

Simon: Hello, any thoughts on electric guitar lessons?

Simon: Yes, when I started taking them as an 11 year old, things went perfectly well for a while but when I heard Yngwie Malmsteen and I showed his music to my teacher, I only got disapproval. The instructor's opinions on Yngwie solos weren't a million miles away from the talks in schools you get about doing drugs.

Simon: Some strong feelings, there?

Simon: I guess the teacher is more of a melody person...

Simon: But speed picking has its place, too!

Simon: Exactly my thoughts, but the teech said all Yng solos sound the same!

Simon: They mostly do...

Simon: Fair point, but Yng's 'Black Star' was once voted as having the 2nd best metal guitar solo of all time!

Simon: His song 'Razor Eater' is a good example of his lack of melody... You didn't show the teech that song, did you?

Simon: No. Why would anyone eat a razor? Very painful and where's the nutrition?

Simon: I think the song was based on a book...

Simon: Well I hope the author spent a LONG time explaining the fictional man's reasonings.

Simon: Agreed. In the song however, Yng mainly points out how the razor eater never dies, which is lucky for him as normally eating razors would be extremely dangerous. You can't mention that enough, can you?

Simon: Right, and living forever doesn't mean you should eat razors. You CAN, but why not eat curries instead?

Simon: I bet the razor eater likes exceptionally spicy curries...

Simon: Oh he must do if he eats razors.

Simon: If I was him, I'd keep a low profile though. I'd be like 'yes, yes, yes, I live forever, get over it!' Things would be so much worse if I was spotted eating razors as well.

Simon: Speaking of a lack of creativity, what's with Eastenders, Coronation Street, Waterloo Road, South Park, etc. naming their shows after places? It's not just TV programs, Linkin Park are at it, too!

Simon: Why do you think that is?

Simon: Well, it's better than simply calling a TV program 'Drama' or 'Comedy' but again, it points to a lack of creativity.

Simon: What do you consider a creative name for a drama?

Simon: Well Neighbours is about a town of neighbours, so that doesn't win. Hollyoaks could be an interesting one about a man who collects holly and oak maybe, but no Hollyoaks is a place as well. Lastly, The Young and the Restless sounds like an interesting name, but when I was young I WAS restless. The name of the program suggests young people can't be restless which of course is wrong.

Simon: There are no good names for dramas?

Simon: I don't think so...

Simon: What do you think of the names of comedy programs?

Simon: Whilst dramas are almost always named after places, comedies are mostly named after people! You get The Simpsons, Alan Partridge, Mitchell and Webb, American Dad etc. Are towns serious and the names of people funny? I don't have a funny name, do I?

Simon: No, I like your name...

Simon: Thanks.

Simon: Also, there are many towns that have funny names, such as Boggy Bottom. Or 'Lost nation' in Iowa...

Simon: That's not funny...

Simon: Google says it is...

Simon: Lost nation sounds more mysterious than funny to me.

Simon: Google has messed up again?

Simon: Apparently.

Simon: How would you name a comedy drama?

Simon: Maybe something like 'Ben's Town'.

Simon: Ah, you've combined a people name with a place name?

Simon: Simple, effective.

Simon: What happens in Ben's Town?

Simon: Not sure. Things that are funny and sad, I guess?

Simon: Such as?

Simon: The main character Ben laughs at sad people, there you go.

Simon: That's not funny, that's just cruel...

Simon: Yes, but Ben finds it funny.

Simon: Ben's an asshole...

Simon: Fine, then call the show 'Asshole Ben's Town'.

Simon: He owns the town?

Simon: Apparently...

Simon: That must be depressing for the residents...

Simon: Oh very.

Simon: What do you think is the best name for a show ever?

Simon: The mysteriously named Solar Opposites is clever in that it sounds like Polar Opposites, (I'm sure the title makes sense if you watch the show) but I've only just heard of it. Could be rubbish...

Simon: Is there anything else you're unsure about?

Simon: Is the lord of the flies simply a big fly? I'm thinking of queen ants being bigger than normal ants...

Simon: You do know the lord of the flies is another word for the devil?

Simon: Right?...

Simon: I'm just saying, why would the devil be a large fly?

Simon: Or very large...

Simon: You don't think it would be easy to overthrow?

Simon: How?

Simon: With a simple bat...

Simon: Oh yeah.

Simon: Best to move on from the idea, then?

Simon: Yes. Well partially, anyway.

Simon: What do you mean?

Simon: Speaking of evil things, I recently saw a numberplate with '666' on it. It was surely intentional as numberplates almost always have just two numbers in a row!

Simon: It does sound like a personalised numberplate, doesn't it?

Simon: Yep. It must have been awkward asking for it...

Simon: The buyer would have probably said something like 'I know this sounds mad, but I'd quite like others to know I'm evil... Do you have anything with '666' on it?'

Simon: The conversation clearly went well in the end, though...

Simon: Have you seen any funny plates?

Simon: One looked like 'Liza Sucks' and another was an anagram of 'witch' but spelt with a 'B'.

Simon: There is no class anymore...

Simon: I know!

Simon: The three numberplates weren't owned by the same person were they?

Simon: No, he'd probably get an ASBO.

Simon: Ah. Of course.

Simon: Changing the subject a little why is my spellchecker allowing 'numberplate' but not 'numberplates'?

Simon: I don't know. Are multiple numberplates really such a crazy idea?

Simon: Surely not, I've seen millions of them...

Simon: Don't waste your time thinking it about it, then?

Simon: I guess. Bye!