

Simon: Hello! Do you have any insights on games and personality?

Simon: I saw a clip of a video game where a car goes crazy speeds and shunts other cars out of the way over and over again. If you saw that in real life you'd think the person is a maniac, obviously. As art is often based on personal experiences and making games is a kind of art, does that say anything? Sure you don't HAVE to shunt cars in the game, but it's very easy to do. How would you feel if I made a game where there was knife on a table right in front of you, you can easily pick it up, and there were also a man wearing a shirt with 'Come on then!' written on it, right in front of you. Wouldn't alarm bells be ringing?

Simon: What else could you do in the game?

Simon: There's a baseball bat on the pavement right in front of you. Also right in front of you is a shop with the sign 'Shoplifters and vandals are amazing' on it.

Simon: It sounds like violence is what the gamer maker encourages...

Simon: Yes, especially when you find out the game is called 'Rob and Destroy.'

Simon: Not so different to Grand Theft Auto...

Simon: Exactly.

Simon: Are you suggesting the makers of GTA want to steal cars, etc.?

Simon: Oh come on. You're telling me someone who makes a game where you can rob, destroy, kill, etc. has never thought about burgling a shop just the one time?

Simon: Maybe...

Simon: Yeah, maybe he really wants to write poetry about nature and feeling sad, the work just never came.

Simon: Have any insights on heavy metal band names?

Simon: 'Power' is a common word in band names, as is 'Wolf'. Well, there's a band that goes to the extreme and calls themselves Powerwolf. They should call themselves Powerwolf Death, as death is common too. Or Powerwolf Deth. 'Necro' is a common word, as is 'dark' and 'morbid'. So we have Power Morbid Dark Death Necro Wolf.

Simon: Not very catchy is it?

Simon: Shorten it to PMDDNW.

Simon: If it was a good acronym, it would have some vowels in it...

Simon: Noted. Powerful and morbid dark and deathly necro awesome wolf.
PAMDADNAW.

Simon: Pamdadnaw? I like that, I really do. Google if it's already a word...

Simon: It's SIMILAR to panda draw, which is a game, but there are no exact results!

Simon: Very exciting.

Simon: Yes, it's like Pantera, it may not be a real word, but it SOUNDS cool.

Simon: Pantera is Spanish for panther...

Simon: Oh yeah.

Simon: Any brainteasers for me?

Simon: Is 'a little bit of a nitpick' bigger or smaller than a usual nitpick? I'm just saying 'little' and 'nitpick' mean the same thing, so does having the two words together in the same phrase change the meaning? It's like how 'not not' means 'yes'. That's a concern for me as I often say nitpick and a little bit. I also sometimes say 'a little bit of a nitpick'.

Simon: Oh God, you're asking the wrong person. You've just caused me severe intellectual pain.

Simon: I'm so sorry.

Simon: That's going to be on my mind for a while, now.

Simon: Please forgive me.

Simon: I'll forgive you when you move on.

Simon: How do you make this work-in-progress joke work?: 'Why did the postponed road get higher? It was de-laid...' By that I mean laying roads places them down, so 'de-laid' roads get higher, right? However, how can something get higher if it hasn't even been laid yet because it's postponed? Maybe making the joke work is impossible?

Simon: You've moved on by giving me another brainteaser?

Simon: Yeah.

Simon: I have no idea what you're on about. Again. Move on by giving me a funny thought.

Simon: There's a Canadian town called 'Fort Liard.' That's an anagram of 'I, fart lord.'

Simon: :D

Simon: It's not as impressive, but Fern is an anagram of Nerf. As in gun!

Simon: Awesome. And do you have any inspiring stories?

Simon: I've finally worked out how to open the petrol cap on my car with ease. I used to dread filling up my car, now I can't wait!

Simon: And any tales of peril?

Simon: So I could review it, I had to download an album from a company called 'suspicious activities' causing me some real anxiety, then I thought, no, why would any criminal spreading malware call themselves that? You'd keep the malware a secret, right? But when I was asked if I was SURE I wanted my computer to download from 'suspicious activities'?... I didn't like that very much at all.

Simon: I'd hate to download a file from such a company...

Simon: It could be at least slightly worse though, it could have been called 'Virus Spreader.' The thing is, I can see a heavy metal promotion company being called that.

Simon: But it wouldn't be much worse.

Simon: Right.

Simon: What's the strangest insult you've heard?

Simon: I remember clearly when I was about 10 a teacher reading a hate poem basically about people who don't believe in Santa. One insult about non-believers went like this 'People who don't believe in Santa brush their teeth from side to side...' I brush my teeth from side to side, is that a problem? If so, WHY?? Mind your own business, am I really doing any kind of harm to you?? Even if you WATCHED me brush my teeth, which I would expect coming from such a person, I can't work out how that would offend the guy. That got to me, it really did. It made me angry and ashamed.

Simon: Any other primary school stories?

Simon: In assembly, a man gave a talk about how hard it is to wrap up toilet rolls in a way that is perfect. I was thinking to myself 'no there are machines that do that for people'. I must have had my hand up for at least two minutes but the teachers seemed weird around me and ignored me. Little did I realise at the time the speaker was trying to say everyone has a purpose, including 'toilet roll wrappers' even if they are fictitious, and even things that are seemingly easy require skill. I was really confused at the time, though.

Simon: And have you been confused in recent times?

Simon: On the back of food packaging it said 'you are where you eat'. I was thinking that's not insightful it might as well have said 'you are where you are', it means the same thing. Definitely needed some rewording...

Simon: You've mentioned pseudo palindromes, for example 13:33:13 and authentic palindromes such as 13:33:31, are there any others?

Simon: Yes, there are hidden palindromes, such as 16:01:01...

Simon: I don't understand...

Simon: 16:00:61 is impossible on a digital clock, but 16:01:01 isn't YET it means the same thing. The latter therefore is hidden. So to speak.

Simon: I think I know what you mean... Are there any others?

Simon: There are partial palindromes such as 10:10:10. Not a true palindrome, but it KIND of is... There are anti palindromes such as 12:53:00 which aren't palindromes in any way whatsoever, and there are absurd palindromes such as 36:19:02 which could never feature on digital clocks...

Simon: Great!

Simon: I'll keep trying to think of more types of the palindromes in the future.

Simon: Bye?

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