the mind, yet there may be things like them, whereof they are copies or resemblances, which things exist without the mind in an unthinking substance. I answer, an idea can be like nothing but an idea; a colour or figure can be like nothing but another colour or figure. *George Berkeley (1685-1753)*

But scientists, who ought to know / Assure us that it must be so. / Oh, let us never, never doubt / What nobody is sure about. *Hilaire Belloc*

But society has now fairly got the better of individuality; and the danger which threatens human nature is not the excess, but the deficiency, of personal Impulses and preferences. *John Stuart Mill*

But still his tongue ran on, the less / Of weight it bore, with greater ease. *Samuel Butler (1600-1680)*

But strive still to be a man before your mother. *William Cowper*

But such is the irresistible nature of truth, that all it asks, and all it wants is the liberty of appearing. *Thomas Paine*

But the fact that some geniuses were laughed at does not imply that all who are laughed at are geniuses. They laughed at Columbus, they laughed at Fulton, they laughed at the Wright brothers. But they also laughed at Bozo the Clown. *Carl Sagan*

But then I sigh, and with a piece of scripture, / Tell them that God bids us do good for evil. / And thus I clothe my naked villainy / With odd old ends stolen forth of holy writ, / And seem I a saint, when most I play the Devil. *William Shakespeare*

But there is no real difference between a childish impossibility and an adult one; the only thing that the person achieves is a practiced self-deceit - what we call the 'mature' character. *Ernest Becker*

But they that are above have ends in everything. *Francis Beaumont & John Fletcher*

But thou knowest, winter tames man, woman, and beast. *William Shakespeare*

But true love is a durable fire / In the mind ever burning; / Never sick, never old, never dead; / From itself never turning. *Sir Walter Raleigh*

But two in the bush are more FUN than one in the hand!

But we know nothing really; for truth lies deep down. *Democritus*

But what do we mean by the American Revolution? Do we mean the American War? The revolution was effected before the war commenced. The revolution was in the minds and hearts of the people. *Geoffrey F. Abert*

But what if God himself can be simulated, that is to say, reduced to the signs which attest his existence? Then the whole system becomes weightless, it is no longer anything but a gigantic simulacrum - not unreal, but a simulacrum, never again exchanging for what is real, but exchanging in itself, in an uninterrupted circuit without reference or circumference. *Jean Baudrillard*

But whether on the scaffold high / Or in the battle's van, / The fittest place where man can die / Is where he dies for man! *Michael J. Barry*

But why wasn't I born, alas, in an age of Adjectives; why can one no longer write of silver-shedding Tears and moon-tailed Peacocks, of eloquent Death, of the Negro and star-enameled Night? *Logan Pearsall Smith*

But words are things, and a small drop of ink, / Falling like dew upon a thought, produces / That which makes thousands, perhaps millions, think. *Lord Byron (1788-1824)*

But "yes" can mean so many things. *John Quill Taylor*

But you have to admit, our bombs are incredibly smart. In fact, our bombs are better-educated than the average high-school graduate. I mean, at least they can find Kuwait. *A. Whitney Brown*

But you shall not escape my iambs.

Butter is gold in the morning, silver at noon, lead at night.

Buy a man a beer and he wastes an hour. Teach a man to brew and he wastes a lifetime.

Buy low, sell high.

Buy me and you will overcome the anxieties I have just reminded you of. *Michael Schudson*

Buying on trust is the way to pay double.

Buzz: To run in a very tight loop, perhaps without guarantee of getting out.

By a tranquil mind I mean nothing else than a mind well ordered. *Marcus Aurelius Antoninus (121-180)*

By afflictions God is spoiling us of what otherwise might have spoiled us. When he makes the world too hot for us to hold, we let it go. *John Powell*

By all means marry; if you get a good wife, you'll be happy. If you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher. *Socrates (470?-399 BC)*

By annihilating the desires, you annihilate the mind. Every man without passions has within him no principle of action, nor motive to act. *Claude Adrien Helvétius*

By asking for the impossible, obtain the best possible. *Italian Proverb*

By common consent gray hairs are a crown of glory; the only object of respect that can never excite envy. *George Bancroft*

By doing just a little every day, I can gradually let the task overwhelm me. *Ashleigh Ellwood Brilliant (1933-)*

By doing just a little every day, you can gradually let the task completely overwhelm you.

By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.

By focusing our efforts to a single point, we achieve the greatest results. The first rule of success, and the one that supercedes all others, is to have energy. It is important to know how to concentrate it, how to husband it, how to focus it on important things instead of frittering it away on trivia. *Michael Korda*

By following the good, you learn to be good.

By gnawing through a dike, even a rat may drown a nation. *Edmund Burke*

By learning you will teach; by teaching you will learn. *Latin Proverb*

By making something absolutely clear, someone will become confused. (*Murphy's Eleventh Law*)

By meditation upon light and upon radiance, knowledge of the spirit can be reached and thus peace can be achieved. *Patanjali* (B.C. 500?)

By natural selection our mind has adapted itself to the conditions of the external world. It has adopted the geometry most advantageous to the species or, in other words, the most convenient. Geometry is not true, it is advantageous. *Henri Poincaré*

By nature, men are nearly alike; by practice, they get to be far apart.

By nature's kindly disposition most questions which it is beyond a man's power to answer do not occur to him at all. *George Santayana*

By necessity, by proclivity, and by delight, we all quote. *Ralph Waldo Emerson* (1803-1882)

By persistently remaining single a man converts himself into a permanent public temptation. *Oscar Wilde*

By postponing the question we have set on immaturity a premium which controls most American personality to its deathbed. *Robert S. Hillyer*

By priests I understand only the pretenders to power and dominion, and to a superior sanctity of character, distinct from virtue and good morals. *David Hume* (1711-1776)

By protracting life, we do not deduct one jot from the duration of death.

By relieving the brain of all unnecessary work, a good notation sets it free to concentrate on more advanced problems, and, in effect, increases the mental power of the race. *Alfred Whitehead*

By saying that contradiction is a state of dualism we think we have solved it - which is obviously a mere convention, a contributory escape from actuality. *Jiddu Krishnamurti* (1895-1986)

By simply not mentioning certain subjects... totalitarian propagandists have influenced opinion much more effectively than they could have done by the most eloquent denunciations, the most compelling of logical rebuttals. *Aldous Huxley*

By starlight, I'll kiss you, and promise to be your one and only. I'll make you feel happy and leave you to be lost in mine. *Billy Corgan*

By starving emotions we become humorless, rigid and stereotyped; by repressing them we become literal, reformatory and holier-than-thou; encouraged, they perfume life; discouraged, they poison it. *Joseph Collins*

By taking the responsibility for leading the customer to action, you do both your business and your customer a favor. *Jay Abraham*

By the age of twenty, any young man should know whether or not he is to be a specialist and just where his tastes lie.

By the pricking of my thumbs, / Something wicked this way comes. *William Shakespeare* (1564-1616)

By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong. *Charles Wadsworth*

By the time a person gets to greener pastures, he can't climb the fence!

By the time he is my age, he will have been dead three years.

By the time I'd grown up, I naturally supposed that I'd be grown up. *Eve Babitz*

By the time most of us have money to burn, our fire's gone out.

By the time you can make ends meet, they move the ends.

By the time you get to the point where you can make ends meet, somebody moves the ends. (*Goda's Truism*)

By the time you have the right answers, no one is asking you questions.

By the work one knows the workman. *J. de La Fontaine* (1621-1695)

By the yard, life is hard. By the inch, it's a cinch.

By this I mean that a political society does not live to conduct foreign policy; it would be more correct to say that it conducts foreign policy in order to live. *George F. Kennan*

By three methods we may learn wisdom: First, by reflection, which is noblest; Second, by imitation, which is easiest; and third by experience, which is the bitterest. *Confucius* (551-479 BC)

By trying to please everybody, somebody will be displeased. (*Murphy's Fifth Law*)

By trying we can easily endure adversity. Another man's, I mean. *Mark Twain*

By vulgarity I mean that vice of civilization which makes man ashamed of himself and his next of kin, and pretend to be somebody else. *Solomon Schechter*

By working faithfully eight hours a day, you may eventually get to be a boss and work twelve hours a day. (*Murphy's Sixth Law*)

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By writing you learn to write.