

Simon: Hello, you recently pointed out how Papa John's is closing a tenth of their stores in England. Do you have any idea why?

Simon: Maybe because some people think the company is the daddy of all toilets? Not a nice image, especially when you want to order food...

Simon: But PJ have always been called that. Why are they closing their stores now?

Simon: Delayed shock?

Simon: You're saying the thought of people ordering from the daddy of toilets is very traumatic and people have finally processed those thoughts?

Simon: Yes! Also, I had a pizza yesterday and it was delivered 15 minutes early.

Simon: THAT'S a strange reason to downsize an organisation.

Simon: Some people don't like surprises...

Simon: Ok. You mentioned how there is one member of staff in your local petrol station who keeps telling you every single thing you buy is 'ready to eat.' Are the other staff members just as wacky?

Simon: Yes, another guy's catchphrase is 'is that for me?' He says it every time I buy something. The local petrol station really is overflowing with comedy potential.

Simon: You could form not just a double act with the staff, but a triple act?

Simon: That would be great!

Simon: What would you call the act?

Simon: Simon and the Petrol Boys? No, too self-centred. It also sounds like more of a heavy metal band than anything else.

Simon: It also sounds like a pop band...

Simon: Yes, because of The Pet Shop Boys...

Simon: Try harder?

Simon: We could call ourselves Three Funny Guys living Life to the Max.

Simon: Those guys really do see the humour in everything...

Simon: Oh I know. They sure do make the act of buying a true joy.

Simon: Do you have any thoughts on illusions?

Simon: Yes, there's a video on Youtube where someone (or something) is saying

either 'brainstorm' or 'green needle', different people hear different things. First up, not only are the words COMPLETELY different, one has two syllables, the other has three! How can it possibly be brainstorm??? It's like someone being given the question 'What's 2 plus 2?' It's obviously 4, but what it most certainly isn't is a two digit number like 20.

Simon: Are there any other illusions on Youtube?

Simon: Yes, there is a video showing how some people hear 'Yanny', others 'Laurel'. They're completely different again, but at least they have the same number of syllables. I should make a prank Youtube video where I say some people hear 'hello' others hear 'antidisestablishmentarianism.'

Simon: Yes, or you could say some hear 'hello', others hear a short story...

Simon: Exactly. Speaking of antidisestablishmentarianism, Google says it's 'estimated to be the 6th longest word in the Oxford dictionary.' It's 'estimated'? That suggests no one has ever truly read the Oxford dictionary. How about the guy who wrote it? Does he have to estimate too??

Simon: Have you heard the stories of jumbo jets falling apart? It seems like no profession is safe from laziness...

Simon: I haven't finished talking about long words!

Simon: Oh. Sorry.

Simon: There is a 45 letter word that describes a type of lung disease. If you had the condition, would you care about its exact name or would you rather the English teacher left the room so more attention could come from the doctor? Now I've finished.

Simon: I guess I would prefer it if the doctor stayed...

Simon: Thank you.

Simon: Any insights on chocolate wrappers?

Simon: Yes, one said it was 'made from recycled...' and for a while that's all I saw. I feared the worst and thought to myself 'made from recycled chocolate? Is that what follows? That doesn't sound good.' Not to worry, it actually said 'made from recycled plastic'!

Simon: What's recycled chocolate?

Simon: Maybe if someone eats too much chocolate, throws up, someone collects the sick and puts it into another bar of chocolate, that would be recycled chocolate?

Simon: No, that could never happen.

Simon: Yep, fair enough.

Simon: Any thoughts on London crime?

Simon: In contrary to what the news says, I've never seen any kind of violence on the London tubes ever. Because of the stories, you'd expect everyone to be foaming at the mouth and killing each other but it's not true. In fact, in the last LCW meeting someone entered the room to ask if someone had lost their purse. It didn't get stolen or vandalised, it was handed back politely and in perfect condition.

Simon: And any more stories of the LCW meeting?

Simon: Yes, in the meeting, someone mentioned wrestler 'The Rock' and pronounced him 'The Wok' instead. I thought that was a funny image for wrestler, but what made it even better was the phrase 'can you smell what the wok is cooking' made so much more sense than the original phrase. I Googled the newer phrase when I got home and as expected it's already a thing. 'Can you smell what the Spock is cooking' has a mere 122 search results though, I copied and pasted the phrase in Google's advanced search to get the stats. As I copied and pasted it, and as I also wanted to copy and paste a Youtube video later on to a Facebook friend, I very nearly copied and pasted him 'can you smell what the Spock is cooking' by mistake, not the vid. How random that would be, right? It's certainly a strange way to start a conversation.

Simon: Any thoughts on hospitals?

Simon: On a reality hospital TV program, I saw a notice saying 'please do not disturb'. What like mentally disturb? Maybe something like 'I cut my foot off with a chainsaw and threw it at someone'. That would be disturbing. I'm wondering why there has to be a sign for that, though.

Simon: Crime is going up...

Simon: Still though, that kind of thing isn't COMMON is it??

Simon: I dunno. Maybe. Any thoughts on other injuries?

Simon: There is a Youtuber who wears a skull mask on the top half of his face. If there's ever a comment that asks why he wears the mask, I'd like to reply saying that tragically he's not wearing a mask, he's the victim of a flesh eating disease.

Simon: Poor guy...

Simon: Yes, he handles the situation very well. It's surprising how he doesn't let things get to him.

Simon: And have you come up with any new kind of palindromes?

Simon: Yes, a 'stepwise palindrome'! e.g. 12:33:21 or 01:22:10. As you can see the numbers go up and down by steps, hence the name. They're rather rare on clocks!

Simon: What about the double threes and twos? They're not going up or down by steps, they're being repeated.

Simon: Oh yeah. Then they are 'partial step palindromes.' They're rare, too.

Simon: A true step palindrome wouldn't be possible?

Simon: Not on digital clocks, no...

Simon: Unless the clock had micro seconds in it? something like 01:23:21:0

Simon: Together we've just advanced palindrome research like never before!

Simon: :) Any quiz show stories?

Simon: One quiz show question was 'what was the third American president of the 21st century'. For whatever reason I was thinking to myself 'what was the third president of the 20th century?' I don't know why. I had no idea how to answer the question... George Washington? Imagine if I said that.

Simon: No, there's no way he was the third president of the 21st century...

Simon: I know! :S Similarly there was a question that went 'what is the 2nd largest country in South America?' For a moment I was thinking what the 2nd largest country in Africa was, and I nearly said Egypt.

Simon: I wouldn't worry about it. Egypt being in South America? More than plausible. To wrap things up, do you have any thoughts on Celebrity Big Brother?

Simon: Yes, there was a contestant called 'Zeze' but sadly she didn't win. If she did, it would be Zeze top!

Simon: Great stuff. Bye!