

Simon: Hello! Read any interesting self-generated subtitles, recently?

Simon: Yep, on Youtube. I guess the technology has a long way to go.

Simon: Go on...

Simon: I was watching the Amber Heard/Johnny Depp trial, and the subtitles kept saying 'misheard' instead of Miss Heard which makes sense, but the Johnny Depp errors were far more interesting. Mr. Depp was called 'Mr. Depth', 'Mr. Duck', 'Mr. Daffy', and darkly 'Mr. Death'.

Simon: Mr. Death? That alone makes him sound guilty. I'm certainly not saying he is, my God do I not want to go there, I'm just saying the subtitles did... :S

Simon: Exactly. Maybe the subtitles weren't computer generated, but were part of some conspiracy? Same could go for Duck and Daffy. However, by calling Miss Heard 'misheard' it could be implying she misunderstands what's going on/isn't fit to stand trial. So it seems AI isn't really taking sides.

Simon: Hm.

Simon: Moving on, I've invented a new genre of music called 'numberplate rap'!

Simon: What's that?

Simon: Make up a numberplate...

Simon: Ok. BG45PPP.

Simon: Now you have the plate, you can rap about it immediately. Here you go: 'B to the G to the forty-five triple P!'

Simon: It has something about it, I suppose...

Simon: Told you. It works with all plates. Such plates are also great for coming up with fictional names. Take for example 'PR45MEM'. Reads like 'Prasmem'. Ever heard that name before? Me neither. Even better, you could name your child after the number plate, automatically making the plate personalised. If you're really lucky, the name could catch on and your plate could end up worthing a fortune.

Simon: Seen any plates that really exist?

Simon: Yep, I've seen a great plate. I won't give the exact letters and numbers, BUT it had the exact same meaning as FI54 MEH, i.e. Fish, Meh. But the plate was even better.

Simon: That IS a good plate. Anything else on your mind?

Simon: Nope.

Simon: Oh really?

Simon: Yep. This is the hardest part of the month for me. I'm completely knackered writing for this site, I'm just praying I'll get my new albums to review for Metal Rules.

Simon: Please try.

Simon: Ok. The following ideas may be untrue and nonsensical, but it's the best I can do for now.

Simon: :)

Simon: Ok. So, it could be that human voices are high in mid frequencies, or maybe people voices are in the middle range of the pitches that people can hear... Or both.

Simon: I see...

Simon: And such mids may be easiest for people to hear, and THAT could be because people have evolved to easily understand human voices... Or something.

Simon: And?

Simon: I was just thinking, as Metallica's guitars scoop the mids, (i.e. reduce them), maybe if you listen to them really loud for ages, you'll damage the parts of your ears that deal with low and high frequencies, but not the middle frequencies...

Simon: And?

Simon: Are Metallica subconsciously very sociable people by not destroying the mids? Some of their lyrics and even album titles (e.g. Kill 'em All) would suggest otherwise. I think I have spotted another paradox.

Simon: That was really random.

Simon: Well, worse part of the month.

Simon: Do Metallica scoop the mids of the drums, bass and vocals?

Simon: I doubt it. That would surely sound bad.

Simon: And what does that tell you?

Simon: Oh yeah. All parts of the hearing get damaged. But better me pointing that out than nothing, right?

Simon: Total BS is better than nothing?

Simon: Oh, never mind. Personally, I really like the warm mid range of guitar frequencies, so I often boost them.

Simon: You're thinking you subconsciously want to deafen the part of your hearing that MAY be best at hearing voices?

Simon: Maybe. Some people are really annoying... You know how some young drum'n'bass fans blast out bass-heavy music in their cars?

Simon: Yes?

Simon: Maybe they don't want to hear bass anymore. Because they're scared of thunder. Or maybe cannon fire. Or both.

Simon: And why would such people fear such things?

Simon: Just a phobia. Some people are scared of heights.

Simon: I see.

Simon: I've never heard of a person who blasts out really high pitches...

Simon: And why do you think that could be?

Simon: Most people like hearing bird song. Why deafen that part of your hearing?

Simon: Makes sense, I suppose.

Simon: Why is it that short sightedness is far more common than deafness? Is your hearing more important than sight? I can't see a thing without my glasses... I couldn't live my life without them. I would definitely miss my hearing if I lost it, but I could function.

Simon: Maybe because your ancestors never really needed their vision? Maybe they robbed people in complete darkness where no one could see?

Simon: What are you saying?

Simon: I'm just saying you wouldn't really need your sight, then.

Simon: I was thinking my ancestors could have been singers.

Simon: Come on.

Simon: Excuse me?

Simon: Can YOU sing?

Simon: Never really tried...

Simon: That's a lie...

Simon: Sure I sang in a choir in university, but never seriously...

Simon: Were you good?

Simon: I wasn't THAT bad... :O

Simon: Could you have made a career out of your singing?

Simon: Oh screw you! What are you going to suggest next?

Simon: You kick pigeons?

Simon: That's a nasty rumour.

Simon: That you started?

Simon: Yes, a nasty rumour that I started about myself. I was trying to be edgy. It's got completely out of hand.

Simon: How out of hand?

Simon: I'm not sure. I might just be imagining it, but I think when people see me close to the birds, they go quiet and stare at me. Again, might just be my imagination.

Simon: I think it is, tbh.

Simon: Thanks.

Simon: It might have been better if you said you keep pigeons. Nothing wrong with that.

Simon: Is that funny though?

Simon: It's a lot funnier than kicking pigeons! What were you thinking??

Simon: Tough question, a tough question.

Simon: Do you have any idea?

Simon: Not really. Again, I just thought it was edgy. Shock humour? Stupid pigeons.

Simon: Demented, more like. I'm going.

Simon: That's fair. :)

Simon: But I'll be back, tomorrow.

(A day passes)

Simon: Guess how fast I was going on the hiking machine...

Simon: 50 miles an hour...

Simon: Actually it was far more impressive. I was pedalling over 4,000 rotations a minute. Not for very long, though.

Simon: How fast is that?

Simon: I'm not sure. A calculator says that's over 66.6 rotations a second, so I dunno... 100 mph?

Simon: Jeez...

Simon: That wasn't the only cool thing to happen at the gym. When I burned 123 calories on the hiking machine, I was pedalling at 45 rotations a minute. Even better, the numbers were right next to each other.

Simon: 12345???

Simon: Yep. One of the best numbers there is.

Simon: I agree with you, I honestly don't think I've seen a better number than that in my life. Other than on clocks. And excluding numbers I've written myself of course, but anyone can just write 123456789, etc. Did you do anything to celebrate the number?

Simon: Na. It just boosted my mood a bit.

Simon: How did you feel when you pedalled at least 100 mph?

Simon: No that really boosted my mood. I felt really strong.

Simon: Would it embarrass you if I said it was almost certainly a computer malfunction?

Simon: Yep.

Simon: Well I have bad news. :(

Simon: What?

Simon: It was a malfunction.

Simon: No...

Simon: Afraid so.

Simon: How do you know?

Simon: Because you going that fast isn't physically possible.

Simon: I've been eating healthily. Mostly.

Simon: Still though...

Simon: Oh. On another note, I bought a random CD from a charity shop and it's selling online 2nd hand for around £20. However, I don't like it and if I added it to my collection, it would be at the very top of it, meaning I'd have to do some serious reshuffling. I was thinking... would it be morally wrong to sell to someone else for £20?

Simon: Yep.

Simon: Why?

Simon: Because that money belongs to charity.

Simon: What can anyone do with just £20?

Simon: You serious? You could buy a dying person a pizza with sides, for one thing.

Simon: Oh yeah. I feel selfish now.

Simon: You should do. So much cheese, such great toppings...

Simon: Ok, stop it!

Simon: Such amazing stuffed crusts!

Simon: STOP! I said I'm sorry! :(

Simon: Oh wait, no one can get any of that stuff because you want to make easy money!

Simon: You're an asshole, too. So go away.

Simon: All coming out now, isn't it?

Simon: Yip.

Simon: Seen any good Youtube videos, lately?

Simon: There's a great Youtuber called Karl Jobst who makes videos about video game speed running. His latest video lasts a good 40 minutes and even if it's just about himself, that's fine!

Simon: Exactly. Nothing wrong with writing about yourself.

Simon: Exactly. He's a very talented gamer, I have to say. He's so impressive, he ended up in a newspaper...

Simon: I can imagine you ending up in a newspaper, too...

Simon: Really?

Simon: Yes. For causing a charity shop to shut down whilst you live the highlife.

Simon: A £20 highlife?

Simon: Yes. You can have an amazing time with that amount of money and you know it. Yum yum.

Simon: And the charity shop can't handle that much loss?

Simon: No, that's the tragedy.

Simon: Why??

Simon: Because the staff are kind and put all their time and effort into work. All their money, too.

Simon: Oh my God. I never knew.

Simon: You know what I think you should do?

Simon: What?

Simon: Nothing.

Simon: Why nothing?

Simon: Because if I tell you to put any effort into doing something good, would you?

Simon: How dare you! Yes!

Simon: Like?

Simon: I go to the gym. That's good.

Simon: Ah. It seems you've misunderstood my question. What I meant was, have you ever done good for other people?

Simon: I've bought some food for me, so that doesn't work. Hm. I've bought some petrol, again for me... I've watched Youtube videos for my own entertainment... Wow. That IS a tough question.

Simon: Please keep trying.

Simon: I drove my dad to the shops and bought food for me with his credit card.

Simon: And is that the kindest thing you've ever done?

Simon: Yes.

Simon: Oh. My. God.

Simon: What now?

Simon: That was the kindest thing you've EVER done?

Simon: Sure.

Simon: -\_-

Simon: Oh my God, I STILL haven't got my albums to review. This is terrible.

Simon: Let's end thing here, and see if you have them tomorrow?

Simon: Yip. Byeeeee.

(A day passes)

Simon: Still no albums! Let's post this interview, then. Byeeeee.