How to Screw with People

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We all enjoy confusing people from time to time. It's just human nature. Such behaviour actually originates from caveman times, where artists drew a whole load of meaningless pictures on cave walls. Just for future generations to pointlessly obsess over. However, sometimes even the best of us run out of ways to confuddle. Well not any more; I will be writing a whole bunch of random nonsense that crucially sounds really deep/amusing. I'll start things off with some interesting 'truths'. Let's go!

Fact 1: 'Spaniards are ten times more likely to die in a fishing accident than the rest of the population'.

That was a weird one wasn't it? Why could that be? As the country is largely surrounded by sea you'd think its population would be confident with boating an such. But then again, Spaniards are often thought of as laid back (by me at least), so maybe that's what their problem is. It's a sentence that really gets one thinking, perhaps for a long time and that's what's so funny.

Next: 'Worms like listening to Metallica but not Megadeth'.

The weirdness levels have been taken up a notch here, as the two thrash bands are rather similar to each other, apart from the fact the latter one does have the better musicians. Maybe the bugs find extended flashy solos pretentious. On the other hand, David Mustaine does have a somewhat weird singing style, so maybe THAT'S what they don't like. Of course worms can barely hear, but who cares? Say that example to people anyway.

'Listening to too much pop music makes your teeth fall out'.

Do teeth have the potential to leave the human body in response to disliked music and flee to blissful quiet safety? (Or at least can they try?) Maybe. I've heard stories of teeth exploding, but not out of musical frustration. Still though, you can tell people they did.

'Nobody really knows what badgers are'.

Are badgers mammals, are they insects or are they fish? Not even the greatest scientific minds in the world know. In fact, Stephen Hawking wrote a large essay on the subject shortly before he died. You could say.

'More people have been killed by apricots dropped from windows than sharks'.

This one isn't so strange in that you can be allergic to the fruit. But who goes around dropping them on people? Which why I like this fun fact.

'All fish are vegetables'.

That one actually makes sense, as many vegetarians eat fish. Which is why I don't like thinking about that pseudo-fact too much. It hurts my head.

Now we move onto meaningless jokes...

'What's the difference between a car and a snowman? Ten beef burgers'.

Not much explanation is needed for that classic gag. The following few examples are good because they have a bit of development to them, perhaps tricking people into believing they're based on logic... I actually considered posting them in a festive Twitter joke competition. But I didn't. :(

'Why does Santa Claus have so many reindeer? Because he has three eyes!'

'Why does Santa Claus fly at night? Because he has four eyes!'

'Why does Santa Claus like curries? Because he has five eyes!'

Next up, we have a different take on a well known joke. The familiarity lulls people into a false sense of security...

'Knock knock...' 'Who's there?' 'A pyramid'.

Ok, now I'll move onto fictional place names. Many of us have heard of whacky towns/streets such as the very real (honest) 'Bell End' and 'Bitchfield', let's take things a little further:

'West Pigeon, Surrey'.

'Gerbilface, Yorkshire'.

'Crazy Eye and Silly Hat, London'.

'Basil and Onion Flavour Crisp Street'.

Next up are made up baby names. Maybe the following won't be too shocking to you, as real mental names aren't unheard of:

'Death from Above'. (E.g. Death From Above Wiedemann, or whatever).

'Nutcase'.

'Tramp'.

'Orc Slayer' .

'Tsar of the Hippies'.

Of course, you have to take into consideration middle names.

For example you could come up with 'Death From Above Orc Slayer Wiedemann'. Perhaps 'Tramp' would be too unmotivating.

Here are some whacky, original blurbs you can advertise to whoever you like:

'Two friends, two cups of apple juice. Who will drink fastest?'

'A badger in a car; no one knows what to do.'

'A spaceman lands on Mars. That's it.'

Ok, I hope you've got something out of this monologue. If all goes to plan, countless men and women of all ages (well not under 18, that wouldn't make sense - which is good) will spend huge amounts of effort re-examining the world because of us. Then when you tell them you were joking, they'll have to think everything over again. Great, right? Maybe you'll like to start small and trick every day people, then move on to bigger and bigger targets, until finally you fool highly influential world leaders and make them change global policies. You could be responsible for surely much needed health and safety training for Spanish fishermen. Awesome! Okey dokey... Bye!