

Simon: Hello? Sneezed a lot, recently?

Simon: Yep, the other day I sneezed four times in two minutes. I don't think that's happened before. Usually I like sneezing, but that was too much.

Simon: Excellent intro. Maybe you'd like to give an inspiring anecdote to add to the drama?

Simon: You know how if you don't practice something for a while, you get worse at it?

Simon: Yes?

Simon: OBVIOUSLY I spend lots of time reading words, but numbers not so much. When I was 'forced' to read numbers such as the dates and times I updated this site (to check if someone published articles without my permission, so as to make me look like some kind of dickhead or whatever), I found I was slow at reading them. How annoying right? You'd think I'd have to relearn all the numbers in the world, right? Actually, just by me practicing a few numbers, I found that helped me read all sorts of digits.

Simon: Wow, that WAS inspiring.

Simon: Told you.

Simon: What kind of article could someone else post?

Simon: Oh, I don't know. They could say I kick pigeons or whatever. What hurts is I'm sure a minority would believe it, with my previous writing and all. But of course, I was joking.

Simon: I'm sorry to hear that.

Simon: It's ok.

Simon: Heard any weird songs, recently?

Simon: Actually, I've heard a weird song that's very popular. Well it seemed weird for a fairly long time...

Simon: Go on...

Simon: You know the one that goes 'I don't like cricket' for ages?

Simon: Yep?

Simon: Who cares? In comparison, I don't like tennis. Ok, after a while the singer goes 'I love it' which is perhaps a bit less weird, but I think both interpretations are odd. Let's get a word from a random word generator. Ok, we have 'elbow'. Does this sound like a good song to you: I don't like elbows, I love them? What's the difference

at the end of the day?

Simon: Cricket is a very popular sport...

Simon: Yes, but everyone has elbows!

Simon: Fair point. Any humorous mishaps to speak of?

Simon: Yes. I HOPE I gave the pizza man a £1 tip, but it's quite possible I gave him 10p as I found I still had a £1 coin in my pocket when the guy left. Worst case scenario I gave him 1p as I was given 11p change earlier in the day. 1p is a joke isn't it? The way I handed it over so enthusiastically only adds insult to injury.

Simon: Awesome. Any good ideas you've had?

Simon: People say computer keyboards are also known as 'qwerty' keyboards, but why not say 'qwertyuiop' keyboards so as to remember the order of the keys? Saying/learning 'qwertyuiopasdfghjklzxcvbnm' is harder of course, but after a bit of practice, the rewards are there.

Simon: You mean learning the order of keys could help with touch typing?

Simon: Exactly!

Simon: Given any more thought to your RPG idea?

Simon: I was thinking of having a music shop called 'Go Away Records', but according to Google, that's a genuine record label.

Simon: :S

Simon: Yes. But as it's just a game, I guess I could use the name I thought I invented anyway.

Simon: Ever thought you had dementia?

Simon: Yep. The phrase 'everyone be nice to him' sounds right because it IS right, but what about the past tense version? That would be 'everyone bees nice to him', right? Wrong.

Simon: Sounds right to me...

Simon: I know!! But apparently, it's 'everyone WAS nice to him'...

Simon: Huh.

Simon: :S

Simon: Talked about any films, recently?

Simon: Yes, I told my brother I bought a film called 'Doom' from (you guessed it) a charity shop for 50p. He asked me when it was made, and I said '2018' with confidence. Actually it was released in 2006. Maybe the 18 rating confused me? Nope, actually it's rated 15. But you'd have thought it would be an 18 though. I said there were no four or five star reviews on the back so it probably wasn't very good again with confidence, actually it had one four star review. In fact, it's supposed to be one of the best game to film movies ever made. I have to say, from what I've seen so far (I had one less hour in the day at the time of viewing because of the clock adjustments) it's only very very loosely based on the game. It's on Mars, there are some zombies, and that's it. Are there relentless gangs of monsters with rocket launchers or robot spiders with gatling guns? Nope. It's like calling a film Super Mario, just because the main character is Italian and likes eating mushrooms.

Simon: Maybe you should finish watching the film before you comment?

Simon: Fair point. Stupid extra hour of daylight.

(A lot of time passes)

Simon: I've spent a lot of time flicking upright coins to make them spin, and you know what? I think I've learnt something.

Simon: Yes?

Simon: When when they stop spinning round in circles then fall over, they vibrate faster and faster until they finally stop dead. MAYBE that's what's happening with the Coronavirus? Maybe it's getting more and more mental, then just like that, it will be dead forever?

Simon: You think coins and viruses are related?

Simon: Does that sound crazy to you?

Simon: Maybe. HOW are they related?

Simon: The way they vibrate...

Simon: The way coins and viruses vibrate?

Simon: Maybe viruses do vibrate. Can you see them? Who knows?

Simon: Google 'do viruses vibrate?'

Simon: Ok.

Simon: Well?

Simon: 'Vibrations of coronavirus proteins may play a role in infection'! Ha!

Simon: My word. You've done it.

Simon: I WAS right! Apologise for thinking I was an idiot! Apologise right now!

Simon: No.

Simon: Why?

Simon: Never mind. So your prediction is the virus will get more and more common, then stop in an instant?

Simon: Yep.

Simon: Well, I guess we'll see. Are you saying coins are dangerous if they're similar to viruses?

Simon: Are lions dangerous?

Simon: Of course.

Simon: Well my ten pence coin has TWO lions on the back of it. It was you who said it. YOU effectively said the coins are dangerous, just now.

Simon: There is a difference between lions and PICTURES of lions. Or even two pictures of lions.

Simon: Fair point. No, wait...

Simon: What now?

Simon: The thought of lions can be scary...

Simon: And why are coin manufacturers trying to scare people with the thought of lions?

Simon: I'm not sure. No wait...

Simon: WHAT?!?!?!?

Simon: To make people want to get rid of their money. By encouraging people to spend!

Simon: Or to attack their money.

Simon: Come on. Who would attack two lions?

Simon: Two absolutely tiny and immobilised lions?

Simon: Made of metal, though...

Simon: To be clear, you're frightened of two tiny pictures of lions?

Simon: Of course.

Simon: Maybe you'd like to change the subject to avoid future embarrassment?

Simon: A gate is on the back of my 1p coin.

Simon: And?

Simon: Gates keep you locked up.

Simon: Do you even remember the point you were originally trying to make?

Simon: Vaguely. Why?

Simon: What has any of this got to do with the Coronavirus??

Simon: Want to know what's on the back of my one pound coin?

Simon: Nope.

Simon: In either case, I have no idea. It looks like a rose, a clover, a crown, and a pineapple wearing a chef's hat.

Simon: They're nice images, that's all. They don't have to mean anything. Move on.

(A lot of time passes)

Simon: I'm still thinking about the coin.

Simon: MOVE ON!

Simon: You've shouted again!

Simon: Remember how this interview started? You were on fire! You were full of ideas! Now look at you...

Simon: What?

Simon: Comparing coins to pineapples in hats. You've gone crazy again, haven't you?

Simon: No.

Simon: Let's just end things here.

(A day passes)

Simon: Anything on your mind now?

Simon: Nope.

Simon: Then proof read this interview and publish!!!

Simon: Bye.