

Simon: Hello! Do you have any tips for today?

Simon: I sure do!

Simon: What?

Simon: Ever wondered how to be an asshole boss, yet above the law?

Simon: No comment...

Simon: Well if you have, I have a great idea...

Simon: Go on...

Simon: You could say the following: 'I'm going to give you a 10% pay rise!!' When the excited employee says 'Really?', then you say 'Yes, 10% of 50p', as quietly as possible.

Simon: I'm not sure if that IS legal.

Simon: Really? Why not?

Simon: It's deliberately misleading. Even if you unintentionally mislead someone, that's not good... Don't people need to read and sign contracts or whatever? How would you write one explaining the 'huge' pay rise and discreetly say it's only 5p?

Simon: Poor handwriting.

Simon: You're definitely going to jail, one day.

Simon: No, I don't think so.

Simon: And surely the employee would find out eventually. Like a few days if that.

Simon: Err...

Simon: Basically, I'm saying 'why bother?'

Simon: Screw you.

Simon: >:(

Simon: Ever wondered how to really confuse someone?

Simon: No...

Simon: Good, here you go: 'There's a reason why the letters B and N look almost the same - they're not vowels.'

Simon: Oh God.

Simon: It's confusing, right?

Simon: Yes, Simon. It is confusing.

Simon: I mentioned in another article how someone chugged ridiculously expensive water; now on the same channel, there's TWO of the guys doing the same!! They drank one or two litres in seconds, and one sip is worth about £1,000! I've worked it out!

Simon: Was the water really good?

Simon: Apparently it was refreshing.

Simon: Wow, I've never heard of a refreshing drink...

Simon: Neither have I. Oh wait, it's all drinks, isn't it? Not only that, most drinks taste far more interesting than even the best water. Check out lemon aid, for example. If you want some really good water, just add a slice of lime. That alone will take it into ten thousand pound territory, I'm assuming. I mean if you want to be REALLY refreshed add an ice cube. I'm being serious.

Simon: I think the heat has been driving people insane.

Simon: Apparently the water won awards...

Simon: What awards?

Simon: I don't know. Best value water in the \$100,000 range? I'm not exaggerating.

Simon: :S

Simon: Also, apparently the water took all taste away of previous foods, but if that's an issue, all you need is mouth wash.

Simon: Some people.

Simon: You were right, the heat is causing suffering though. I saw a TV show, dealing with topics such as how to get to sleep in the groggy weather. It's really not that complicated, just open a window. That's it.

Simon: You could give that advice. I don't know how you could fill several minutes of air time with it, though.

Simon: If you keep things lighthearted, you can get away with anything. That's what I do in my 'serious' music reviews for The Independent Voice.org, sometimes. It's very difficult writing deep and original critiques when so much music sounds the same. I even once pointed out I was joking around simply to add length to my work. Had I shown my boss, I don't think she'd be happy, but I got no complaints, so... Safe Simon.

Simon: If you say so...

Simon: Would you believe my spell checker said I spelt 'a' wrong? How can you misspell a letter? Then I realised I should have said 'an'.

Simon: Ah.

Simon: After giving my computer an update, the spellchecker has got a lot worse, though. Here's an example; what do you think this word is?: Spelcheckr. It's clearly spellchecker isn't it? But the checker has no clue.

Simon: Do another one...

Simon: Spellchecker has no suggestions for 'stupidchecker'. It's obviously two words. Oh ok, it's spotted that now, but only after I pointed that out. That's actually a bit creepy.

Simon: :S

Simon: Having said that, I've spelt my surname all sorts of ways, and the checker was always onto me. Maybe it just likes Germans.

Simon: Ha.

Simon: I'll try a Spanish name. Maybe it secretly/not so secretly likes some countries more than others.

Simon: I think that suggestion would be very offensive to the checking company...

Simon: It has no suggestions for Herspamdez...

Simon: Oh come on. That was well off.

Simon: It doesn't recognise 'Gardia'. Garcia is only one letter off. And apparently I've misspelled 'off'. Whether I add a comma or not before the word is my choice. I'm sure such punctuation actually makes things more confusing.

Simon: Just move on.

Simon: Here's a thought: Apparently 'fee' means 'payment' according to an online thesaurus. But what about the phrase 'he paid a fee'. It doesn't make sense. It's like saying he paid a payment...

Simon: So what?

Simon: I don't know how to word my joke!

Simon: What joke?

Simon: This one: What's the difference between a gym member and a payment in the underworld?

Simon: What's the difference?

Simon: One's healthy, the other's a Hell fee. Does that sound weird, to you?

Simon: I don't know, to be honest.

Simon: Meh.

Simon: Next subject, please...

Simon: I'm listening to indie band The Drums, right now. Their lyrics are very interesting if you take them literally...

Simon: What do you mean?

Simon: Check these words out: 'I'm scared of the child that lives in me, I don't know if he cares.' That's a trippy lyric.

Simon: How did a child end up in him?

Simon: Exactly. I can understand why the kid doesn't care about the singer. I'd be really angry if I was stuck inside someone. He probably can't even breathe properly. And talk about claustrophobia.

Simon: I bet the singer's just as stressed, though.

Simon: Fair point. When you think about it, it's amazing how calm the singer is. One wrong move from the careless child and organs could be ruptured...

Simon: Are you sure The Drums aren't a brutal death metal band?

Simon: They do SOUND like one from those words, yes. Really you have to listen to it for yourself. I'm fairly sure some kind of metaphor was used, but I can't be certain.

Simon: Well, what are the rest of the lyrics like?

Simon: I'll just find out online...

Simon: ...

Simon: The words are from the track 'Blood Under My Belt'. That does sound pretty gruesome, doesn't it? Not as bad as 'Blood Under my Belt Because of Child Clawing Inside Me', though.

Simon: What are the words, though?

Simon: Here are some: I see death coming at me too quickly...

Simon: On second thoughts, stop. This song IS too disturbing.

Simon: Someone has commented that 'the prechorus makes me cry'.

Simon: It makes ME cry.

Simon: They have another song called 'Heart Basel'...

Simon: What's that?

Simon: At first I thought they meant 'Heart Basil' which would be weird; either a herb or Fawlty Towers reference... Why sing about either? Then I found out Basel is a Swiss city.

Simon: Ahhhh, that makes sense. Hang on, I still don't get it.

Simon: Hmmmm.

Simon: Ignore them. They're trolls. That's obvious.

Simon: Maybe the band loves the city...

Simon: What are the lyrics of the song like?

Simon: 'Oh the tropical weather, it must've softened your heart...'

Simon: The tropical weather?

Simon: It continues 'But now we're back on the streets in California'...

Simon: Are there any Swiss references?

Simon: None whatsoever.

Simon: Huh.

Simon: Call it a day?

Simon: Byeeeee.