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The ‘Intranet Joke of the Week’ Explained

In October, 2008, the team of business coaches at Shirlaws Queensland decided to improve our engagement with our colleagues by implementing ‘Shirlaws Business Links’, a weekly newsletter with links to interesting, relevant, and valuable business articles from around the world.

One of the team suggested we add a joke to the end of each email – no matter how busy our readers are, who doesn’t like a joke on a Friday morning?

We also try to link to the theme of the week. A full archive can be found at www.shirlawsonline.com/blogs

The first joke came from the Shirlaws Intranet – since then they’ve been sourced from joke books, websites, the dark recesses of our own brains, and (of course) from our loyal readers. There are only 3 criteria – they need to be short, clean, and funny.

In this booklet we’ve laid out every joke used since inception. We know they’re short. We know they’re clean. To wish you a Merry Christmas, we will let you be the judge of funny.

Until next year – Jacob Aldridge and the Shirlaws Queensland Team

Adding Value

October 17, 2008

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?"

Her mother replied "Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life."

The child thought about this for a moment with a confused, and then understanding look on her face. "So is that why the groom is wearing black?"

Think Discontinuity

October 24, 2008

Given the state of many global banks, a man walks into his branch and says to the cashier "Can you check my balance?"
So she pushed him.

Second Prize in a Beauty Contest

October 31, 2008

"It has been said that politics is the second oldest profession. I have learned that it bears a striking resemblance to the first."

- President Ronald Reagan

Focus In

November 7, 2008

A rule for decision making: Don't sweat the petty things, and don't pet the sweaty things.

You Complete Me

November 14, 2008

A boss tells his new employee "I'll pay you \$10 an hour today and in

three months I'll raise it to \$20 an hour. When would you like to start?"
The employee responds: "In three months."

The Grate of Expectations

November 21, 2008

A man walking through a park comes across a friend playing chess with a dog.

"Wow," says the man, "that must be one smart dog!"

"Not so much," says his friend. "I've beaten him three games out of five."

A Recess-is-on?

November 28, 2008

I lent my brother \$10 last week.
Turns out I'm now the third largest bank in America.

Silly Season Sickies

December 5, 2008

Doctor to Patient: "I'm afraid you're dying."

Patient: "How long have I got?"

Doctor: "Ten..."

Patient: "Ten what? Years, months, what?"

Doctor: "Nine, eight, seven..."

All in the (Family) Business

December 12, 2008

A young employee turns to a colleague and says "I know he's my dad, but I really feel like punching my boss in the face again."

The colleague is startled: "Again? Did you say again?"

"Sure," says the young man. "I felt like punching him in the face once before."

Teach a Man to Fish December 19, 2008

A not-too-bright guy gets up really early in the morning to go ice fishing. He goes out onto the ice with his tent, his pick and his fishing rod, and starts to pick at the ice. Then he hears a big booming voice: "THERE ARE NO FISH UNDER THE ICE."
The guy looks around and then starts to pick at the ice again. He hears the voice again: "THERE ARE NO FISH UNDER THE ICE."
Now the guy is getting a little edgy. He looks up toward the sky and yells, "God, is that you?"
And the voice answers, "No. This is the Manager of the Ice Rink."

Is that thing still around? January 9, 2009

A Quote from Emo Philips:
"A computer once beat me at chess. But it was no match for me at kick-boxing."

Plan to Thrive January 16, 2009

And finally, a warning for all our Nigerian readers. Be wary of Americans discussing money in emails. This is a Scam.

Sack your Coach January 23, 2009

Huffing and puffing, the rookie golfer declares: "I'd move heaven and earth to break 100 today."
"Try Heaven," says his coach.
"You've already moved enough earth."

Most Improved Capital Value January 30, 2009

A barber gave a free haircut to a priest one day, refusing money because "you do God's work".
The next morning the barber finds a dozen bibles waiting at the shop door.
A policeman came to the barber, and again the barber refused payment saying, "you protect the public".
The next morning he finds a dozen doughnuts at the door.
Finally, a lawyer came to the barber for a haircut, and again the barber refused payment saying, "you serve the justice system".
The next morning the barber found a dozen lawyers waiting for a free haircut.

Generalisation Y February 6, 2009

A reporter was writing an article on Generations and decides to explore past X & Y, even before the Boomers, Builders, and Depression Era kids, so he interviews a 104-year-old woman. At the end, he tries to sum it all up: "What do you think is the best thing about being 104?" the reporter asks. "That's easy," the lady replies. "No peer pressure."

Perspicacity February 13, 2009

A thin, weedy-looking man sits in a bar, just staring at the drink in front of him, when a trouble-making thug comes barging in, pushes him to the side, and downs his entire beer. The man starts to cry, so the thug leans into him, laughing, and says "Hey, what's your problem? Can't afford another beer?"

"It's not that," says the man, "it's

just that today is the worst of my life. First, I slept in, was late to work, and got fired. When I left the office, my car had been stolen. Then I catch a cab home, only to discover my wife in bed with the gardener. Finally, I came down to this bar with the intention of putting an end to my life. And right when I'm about to do that, you show up and drink my poison."

Context

February 20, 2009

Two cows were standing in a field when one goes, "Mooo."
The other replies, "Damn, I was just about say that."

Raging Bull

February 27, 2009

Something that makes me angry is people constantly incorporating the words 'You know' into their sentences.

As in 'You know that's fraud', 'You know you'll get caught for that', and 'You know the police are waiting in your office'.

Sect or Cycle?

March 6, 2009

A naval officer met a pirate at an inn, and couldn't help but noticing that the pirate had a hat-trick of wounds: a wooden leg, a metal hook, and an eye patch.

"How did you get the wooden leg?" asked the officer.

"Well," said the pirate, "we were in a storm at sea and I was swept overboard into shark-infested waters. I fought them off for six hours, but alas before me rescue one of the sharks bit me leg off."

"That's terrible," said the officer. "But what about the hook? How did you come by that?"

"Well," said the pirate, "we were boarding an enemy ship at dawn. Cannon fire filled the air, the colliding hulls made an awful roar, and in the heat of battle my right hand was sliced clean off by an enemy swordsman."

"How terrible," said the officer. "And the eye patch? What caused you to lose an eye?"

"Well," said the pirate, "That were a seagull dropping what fell into my eye while I were looking skyward."

"Amazing," said the officer. "You lost your eye because of something as simple as a seagull dropping?"

"Well," said the pirate, "It was me first day with the hook."

Fun Profitable Growth

March 13, 2009

A housekeeping tip for today's busy lives: Always keep several get well cards on the mantel.

That way, if unexpected guests arrive, they'll think you've been sick and unable to clean.

Vision or Mirage?

March 20, 2009

Dan discovered that he was going to inherit a fortune when his sickly father died, so he decided he needed a wife with which to share his fortune. One evening at a restaurant he spotted the most beautiful woman he had ever seen. Her natural beauty took his breath away.

"I may look like just an ordinary man," he said to her, "but in just a few years, my father will die, and I will inherit 20 million dollars."

Impressed, the woman obtained his business card, and three days later she became his stepmother.

Men get Vision. Women are so much better at Strategy.

Thrift

March 27, 2009

Recently launched into the "real world" and shocked by the expenses that came with it, Bob was complaining about the high cost of car insurance.

"If you got married," teased his friend, "the premium would be lower."

Bob responded: "But wouldn't that be like buying an airline just to get free peanuts?"

The Recession is Over

April 3, 2009

The Stock Report

Helium was up. Feathers were down. Paper was stationary. Knives were up sharply. Pencils lost a few points. Hiking equipment was trailing. Elevators rose, while escalators continued a slow decline. Light switches were off. Mining equipment hit rock bottom. Diapers remained unchanged. Shipping lines stayed at an even keel. Balloon prices were inflated. And batteries exploded in an attempt to recharge the market.

Business Intelligence

April 10, 2009

The CEO was scheduled to speak at an important convention, so he asked one of his employees to write him a punchy, 20-minute speech. When the CEO returned from the big event, he was furious.

"What's the idea of writing me an hour-long speech?" he demanded to know. "Half the audience walked out before I finished."

The employee was baffled. "I wrote you a 20-minute speech," he replied. "I also gave you the two extra copies you asked for."

Reach out and Touch somebody

April 17, 2009

Every morning I wake up, grab the paper, and check both the Rich List and the Obituaries.

If I'm in neither, I go to work.

Wet Season

April 24, 2009

A young man asked an old rich man how he made his money. The old guy fingered his worsted wool vest and said,

"Well, son, it was 1932. The depth of the Great Depression. I was down to my last nickel. I invested that nickel in an apple. I spent the entire day polishing the apple and, at the end of the day, I sold the apple for ten cents.

"The next morning, I invested those ten cents in two apples. I spent the entire day polishing them and sold them at 5 pm for 20 cents. I continued this system for a month, by the end of which I'd accumulated a fortune of \$1.37.

"Then my wife's father died and left us two million dollars."

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May 1, 2009

Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson went on a camping trip. Some hours after falling asleep, Holmes awoke and nudged his faithful friend awake. "Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see."

Watson replied, "I see millions and millions of stars."

"What does that tell you?" Holmes questioned.

Watson pondered for a minute. "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and

potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, I observe that Saturn is in Leo. Horologically, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, I can see that God is all powerful and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you?"

Holmes was silent for a minute, then spoke. "Watson, you're an idiot. Someone has stolen our tent."

Just Wanna have Fun May 8, 2009

If camping is your idea of fun, be aware that the Forest Service has issued a BEAR WARNING in the national forests for this summer. They're urging everyone to protect themselves by **wearing warning bells** and **carrying pepper spray**.

Campers should be alert for signs of fresh bear activity, and they should be able to tell the difference between Black Bear dung and Grizzly Bear dung. Black Bear dung is rather small and round. Grizzly Bear dung has bells in it, and smells like pepper."

Phone a Friend May 15, 2009

Finding one of her students making faces at others on the playground, Ms. Smith stopped to gently reprove the child. Smiling sweetly the teacher said, "When I was a child, I was told if I made ugly faces I would stay like that."

The student looked up at her and surveyed her face and replied, "Well you can't say you weren't warned."

Do More with Less May 22, 2009

Late on a Saturday night, two policemen in a patrol car watch the front bar of the local tavern empty out. One man in particular stands out, swaying from side to side and dropping his keys three times coming down the stairs. In fact, by the time he's reached his car all of the other patrons have cleared the car park. As soon as he drives onto the road, the officers pull him over, and naturally request the breathalyzer. But the results show up negative. "But how?" says the policeman, "How could it be that you're not only under the limit, but you're stone cold sober?" "Easy," responds the man. "Tonight I'm the designated decoy."

Energy Please May 29, 2009

A young man from the city went to visit his uncle on a farm, and it became clear after only a few days that the nephew was getting bored with chickens, cows, and crop rotation stories. Wanting to energise his guest (and get some work done himself) the uncle had an idea. "There's no one around here for miles. Why don't you grab a gun, take the dogs, and go shooting?" This seemed to cheer the nephew up, and off he went, dogs in trail. That afternoon, the nephew returned. "How did you enjoy that?" asked the uncle. "It was great!" exclaimed the nephew. "Got any more dogs?"

and Statistics

June 5, 2009

A shopkeeper is dismayed when a competitor opens right next door with a banner reading "BEST DEALS". Then another competitor opens, on the other side of him, declaring "LOWEST PRICES".

Avoiding the panic (*he says No to inaction*) the shopkeeper finds a solution. He puts the biggest sign of them all above the door to his shop. It reads:
"MAIN ENTRANCE".

Catalyst for Change

June 12, 2009

A small turtle starts to climb a tree very slowly. After long hours of effort, he reaches the top, surveys the view, then dives off a branch flapping his arms, gaining speed...all the way to the ground.

Recovering consciousness, he heads for the tree once more, and very slowly begins climbing again.

At the top of the tree, watching his pain, are two pigeons. As the turtle jumps once more, flaps madly, and fails to fly, the male pigeon leans in toward the other.

"Darling," he says, "I think it's time we told Scott that he's adopted."

Spot the Difference

June 19, 2009

An Irishman in a bar observes another man who could pass as his double. On approaching him, the second man makes the same observation.

"Where are you from?" the first man asks.

"The town of Dalrymple," replies the second.

"Dalrymple!" He exclaims. "I grew up

in Dalrymple. Which street did you live in?"

"Clare Street."

"Clare Street! That's the street I grew up in! Which house number?"

"Number 12."

"Unbelievable," declares the first man again. "I grew up in number 12 Clare St, Dalrymple. Let me buy you drink."

At which point the bar's owner, who had been watching the scene, turned to the nearest bartender.

"Just a warning lad. The O'Leary twins are drunk again."

Start me Up

June 26, 2009

A little girl turns to her friend and declares "I'm never having babies. "I hear they take nine months to download!"

New Year's Revolution

July 3, 2009

A patient is lying in bed, still groggy from his recent liver operation. His doctor comes in, looking rather glum. "I can't be sure what's wrong with you," the doctor says solemnly. "I think it's the drinking."

"Okay," says the patient. "So can I get a second opinion from a doctor who's sober?"

Collecting Pennies

July 10, 2009

A man, down on his luck but admiring the size of creation, begins a dialogue with God.

"God," he says, "How long is a Billion years to you?"

"A Billion years is but a second to me," God replies.

"And God," the man continues, "How much is a Billion dollars to you?"

"A Billion dollars is but a penny to me," God answers.
Thinking this through, the man decides to test his fortune.
"God," he asks one final time, "Do you think you could give me a penny."
"Sure," says God. "Just give me a second."

Interesting to Relevant July 17, 2009

A small, sickly looking man is eating in a truck stop when three massive Bikies walk in.
The first biker approaches the man, and throws a cigarette into his meal. The second biker walks over, and knocks the man's drink to the ground.
And the third biker looks the man in the eye, and unflinchingly upends the man's lunch onto his lap.
Without a word of protest, the small man pays the waitress, and quietly leaves the diner.
The first biker, proud of his superiority, gloats to the waitress: "Not much of a man, was he?"
To which the waitress replies "Not much of a driver, either. He's just backed his truck over three motorcycles."

Be an IT Girl July 24, 2009

A vacuum salesman appears at the door of an old lady's cottage and, without allowing the woman to speak, rushes into the living room and throws a large bag of manure all over her clean carpet.

"If this new and improved vacuum doesn't pick up every bit of that dirt," he declares, "then I will gladly eat the remainder myself!"
The woman, who by this time had lost her patience, was ready to respond. "Sir," she says, "if I had enough money to buy that thing, then I probably would have paid my electricity bill before they cut it off. "Now, can I offer you some tomato sauce?"

Once More with Feeling July 31, 2009

Little Johnny bursts into the house, crying his eyes out, so his mother comes rushing over to see what the problem is.
"Dad and I were out fishing," Johnny tells, "and he hooked a giant fish. Really big. And I mean REALLY big, a real beauty. And then while dad was reeling it in, the line busted and the fish got away."
"Now come on Johnny," says his mother, "a big boy like you shouldn't be crying about an accident like that. Why, you should have laughed."
"But mum," cries Johnny, "that's exactly what I did!"

Catch and KISS August 7, 2009

Top Ten things Men understand about Women

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Think First, Benefit Later August 14, 2009

A corporate manager, an engineer, and a software programmer are driving down a steep mountain road when the brakes fail, careening the car out of control, narrowly avoiding disaster several times before it finally runs out of energy and stops. Shaken, but otherwise unharmed, the three discuss fixing the problem so they can complete their journey. The manager says "To fix this problem we need to organise a committee, have meetings, and through a process of exchanging ideas we will evolve a solution." The engineer says "No, that would take too long, and isn't relevant to this type of problem. I have my trusty penknife here and will take apart the brake system, isolate the problem, and correct it." And the programmer says "Ha, I think you're both wrong! Proper diagnosis requires a repeatable issue. "I think we should all push the car back up the hill, and see if it happens again."

Colour Me Beautiful August 21, 2009

I halve a spelling checker,
It came with my pea see.
It plainly Marx four my revue
Mistakes I dew knot sea.

Rock Bottom – Are we there yet? September 11, 2009

A professor was giving a big test one day to his students, handing all the questions out before returning to

An artist asks the Gallery owner a routine question about any sales of his paintings on display. "I have good news and bad news," the owner replied. "The good news is that a gentleman enquired about your work just yesterday, and wondered if it would appreciate in value after your death. When I told him it would, he bought all 15 of your paintings." "That's wonderful!" exclaimed the artist. "So what's the bad news?" "He was your doctor."

Pushback is Positive August 28, 2009

Late one night a wife finds her husband standing over their newborn baby's cot, his face a mix of emotions, disbelief, doubt, enchantment and amazement. Touched by this unusual display of deep emotions, she slips her arm around her husband and asks his thoughts. "It's amazing," he says, "truly astounding." "I just can't see how anybody can make a cot like this for only \$46.50."

Eeek – Marketing September 4, 2009

The Impotence of a Spell Checker
I've scent this message threw it,
And I'm sure your pleased too no
Its letter prefect in every weigh;
My checker tolled me sew.

wait at his desk. Once the test was over, each of the students lined up to hand their answers in. The professor noticed that one of the students had attached a \$100 bill to his test with a note saying "Times are tough. A dollar per point."

One week later, the professor walked around the room handing the tests back. The student got \$64 change.

Food LoveRSS September 18, 2009

A man joins a monastery, taking among his oaths a vow of silence. The elders of his order allow monks to share only two words, once every seven years.

And so it is, seven years later, that the elders bring him into a room and ask for his two words.

"Food cold," he says, and the elders nod before sending him away.

Seven more years pass, and he is called in again.

"Still cold," he says, before returning to silence for another seven years.

Once more, the elders call him him for his two words.

"I quit," he says.

"That's really not surprising," they respond. "You've done nothing but complain since you got here."

Discover your Learning Style September 25, 2009

A child comes home from his first day at school.

His mother asks, "Well, what did you learn today?"

The kid replies, "Not enough.

"They want me to come back tomorrow."

That's Choice Bro October 2, 2009

A woman - suffering from her husband's snoring - sees a doctor about what choices they may have. The doctor informs her the choice is limited to earplugs, or having an operation.

"How much will the operation cost doctor?" she asks.

"Well," replies the doctor, "to help spread the cost and maximise the value, it will cost \$5,000 upfront, with payments of \$950 a month for 24 months."

"My goodness!" exclaims the woman, "that sounds like leasing a new sports car!"

"Ah," says the doctor, "I was hoping it wouldn't be so obvious."

What's that Smell October 9, 2009

My local newspaper once ran a competition asking readers to send in their best puns. Naturally, I compiled my favourites, and entered the competition ten times.

I was really hopeful one of my entries would win.

But alas - no pun in ten did.

A Rose by any Other October 16, 2009

Speaking of luck, a gangster wins \$100,000 playing Roulette in Vegas. Upon returning home he decides he'd rather not tell (or share it with) his wife, so he first sneaks into the backyard and buries the money.

The next morning he goes outside to discover only an empty hole, and mud tracks leading to the home of his neighbour - a deaf mute. Aware that another neighbour, a professor, is fluent in sign language, the gangster grabs his gun, awakens the professor, and marches into the neighbour's house.

"You tell this guy that if he doesn't give me back my \$100,000, I'm going to kill him," he screams at the professor, who promptly translates. The neighbour signs back: "I'm sorry. I panicked. It's sitting in my

bedroom right now."
The professor turns back to the gangster. "Wow," he says. "First this guy says he'd rather die than give you back the money. Then he says it doesn't matter, because you don't have the stomach to shoot him anyway."

A Half Dozen of the Other October 23, 2009

A mother, her son weeks away from finishing high school, is talking to a friend who politely asks "Has your son decided what he wants to with his life?"
"Yes," the mother replies. "He wants to be a garbage collector."
To which her friend replies "Isn't that's a little strange, you know, as a career ambition?"
"Sure is," says the mum. "I think he's of the opinion that they only work on Tuesdays."

The Web 2.0 Edition October 30, 2009

A woman bursts into the bakery, irately demanding to see the owner. "I sent my son in here this morning for two pounds of cookies, but when I weighed them on my brand new, technologically-advanced, diamond-precise scales there was only 1.5 pounds of cookies. I demand you improve your technology and test the weight of your scales."
The baker looked at her calmly for a moment or two, and then replied: "Madam. I suggest you test the weight of your son!"

Fast or Slow? November 6, 2009

An established lumber camp looking for lumberjacks was surprised when

a scrawny little man turned up, axe in hand.

The manager, thinking he could dissuade this chap quickly, first asked for a practical test, having him attack a tree that would take two men at least half an hour to fell. So imagine his surprise when, barely five minutes later, the man returned with the tree felled!

"Blow me down," said the manager.

"Where did you learn to fell a tree like that?"

"My learning," replied the small man, " was mostly done in the Sahara forest."

"Forest? Don't you mean the Sahara desert?"

To which the little man grinned.

"Sure. That's what they call it now."

Forever Blowing Bubbles November 13, 2009

One for the commodity and investment buffs: If you lend a man ten pounds, and then never see him again, it was probably worth it.

Why Should I Hash Tag EMSA? November 20, 2009

Having mastered string theory, the Hadron Collider, and Twitter, a group of scientists decide that man no longer has a need for God. They select a spokesman to go and tell God that He is no longer required: "God," the scientist says, "we've decided we no longer need you. We can handle miracles all on our own. So you can probably just go and get lost."

God, ever patient and kind, lets the scientist finish before responding.

"Very well. But I'm not sure if that's the case. I believe we should have a man-making competition."

The scientist responds: "OK. Great."
"And," says God, "we will do this like I did in the old days. Back when I created Adam."

"Very well indeed." says the Scientist, who (egged on now by his supporters) bends down and collects a handful of dirt.

God looks down and shakes His infinite head. "Wait, wait, no, no, no. First, you have to get your own dirt."

A Mo Bro Low Blow November 27, 2009

An old man, dying, calls to his bedside the three men closest to him - his priest, his doctor, and his lawyer. "Having worked hard all my life, I have decided to be buried with my money," he tells them. "To that end, I am giving each of you \$30,000 to deposit in my coffin at my funeral."

And so it is, just days later, that each of the three men gently leaves an envelope in the man's coffin at his funeral.

Yet no sooner have they left the service, than the priest breaks down. "I have a confession," he tells the other two. "I only put \$20,000 in the envelope, and kept \$10,000 to repair the roof of my church."

The doctor then feels the need to confide. "I only put \$10,000 in. The \$20,000 will provide a new X-Ray machine for the paediatrics ward."

The lawyer looks on at them, disgusted. "I'm ashamed of both of you," he says. "I want it known that when I put that envelope in the coffin, it contained a personal cheque, signed by me, for the whole \$30,000."

Pants on Fire December 4, 2009

A police officer pulls a guy over for speeding, and asks to see his licence and registration.

"Sorry officer, I lost my licence after my fifth drink-driving offence. In fact, they took my car as well, which is why I had to steal this one.

Although, now you mention it, I did see some registration papers in the glove box when I threw my gun in there."

The officer froze: "There's a gun in the glove box?"

"Reckon so. That's where I threw it after I shot the woman who owns the car, before I stuffed her body in the trunk."

At this point the officer reels back, and grabs his radio, immediately calling for backup. Within minutes three squad cars arrive, and the precinct Captain pulls the man from the car.

"Show me your licence and registration," the Captain demands, following protocol.

"Certainly officer," replies the man and calmly hands the valid documentation over.

"This seems to be fine sir, but I'm going to need you to open your glove box to see if there's a gun in there. And then we need to see inside the trunk."

The man obliges. No gun. No body. The Captain is perplexed.

"I don't understand. The officer who pulled you over said you had no licence, this was a stolen car, that you were armed and there was a body in the boot?!"

"That's outrageous," says the man.

"He probably told you I was speeding as well."

Being a Cheap Date **December 11, 2009**

A man driving along the highway notices two men working strangely on the roadside.

The first man would dig a hole several feet deep, then move a few feet forward and dig another hole. The second man was following closely behind, filling in each hole almost as quickly as they were dug. The driver was perplexed enough to pull over, and ask what was going on.

"Don't worry," says the first man, "we work for the council."

"Then surely this is a waste of ratepayers money?" asks the driver. "And you two are typical council slackers!"

"Well now mister, there's something you're not seeing," responds the first man. "Normally there's three of us on this job - I dig the holes, there's Joe who plants a tree in the hole, and there's Mick over there who fills the hole back up again."

"Now you call us slackers, so I ask you this: if we were slackers, why did we come to work today even though Joe called in sick?"

Christmas Gift Inside **December 18, 2009**

A Russian couple was walking down the street at night, when the man felt a drop hit his nose. "I think it's raining," he said to his wife.

"Nonsense," she responds, "that felt more like snow to me!"

"No, my dear, no. It was definitely rain." This being a strenuous holiday season, the couple's discussion had every change of growing into a full-scale argument, until a senior Communist party official walks past and offers arbitration.

"Tell us, comrade Rudolph," begins the man. "Is it officially raining or snowing?"

"It's raining, of course," he answers and keeps on walking.

But the wife is insistent: "I tell you, that felt like snow."

To which the man has no choice but to reply: "Rudolph the Red knows rain, dear."

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How do you know Santa has to be a man?

No woman is going to wear the same outfit year after year!