

Simon: Hello! Any more random things to discuss?

Simon: You know it.

Simon: Great! Let's goooo.

Simon: So... Don't you think 'getting pinged' is too benign a phrase?

Simon: I do think that. If someone tells you to self isolate because of a potentially lethal infection, 'getting alarmed by threats' or something equally dramatic is far better. I mean 'ping!!!' is something an exciting toddler would say. If anything, it's amusing when coming from a medical professional.

Simon: Right. I understand the government wanting to keep things light, but it's just hard to take seriously. Nothing that has been pinged has ever resulted in death. I'm sure of it.

Simon: Do you have any thoughts on Yngwie Malmsteen's playing style?

Simon: Yes, he often says 'How can less be more? More is more...' in reference to him playing fast all the time, and I'm assuming he's joking. (Unless of course, he's autistic and has a problem understanding paradoxical sentences that I guess CAN be confusing. Personally I can't stand double negatives). But if he really wanted to be cocky, he'd say less IS more. As in less melody is more.

Simon: -_-

Simon: Here's a thought...

Simon: Go on...

Simon: How come fans make you cooler? (As in less hot, not more hip or however you want to put it). Surely they just spin the air round and round quickly. Wouldn't that make things hotter?

Simon: I don't know...

Simon: I mean friction causes heat... I'm assuming air friction also causes heat.

Simon: Hm.

Simon: And why do 'cool' people wear clocks around their necks? Why would clocks be cool and desirable, and fans not so cool, for example?

Simon: You know what? I think it's basically random. Some guy just thought wearing a clock would be good. Simple as that.

Simon: By that logic, wearing fans COULD be cool?

Simon: Yep, I really do think so. I don't understand WHY, nobody does, but hey.

Simon: I'll tell you what's REALLY hard to explain...

Simon: What?

Simon: A news reporter said a vehicle was driving at three times the speed limit. For whatever reason, I was expecting her to say three times the speed of light. THAT'S fast. The driver must have really been in a hurry if he decided to break the laws of physics.

Simon: But he didn't travel that fast?

Simon: No, no, no. Just a misunderstanding. He would have warped time.

Simon: Next!

Simon: It's easy to interpret the word 'raised' as 'razed' as they sound exactly the same. For example, 'His salary was raised', could be heard as 'His salary was razed'. As in burned. Some words really do need to be clarified to avoid such confusions. Why would someone want to burn money?? You can waste lots of time thinking about that.

Simon: Idiot.

Simon: Hey.

Simon: What's the best thing that's happened to you?

Simon: When I was in I.T. class when I was about 14, everyone's computer crashed except mine. I boasted that I was some kind of godlike figure for sometime afterwards, which did cause annoyance, especially after the first hour or so, (no really, it was about an hour), but I was too happy to care. Having said that, I didn't really do any work so it didn't matter. Isn't it funny how all the people who did do work lost everything, whereas I was fine?

Simon: Any more I.T. stories?

Simon: Yes. In another lesson, because I wasn't doing anything again, (I didn't have the energy), my teacher said 'Why don't you just leave the room?' I know this sounds a bit unbelievable, but I didn't know why he said that at the time, (I was so out of it), so I did leave. The look he gave me. That wasn't quite such a happy memory, and it certainly could explain my fear of technology. But it's all over now.

Simon: Any lighter stories?

Simon: On the news, I saw what was believed to be the biggest Hula Hoop of all time. I've never seen one like it, BUT I have seen a very small one. I understand why the guy was so excited about it, it's a special feeling.

Simon: Awesome. Do you have any specialist observations?

Simon: Yes, about the Enneagram system.

Simon: That IS specialist. Would you like to explain what it is?

Simon: A personality typing system. Like Myers-Briggs.

Simon: I see...

Simon: 8w9 has to be the weirdest Enneagram type. It's described as 'The challenger-peacemaker'. It's like saying someone is serious and lighthearted, it doesn't make sense.

Simon: Wow, that WAS specialist.

Simon: I actually think it was too much so...

Simon: Ah, who cares? Any statistic anecdotes?

Simon: Yep. At the gym on the hiking machine, there is a countdown after you turn the thing on. The countdown stops when you start exercising. However, it always stops on the exact start of a second, not halfway through it. I've checked about thirty times, and it's always been the same...

Simon: Where are you going with this? This story better be good...

Simon: Well, either it's like that all the time, or I've just been extremely lucky. If it's 50/50 and sometimes the countdown stops in the middle of the second, the odds of MY experiences happening would be 2 to the power of 30, and that's one in 1,073,741,824. I've worked it out.

Simon: I wouldn't have bothered mentioning that, if I were you.

Simon: Why?

Simon: I mean, things stopping at the start of seconds. I mean... Meh.

Simon: Oh. It's better than the Enneagram stuff though?

Simon: Hmmmmm. Not sure. Do you have any deeper thoughts on maths?

Simon: You know how one third is equal to 33.333333333 etc. percent?

Simon: Yes?

Simon: I wonder if there's a point where you run out of threes. After the millionth three or whatever, maybe the number gets tired and calls it a day. That would be an interesting discovery.

Simon: No, that's not how maths works at all. You can SERIOUSLY waste your life if

you try counting that many threes.

Simon: Are you sure?

Simon: Positive. Next!

Simon: In one comedy routine in England, Ricky Gervais said he hurt his back playing golf so he couldn't do cartwheels or whatever on stage. Perfectly reasonable I guess, but he said the exact same thing in a later American tour. Why did he injure himself in the same way again? Why didn't he learn the lesson from last time and why were his symptoms so severe? What did he do? He must have tried to hit the ball for miles and miles. He does understand the rules of the game, right? You hit the ball in the not-so-distant hole, not in a poor passer by's face outside the golf course.

Simon: Bye.

Simon: He said 'golf was stupid', so he clearly had some ulterior motive turning up to the playing field...

Simon: BYE!