

Simon: Hello. A while ago, you pointed out how watches are almost always advertised at the time 10 past 10 so the hands look happy. Can you take that anecdote any further?

Simon: Sure can. I heard Buzz Aldrin's watch on moon was at 11:14 at some point, and whilst that wouldn't usually be something worth mentioning or certainly getting excited about, that too is a happy watch!

Simon: Ohhh yeah.

Simon: I'm wondering if he demanded being send to the moon at that time. Maybe he was thinking to himself 'this is going to be the best day of my life, and I don't want my watch being left out.'

Simon: Astronauts are extremely rare, it makes you wonder how crazy the other potential moon landers were... Buzz really was the best NASA had to offer?

Simon: I'd be surprised if someone that demanded happy watches could even find work in McDonald's...

Simon: Do you have any proverbs you're confused by?

Simon: What does 'the straw that broke the camel's back' mean?

Simon: What do you think it means?

Simon: Evil straw?

Simon: There you go. You just need to believe in yourself more.

Simon: I've never heard of an evil straw...

Simon: Oh straws can be very evil. Extremely violent.

Simon: When???

Simon: They're mostly violent to camels. You haven't seen that because you live in England.

Simon: Why??

Simon: I don't know. Why would anything or anybody be violent?

Simon: Mental problems?

Simon: There you go.

Simon: I think the phrase should be 'the straw with mental problems that broke the camel's back'. That's clearer.

Simon: Ok. Have YOU been injured recently?

Simon: Yep. I fell on my wrist and when it finally got better I fell on it again!

Simon: And going in the opposite direction, have you had any incredible experiences?

Simon: Oh, really incredible.

Simon: Go on...

Simon: Get this. I bought a train ticket saying '05 MCH 24'. Mach 24? That's fast, I definitely kept hold of that, I have it on my desk right now. I'm not sure what the 05 meant, though. If the ticket said 0.5 MCH 24 I guess that would be half Mach 24 which would be Mach 12. Still extremely fast, but if anything the ticket in its actual state means FIVE times mach 24 which is Mach 120!! that's 92,072 mph!!!!!! What a ticket!

Simon: 05 MCH 24 sounds like the date to me.

Simon: What do you mean?

Simon: Sounds like 5th of March, 2024...

Simon: Yes, that's when I bought it.

Simon:

Simon: DAMMIT!

Simon: You were hoping the ticket would give you incredible abilities?

Simon: Yes, but no matter what I did to it, nothing happened.

Simon: What did you do to it?

Simon: Just fold it repeatedly.

Simon: I'd throw it away, if I were you.

Simon: Oh I will now. I feel SO stupid.

Simon: Any stories about your nemesis A.I.?

Simon: I saw online someone saying that in the near future, people will be able to have songs made by A.I. that perfectly appeal to them. No no no! HOWEVER, why not have A.I. that can FIND already human written songs that other people should love? Nothing wrong with that whatsoever! Please do that in fact! :)

Simon: A compromise. More than fair.

Simon: Right, I'm not suggesting there should be a WAR against A.I. that WOULD get me in trouble, I'm just saying no art should be made by computers ever.

Simon: Because all art should be made by humans?

Simon: Exactly! What do computers know about art? What, would they write songs about crashing and getting replaced by other computers? Nope, they apparently write about human experiences, making them pretentious. They know nothing about people, not really they don't. Being connected to keyboards and printers is an awful idea for any song.

Simon: What do you think about Guns 'n' Roses's latest music?

Simon: I have to say 'The General', 'Hard Skool' and 'Perhaps' are actually pretty good. 'Absurd' not quite so much.

Simon: If you hadn't heard any of the songs and had to guess which of the four would be worse, what would you say?

Simon: Hard skool. Simply because it's spelt wrong. If it's such a 'hard skool' you really would expect the students to have hard work there. Instead even the NAME of the place is wrong.

Simon: I know! If the parents had to pay lots of money to get their children into it, there would be outrage...

Simon: Agreed. And really such parents should be seeing red flags simply when finding out the spelling, which you'd assume would be quickly.

Simon: If the three good songs were written by A.I. you'd hate them?

Simon: Ummmmm... Not sure, actually.

Simon: Any anecdotes about other bands?

Simon: There's a Threshold song goes 'why did you sacrifice me father' then 'why did you sacrifice me mother' and THEN 'why did you sacrifice me lover'. It would be funny if it went a lot further than that and dozens if not more people 'sacrifice' him. Problem's with you maybe?

Simon: Any anecdotes about football?

Simon: On TV, I turned channels onto a match where it was 1-1 after only one minute! Then I noticed it was extra time. Well 'ET', could be short for extra terrestrial. Maybe aliens playing football is more exciting than Earthling football, which sounds fair enough to me.

Simon: Did the 'aliens' look like people?

Simon: Yes, very much so.

Simon: Did they completely look like people?

Simon: Yep.

Simon: I think they were people.

Simon: How embarrassing.

Simon: Any insights on food?

Simon: I heard that China invented a super ingredient called MSG that makes everything delicious. That sounded like a conspiracy theory to me, but no Google says MSG does indeed make pretty much everything delicious or at least a lot nicer. It's interesting how the same country also invented the pentatonic scale (I think) that always sounds good. Clever people, if slightly lazy.

Simon: I heard Japan invented MSG.

Simon: Well Japan use pentatonic scales a lot, too.

Simon: So both countries work?

Simon: Yes.

Simon: Any stories about quiz shows?

Simon: Yep, on TV there was the question 'what colour means go as long as the way is clear', and the contestant said 'amber.' Luckily ambers on traffic lights don't last long, so she is basically fine. It could have been worse, she could have said 'red'. Whatever the case, that was a question on Mastermind and really you'd expect questions that are harder.

Simon: And any thoughts on words?

Simon: 'Philo' means 'love', so do philosophers love sofas?

Simon: Either that or so fars...

Simon: So fars?

Simon: Things that are far away.

Simon: Oh yeah. But that's not proper English, so it has to be sofas.

Simon: But philo is a Greek word, isn't it?

Simon: Never mind, then.

Simon: How about you just make a phrase up?

Simon: I have a new way of saying 'is that a problem?'

Simon: Yes?

Simon: 'Is that a pickle of a boo?'

Simon: Fantastic. And anything to end this interview on?

Simon: On a repairing things TV program, someone said 'I'm going to carry on steaming and shaping'. Carry on steaming and shaping? How's that for a new carry on film?

Simon: Sounds rubbish.

Simon: Yes!

Simon: And on that awful note, bye!

Simon: Bye!