

\_\_\_\_\_. 1. to add an item to an existing list, such as a grocery list. 2. to answer an incoming telephone call by saying "Can I place you on hold," so that you may continue with another conversation nearing its end. 3. to wake up from a dream but then fall asleep again so quickly that you continue the dream.

\_\_\_\_\_. 1. an oath or form that requires you to state or write your full legal name ?

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for  
Linda Kobert



# **STRATEGY AND TACTICS**



## **Non-Lethal Action**

I open the garage door so the hornet will fly toward the light. His secret is safe with me, because I wasn't listening. Stop after the second plate at the Indian buffet. No root beer float: I need sun screen. I tell myself to be sure to turn off the coffee maker. Count backwards from ten. I recite the alphabet from H to Q. I tell myself not to talk to myself so much. Smile at the camera.

## **Psychotronic Stimulation**

My right foot goes numb. I shift my balance until feeling needles back. Even a few hours later, I can't remember everything that happened five minutes after I took out the trash. I try to write down the dream, but what emerges is a translation—*into* language. I grew a beard, and then I couldn't stop stroking my chin, as if I were a wise man. Finally, I had to shave: it was too distracting. I couldn't concentrate.

## **Microwave Discommunication**

*Centripetal* or *centrifugal*—not that again. What the hell: diphthong? I just re-read *D'Alembert's Dream* again, and already I'm having to review parts of it. I'm not positive I know what "positivism" means. I can remember either Bachman Turner Overdrive's "Taking Care of Business" or "You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet," but never both in the same conversation. I can remember one Darrin from *Bewitched*—Dick York. Maybe not: I wanted to say Larry Storch. I have problems spelling "problematicize." Not to mention "misspell." I just mentioned it.

## **Enchanted Things**

My favorite verb is “to coagulate.” I first heard it in Patti Smith’s “Birdland,” a song I listened to night after night in high school.

## **Coercive Continuum**

He made the appointment for the wrong time. “You can change it if you want to,” he said, and he turned his back and sent his glare ahead of us both. Fluorescent flicker imprints a maze for eyes to run through later in dreams. In curved space, you are always looking at the back of your head. No wonder I feel that someone is watching me.

## **Infobody Biofeedback Modulation**

Chico Marx’s name is pronounced accurately “Chick-o” instead of “Cheek-o,” but say “Chick-o” around most people and they’ll look at you as if you were nuts, so I have to give a preamble or explain, so most of the time I just say “Cheek-o,” too. I can’t tell if those pants are navy blue or black, but I know they’re not cool enough to wear for a second date.

## **Senso-Linguistic Infiltration Programs**

I kept nodding and smiling while he talked, so I controlled his mind into thinking he controlled my mind. I don’t care if they make labor unions and collective bargaining illegal: I’m unemployed. By sound alone, you can’t tell if it’s “news” or “knews.” This erasable pen doesn’t write right and the eraser only makes a blurry mess.

## **Spell Checking**

I made a Pollock of ketchup over my French fries. Monsanto is a proud corporate sponsor of the potatoes. According to the milk carton spokesperson, I'd have to disappear to be noticed. And be younger.

## **Belief Networks**

On the front page of the newspaper: a photograph of the President, partly covered by the delivery address label, with a quotation, also partly covered, but with these words visible: "language understood by killers like this is the language of force."

## **Transaction Bonds**

I can't find the ideogram for Man Standing by His Blurb. I put my money where my mouth is. "Jimmy John's: we try to put our stores closer to your mouth."

## **Intelligent Pandemonium**

*Familiar.*

## **Horror Ontology**

Outside: I will not wade into water I can't see through to the bottom. Outside in: I still have hankerings for a Quarter Pounder even after learning that McDonald's is one of the foremost purchasers of cow eyeballs (but maybe I could see



through water better). Inside out: hairs growing on *top* of my nose? Inside: but what if the tumor is on the outside of the colon: rare, but I know somebody who knew somebody that happened to, and colonoscopies don't pick it up.

### **Consistent Illusions**

This can't get much worse. I know what you mean. I'm doing all I can do. This shirt makes me look thinner. I'll save fifty dollars this month. A painting is two-dimensional. Happy New Year. I will not eat any more Fritos. I thought the blotch in the road was a tire scrap, so I moved over and missed a pot hole. I didn't let any flies in. I'm only human. I'll never forget this.

### **Critical Hedonism**

I keep my mind a blank while I wait for the computer to come on. There's no evidence that we need evidence: I mean, nobody can prove I mean what I say. I listen to Mayhem's "Buried by Time and Dust" while I slice peaches.

### **Influence Spheres**

At first, she didn't like miniature golf; now she wins every other game. For nine seconds after a John Woo character says something, I can cuss in Mandarin (or is it Cantonese?). Whoever went to the soda machine for Tabs always forgot to get me a Coke, so I ended up looking forward to having a Tab with the rest of them. One day, I just decided I could parallel park. The same person who made high-quality automatons also invented special ophthalmological devices.

I can avoid eating donuts as long as there aren't any in the house. Professional wrestling is worth it only if you can sit in the ringside seats.

### **Flow Control**

Having “doubles” of baseball cards is not extra. A friend did a detailed astrological chart for me once—reference books, exact time of birth—and it seemed pretty accurate, so I try not to think about it. I always get coffee in a “to go” cup, even if I plan to sit in the café to drink it.

### **Space Invaders**

This is crème-filled, and I ordered custard-filled. Is it asking too much that the couple at the table next to me could have an *interesting* conversation about their daughter's therapist? Remember to lock the bathroom door. Call me Mussolini, but it's pointless to have assigned parking spaces unless you're going to ticket people who park any old where. A fly outside the house is okay; a fly inside must die. Some jerk's cell phone starts to sing. I wish my shoelaces wouldn't click against my shoes when I walk. I've always thought it too cruel that the rocket in Méliès' *A Trip to the Moon* breaks the moon's eye. I'll just have a bite of yours.

### **Mundus Imaginalis**

You don't see many Japanese or Russian wrestlers as villains these days. I hear the *Levi* in *Leviathan*. I got a birthday card from a dog. No way I'm joining a death cult: it takes too much effort.

## **Perceptive Expectations**

On schedule, i.e. ten minutes late. False note, my foot: every note I sing is a real note. Now that blue no longer means *mold* or *poison*, but *radical new variety*, I eat blue M & Ms like everybody else. I just step out into the weeds and I start to itch.

## **Multiple Avatars**

I can go weeks without thinking of my middle name. How am I supposed to know if I sleepwalk? There are evenings when I feel like watching a Godzilla movie; there are evenings I don't. Did I have a strawberry or chocolate fudge Pop-Tart yesterday? Maybe I *did* just wear a brown shirt yesterday. Well, this is a different brown shirt.

## **Phantom Induction**

Dear Thomas Watson: there is always a lag; even a telephone call is talking to the past. She thought I was someone else; she thought I was someone. Stare at anything long enough, and either it or you will disappear. It's not wireless: my nerves are involved. I'm old enough now that I don't want to look like anyone else—I want to look like me.

## **Info Warcraft**

Your call has been forwarded to an automated voice-messaging system. Wait until the first coin goes all the way through before putting another in the slot, or the machine won't count or return the second one. I can't make out the

lyrics, but that doesn't mean they have no effect. Just send me the tracking number.

### **Social Narratives**

I always dress like it's Tuesday.

### **Affective Images**

Watching people eat makes me sad. I don't believe in ghosts, but I'm haunted by the thought that maybe they really do exist.

### **Mac Believe**

The label said Made in America. It makes me feel better to think I'm alienated. I read it in the newspaper. Now *that's* a hamburger. Once I get a Ph.D., I'll be able to get a job anywhere. My style is no style. What a creep: he didn't say "Who's there?" when I said "knock, knock." The best thing about porn DVDs as opposed to VHSs is being able to put parts on Repeat.

### **Domain Shifter**

I will not be friends with anyone who has garden gnomes. I put on my going-to-get-a-haircut shirt. Kid's sunscreen works just as well. Welcome to the First Annual. . . . I wonder how many people are dressed as *Star Wars* storm troopers right at this moment. Those cat tails are making me hungry for a corndog. Let's eat them by the pond.

## **Expert Systems**

My eyeglasses help me see rain coming, but if the lenses get wet I can't see anything. It takes less half-and-half to swirl to the top of the coffee, as compared to soy creamer. I don't want a car without anti-lock brakes. Whoever traded in these philosophy books wrote all over them—as if anybody cares what he has to say. I need directions on how to work the direction-finding website. Santo will always win the third fall.

## **Persuasive Influence**

I feel nostalgic for the days when it wasn't nostalgic to like butterscotch. Steer so it looks like you're aimed right at their car doors, and drivers tend not to pull out in front of you. I'm so worried about the cost of health insurance that it's making me sick. I *do* like to stop at the Sunshine Happy Mart. Once a friend talked me into taking a debate class, but that'll never happen again.

## **Deceptive Intelligence**

His best friend had been saved by being thrown from a car before it exploded or rolled down a hill or something, so he always insisted seat belts were a hazard. It can't be *that* hard to find a 48-inch poster tube. Never change more than three answers on a multiple-choice test.

## **Decognition Training**

“Knock knock?” “Who's there.” “Banana.” “Banana who?”

“Knock knock?” “Who’s there?” “Banana.” “Banana who?” “Knock knock.” “Who’s there?” “Orange.” “Orange who?” “Orange you glad I didn’t say banana?” I like vegetarian orange chicken. I still have a crush on Henrietta Pussycat: *meow meow cute meow*. True or false: now that you’re standing in front of a mirror, your right hand knows what your left hand is doing. This piece is New and Improved over *something*—but what the heck, let’s microwave some of that popcorn with butter flavoring.

### **Digital Ecology**

Those “atomic-controlled” clocks are so inaccurate, I could spend the rest of my life trying to find out what time it is. So what we do, see, is get a stash of diamonds, and cut them into thin, flat chips, all equal size, and any would-be thief will think they’re only pixel defects. TV is better than Schrödinger’s cat: usually when I turn the TV on, I can predict whether I’ll get a commercial.

### **Invisible Intelligence**

*Language is a virus from outer space*: that’s crazy talk, the voice in my head says. Everything I see is the result of something that has already happened.

### **Dimensional Framing**

Doughnuts are objects, but I cannot look at one objectively. Actually, I’m a few feet away from where the You Are Here sign says I am. I went to the carnival, I bought my ticket, but then I was too scared to go into The House (trailer, really) of

Horrors—so I guess I got my money’s worth. I put on Brian Eno’s *Thursday Afternoon* loud enough so we can just barely hear it, and the conversation gets better. When I look into a microscope, I usually see only a silvery glare.

## **Dream Nation**

I made imaginary videos for every song on The Cure’s *Seventeen Seconds*. “Even if a man’s cells are taken over, he has his soul.” One year, the Detroit Tigers were the power of my baseball card league; the next, it was the Houston Astros. All I have to do to get her to say no is ask, “Are you hyper-suggestive?” The first car I wanted was a Vega; the first star I identified when I took my star book out into the July dusk was Vega. “The united forces of earth creatures—porpoises, bats, and men—destroyed the invaders. Will people believe this story?”

## **Conspired Environments**

We agreed that we had to have the crystal (plastic) ball that shoots lightning bolts inside when you put your hand on it. I reminded myself. I explained that just because I had white laces on my boots didn’t mean I was a white supremacist. I was a “lone viewer” of the JFK assassination DVD. Whew: at least my Barnes and Nobles’ receipt knows what else I might like. I looked the word up in the dictionary. I made sure I breathed at the same rate she did.

## **Electric Emotions**

I don’t like to stand near a microwave oven when it’s

running: I feel it in my heart. Ah, to relax in the electromagnetic pulse of a massage chair at the mall. I'm looking for something; I move my hand; I think I'm moving; I think I think; I can't remember what I'm looking for; I quit; I'm static.

## **Control Panic**

Even before I arrive to meet somebody, I have an idea of how long it'll be before one of us has to leave. I liked touching the python (or was it a boa constrictor?) and I'll never do it again. I buy three copies of books that are important to me, and then at any time I can't find two of them. I can make it past the first level of Pac-Man, but never the second. I remember reading that people who try to commit suicide by jumping off a bridge or building and who live report that they had a moment of extreme clarity about their decision—right after they jumped.

## **Explanation Driving**

Well, officer, I . . . I said it was the truth and she said *says who?* Lucy gives Linus five good reasons to do what she has suggested, one for each the fingers she folds into a fist. "One of those cells must have been swallowed by a black hole and pushed out from a white hole. It grew very quickly in its own evolutionary system, much faster than expected. It assimilated crystal organisms and was exposed to tremendous energy from the explosions of stars. And finally, the most horrific monster was born. That's the theory." According to the paper, the thieves wore panty hose over their heads so they wouldn't leave fingerprints.



## **Attentive Relevance**

I have no idea of where that quotation about the horrific monster comes from, or whether I made it up—wait, Google says it comes from *Godzilla vs. Space Godzilla*. Just remembering that I can keep only seven plus or minus two items in short-term memory uses one of those items. I'm getting ready to get ready to relax. If you know how their system works, they won't hire you. The electricity just goes on and off. This is only the second time I've repeated it, so he's not ready to listen yet. Now that I feel inhuman with boredom, the machine says my call has been transferred to a real person. I always have to go back to make sure I locked the door.

## **Experience Configuration**

These “multiplexes” all show the same films. I'd rather play on miniature golf courses with small windmills and loops as obstacles than on one of those with just blocks of wood. I'm suspicious of my paranoia. If “Erros” isn't a word, it should be. And now it is one. I'm not a brand (that's a trademark of my personality).

## **Reality Maps**

The guy told us to stay to the left of the underground coal hopper. I'm pretty sure there are days, whole months, that I'll never remember. I'm always uneasy sleeping in a new place. I can't picture the exact layout of areas I'm not used to—and, since the earth is moving through space and space itself is stretching and warping, even sitting still I'm always in a new place. We all relaxed when we saw the big wooden

chicken of the fried chicken franchise.

### **Predator Patterns**

I don't read much fiction, but when I do, it's all plot, detective novels, or Robert E. Howard. Out to fight all prejudice except her own. A well-known effect of those anti-depressants is to make your depression worse. Every time I smile for a photograph, I look like I was just named Salesperson of the Month.

### **Recurring Afterimages**

If I were to go back to school, I'd study film history to 1900; everything after that is just variation. Often I pronounce the word "echoplasm."

### **Intelligence Cycles**

When I read, I take notes and then I rarely look at them later; they're to help me pay attention *now*. His definition of "merge" depends on whether he's coming in from the ramp or he's already in the traffic lane. So much depends upon an afternoon Americano. I like to listen to chamber music, but I can't follow the most basic sonata form.

### **Fluffy Logic**

I'm interested in conservation, so I use a gallon of water to wash out the yogurt containers for recycling. If I can stall on making the phone call until he asks me one more time, I can

claim he's harassing me and I'm the one being wronged. I should write a best-seller about how I profited from my experiences.

### **Structural Delusion**

*I drive to the store. I pay the lowest possible price for the highest possible quality goods. I know what I'm doing. I'm minding my own business. This is going to be great. You're welcome.*

### **Epidemic Communication**

On Monday, we always talked about the *Monty Python* episode. I sent an e-mail to confirm that I'd received his e-mail confirming our meeting for lunch. As a four-year-old, I loved to stand in the pedestrian tunnel and shout and listen to my voice echo. It never occurred to me simply not to go to the prom.

### **Psychic Property**

I can't tell if I dreamed that view of the river or if I actually saw it. He told me he'd paid for the class with his own money, so he couldn't fail it. Transcendental Meditation can be referred to as TM.

### **Paranoid Styles**

I wear dark pants and earth-toned shirts so I'll be anonymous (the earth is a fire, space its smoke, the four directions its coals). Some people think I'm a cop.

## **Credibility Crisis**

I never liked people dressed up as Santa Claus. Just out of prison, Bunta Sugawara's character says, "Out here in the real world, I don't even trust green lights." Pluto: planet or no planet? Just decide. Finally, I realized she was totally dependable—she would never do what she said she'd do. I'm not myself today.

## **Mimetic Copyright**

If I blow my nose into a paper towel, it becomes a Kleenex. I'm not surprised to learn that the Mormons baptized the ghosts of high-ranking Nazis. Don't even try to challenge my Yogi Bear impersonation with yours. I know what's on the other side of the mirror: the prescription drugs.



## **FUTURE WORDS**



\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the amount of a substance that can fit into a mouth at one time. **2.** a technique used to discover whether a point is inside the boundaries of a polygon by counting the number of times a straight line starting from the point crosses the polygon's boundaries; if the line crosses the boundary an even number of times, it is outside the polygon. **3.** to still remember years later what you should have said, without being able to recall what you actually said. **4.** to save a fingernail for chewing later.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the number of non-zero components in a vector. **2.** the average number of times that a caller will get only an answering machine before he or she leaves a message or stops calling.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a p-n junction in a doped semiconductor marked by a lower-than-usual number of mobile charge carriers. **2.** a person who would rather purchase an item at a physical store than order it online. **3.** a life-long fan of a permanently mediocre sports team.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** to believe that you are not superstitious, though

you remain aware of the occurrence of supposedly negative omens, such as stepping on a crack in the sidewalk, or unlucky dates, such as Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>. **2.** the distance on an evolutionary tree separating an extant taxon from the extinct taxon from which it descends, using as the determining factor the proportion of sites where the amino acid sequences of the two taxa differ.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** an incongruity resulting from the contrast between the expected result of an event and the actual result. **2.** a frayed strand. **3.** not private.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the process of treating a film base so that light is absorbed by pigment applied on the back of the film to prevent the refraction of light that causes halation. **2.** an infertile type of *Arctotheca calendulacea* used as a ground cover. **3.** to refuse to turn the calendar to the next month, even though it is 10 p.m. on the last night of the current month.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** to pluck or shave your eyebrows so that they form two distinct eyebrows



rather than one mono-brow. **2.** the generating of negatively charged electric particles that accompanies the breaking apart of water drops due to drops colliding in air or striking a wetted surface. **3.** to consider each member of a pair of dice separately; to roll only one of a pair of dice. **4.** the belief that you will have a good time after you get off work.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** to look at an object and to hear, in his or her voice, what a former loved one would have said about it. **2.** a binary star system in which one star has its outer layers pulled away by the gravitational distortion of its companion star. **3.** the decrease in the oscillations of electron density in a plasma. **4.** plural of *you*.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a plastic sheet that has been thermoformed over an open mold by a combination of gravity and a vacuum. **2.** a unit in a sequence. **3.** a poem in which the poet retracts something he or she said in an earlier poem. **4.** a type of minnow that has a three-lobed lower lip.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** to finish a sentence

started by someone else in a manner in which you wish the sentence to end, regardless of how the person who started the sentence may have wished. **2.** the belief that you really are at the place indicated by the You Are Here sign, despite the fact that you are looking at the sign from another place. **3.** a common-collector junction that uses a transistor amplifier; the voltage gain is a little less than one. **4.** to have an answer ready when someone asks what you are good at.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** In Kleinian analysis, the binary splitting, brought on by aggressive and libidinal drives, of internal and external objects into *good objects* and *bad objects*, depending on whether the objects (such as the mother's breast) gratifies or frustrates the infant's desire. **2.** a hardware device or software used to introduce a short pause after the detection of the initial opening or closing of a switch or other electrical contact so that the reverberations of the contact dissipate and only a single signal will be acted upon for each discrete opening or

closing of the switch or contact. **3.** a repeated lightning discharge in which wind blows each successive stroke away from the previous stroke.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the person to whom your words are intended, as opposed to the person to whom they are immediately addressed. **2.** the number that would fill the place immediately after the last place filled in a decimal chain.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a warm wind created by ultraviolet solar radiation that flows up a steep slope or mountainside facing the sun. **2.** to inhale preparatory to speaking and then to realize that you don't need to say anything. **3.** the combined specular and diffuse reflection of light from a surface.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the process by which a larger cell divides into several smaller cells with no increase in mass. **2.** to daydream of changing your name. **3.** an acquaintance who will never become a friend.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a melody or other tonal pattern played under a drone. **2.** a greeting card with glitter. **3.** first person plural of

“um.” **4.** in syndication.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a person you notice by realizing that you rarely notice this person and whom you then cease to notice. **2.** the geologic period between the end of the Devonian and the beginning of the Permian, from which no significant alterations to the life record have been preserved. **3.** to continue a conversation by ignoring what the other person just said.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a small-scale shock region formed when a stellar emission of partially ionized gas impacts a cloud of gas and dust. **2.** the time of day when your shadow is exactly as long as your body is tall. **3.** indecision as to whether a written letter should be single or double, as in “Elliot” or “Eliot” or “misspelled” or “mispelled.”

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a bumper sticker from a past election left on a car. **2.** nonrepetitive DNA found between transcribed sequences whose only apparent function is to separate genetic elements.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a bottle or other container put back in the refrigerator, though there is

not enough left inside for another serving. **2.** the region of transition between the negative glow and the positive column of an electric discharge through a gas, occurring when the pressure is low. **3.** Information memorized for a class outside your main field of study, such as a list of the 13<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup> Presidents of the United States or of the identifying characteristics of the eight most common minerals, that you can still recall years later. **4.** details that become visible only under certain conditions, such as small cracks in cement after rain or some elements of John Cage's visual art works.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a feature of a computer's operating system that allows it to compensate for shortages of physical memory by transferring data to disk storage from random access memory (RAM). **2.** a plate or screen that produces diffraction to focus light exhibiting wave character. **3.** a freshwater fish that can absorb oxygen through the lining of its mouth, thus allowing it to move on land for long periods. **4.** a test method designed to

find all possible paths through the control-flow diagram of a program. **5.** to go ahead and do what you were going to put off until tomorrow.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a person who says he or she welcomes the opinions and advice of others, but never agrees with the opinions or accepts the advice. **2.** a square identity matrix in which each row and column contains a single entry of 1, all other entries being 0.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a stone or boulder carried by a glacier and left on a bedrock differing from that of its original site when the glacier melts. **2.** a euphemism invented to replace a euphemism that is itself now considered obscene or otherwise objectionable.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a pull-down menu that can be moved from the one portion of a computer screen to another part of the screen, from where any of its options may be selected at a later time. **2.** the reassignment of the location of an intron-exon junction that produces the insertion or deletion in mRNA and protein. **3.** to answer all questions concerning future events, as in

“Do you want to go to the movies tomorrow?” or “Do you think the test will be difficult?” by saying “Maybe.” 4. the pH at which the overall positive and negative charge of a protein is zero.

\_\_\_\_\_. 1. unrefined petroleum. 2. one of a series of conversations at a speed dating event. 3. to listen to ambient music at loud volume.

\_\_\_\_\_. 1. a line drawing of a transparent cube in which all angles and sides are visible. When viewed continuously, the cube appears to alternate between two different spatial orientations. 2. the presence of an inherited trait in only one of a pair of monozygotic twins. 3. the sensation of intermittent sound produced by a sound interrupted periodically at a rate below the frequency of auditory flutter fusion.

\_\_\_\_\_. 1. an involuntary nervous reflex causing the eyes to blink after the mind has received more information than it can process at one time. 2. a condition characterized by recurrent dreams of lying

awake. 3. a test of color perception to determine whether the test subject has red-green deficiencies. 4. a subsystem of working memory that holds information in the form of inner speech, as when a person tries to memorize a telephone number. 5. to remember the telephone numbers of the last two places you lived, but not your current number.

\_\_\_\_\_. 1. to obtain a result in discrete values for observable quantities by changing the description of a physical system from classical to quantum mechanical. 2. the unpopped kernels of popcorn in the bottom of the bowl.

\_\_\_\_\_. 1. an inconsistency in renormalization that appears at large energy scales in quantum field theories in which there is no asymptotic freedom. 2. to be alone while wearing an “I’m with Stupid” t-shirt.

\_\_\_\_\_. 1. the second of three wishes. 2. to forget the middle name of a former boyfriend or girlfriend. 3. part of a variable-ratio transmission system used to shift gears on a

bicycle by moving the drive chain from one sprocket wheel to another. **4.** Wednesday afternoon after 4 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a maze shaped like the letter *T* with a single choice point and two alternatives. **2.** the other side of your mouth that is silent when you talk out of the side of your mouth. **3.** to be unable to remember the last year you cried.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a waking state in which REM atonia is experienced before body paralysis has subsided; such episodes are often frightening and may be accompanied by out-of-body experiences. **2.** to say “hello” to, or have it said to you by, someone you do not know in a non-business situation. **3.** to exit the elevator when the door opens without checking what floor you are on.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** an infection caused by the bacterium *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* entering a plant through wounds to the plant’s roots or stems; infected cells produce neoplastic growths that usually result in the death of

the plant. **2.** unsolicited mail offering you a new credit card.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a type of preformed plastic packaging in which a transparent pocket, usually made of thermoformed plastic, is attached to a blister card, thus allowing the product to be displayed. **2.** the deviation in the direction of light rays or electromagnetic waves from astronomical objects as they pass through the earth’s atmosphere, making objects appear nearer the zenith than they really are.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a role-playing technique in which a person conducts both sides of a conversation with some aspect of him or herself or with a spouse, relative, or other significant person. **2.** an asexual reproduction process in which protozoans undergo multiple fission. **3.** The place where you are not when you say, “It’s just like being there.”

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a sequel to a popular film made with a lower budget and a different director. **2.** the average temperature of hot chocolate served in a coffeehouse or at a coffee stand. **3.** residual magnetic

flux density remaining in a ferromagnetic material when the saturating field is reduced to zero. **4.** to continue to write the previous year on checks, official forms, etc., for at least one month into the new year.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the state of energy of a fly that, when swatted at and missed, shifts to another spot on the window pane, but never moves to another surface. **2.** the periodic vibration of non-independent atoms about the position of equilibrium in a crystal lattice. **3.** to measure the similarity of composition between two samples. **4.** a driver who changes lanes every fifteen seconds.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a meteor stream consisting of the widely dispersed debris of Comet 2P/Encke. **2.** a person who sprays saliva or mucus when sneezing. **3.** a professional athlete who spends his entire career in the minor leagues or lower divisions.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the second-brightest constellation in the night sky above the equator at any given time. **2.** to use a synonym for a word you can almost, but not quite, think of at the moment

of speaking or writing.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a device that produces half-speed rerecordings of sounds, especially human speech, to avoid distortions caused by reduced intelligibility in the original full-speed recording. **2.** a room set aside for committee meetings. **3.** the lowest “on” setting of a three-way bulb, which continues to work after the middle and highest settings have burned out.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the lowest of a deck of diving boards, usually one meter above the surface of the water. **2.** to claim that an object or discourse is “always already” what one wishes it to be. **3.** *trademark*. a brand of the drug phenobarbital, used to control seizures.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a black and white spiral attached to a circular disc. When rotated, the disc creates a vivid opposite motion aftereffect in the viewer in which a fixated object or surface appears to expand from or contract towards its center, while remaining the same size. **2.** to check your daily horoscope only at the end of the day.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a person who is

attractive in the location where he or she is frequently seen, such as a laundromat or a bookstore, but whose attractiveness fades when either the attracting or the attracted person is no longer in that location. **2.** a non-sinusoidal waveform in which the variable increases in value for a fixed period, then drops sharply to its initial value, only to periodically repeat the sequence, forming a graph pattern that resembles the teeth of a saw. **3.** alternate term for *binocular rivalry*.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** to do a good deed by accident, but still to consider yourself as having acted with superior ethical insight. **2.** to fall asleep while watching a film or television program, only to wake up during the closing credits.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** to accept finally a person or group's persistent but originally false view of you, as in that you drink Tab like everyone else at work. **2.** the afterimage of a saturated color that turns whatever you look at next that color. **3.** a second-order stream in a drainage system. **4.** the future perfect tense.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a process by which lost or damaged data can be retrieved from secondary storage when the data cannot be accessed via normal procedure. **2.** noncoding DNA sequences whose base sequence is repeated many times throughout the genome. **3.** a fabric knitted with a double set of needles that consists of two single-knit fabrics joined by interlocked stitches. **4.** legal worker employed in a low-ranking position on a temporary basis. **5.** an object used to produce a strong echoing sound.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a shot inserted in a film to indicate a passage of time or other discontinuity between two scenes, as in a series of newspaper headlines flashing by. **2.** the habit of saying "that's funny" after laughing politely at an anecdote.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** to hold hands by using only the little finger to clasp the little finger of the other person. **2.** a song recorded specially to be played over AM radio. **3.** a word, such as *that* in the phrase *look at that*, said by someone pointing to a giraffe,

which has no meaning outside its immediate context. **4.** the formation of new ice in the breaks or depressions of older ice.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** off peak. **2.** legally available medications that can be purchased without a doctor's prescription. **3.** to address with jest or good-natured ridicule; chaff.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** medical term meaning "eyelid." **2.** water pollution that can be difficult to track, as it results from diffuse sources, as opposed to point-source pollution, which results from one source.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the physical presence of a human or animal body, whether alive or dead. **2.** to become obsessed with petty details.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** leftover part remaining after something is cut off. **2.** unbearably beautiful.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** frothy soapy water. **2.** a cappuccino or other coffee drink enjoyed as a self-granted reward after work. **3.** nostalgia for geodesic domes.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** dried residue of moisture rings left on the surface of a bar or table. **2.** the 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> in a series,

depending on whether *I* is omitted from the series. **3.** the imitation of vocal sounds of others by a child learning to talk.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** to reduce by paring. **2.** to reduce by pairing.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** to shine. **2.** incidental. **3.** to answer the telephone on or before the third ring.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the output of unwanted noise in the electrical signal of an ideal device compared to the output of unwanted noise in the actual device being tested. **2.** to consider options from your list of possibilities for a personalized license plate.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the fungus *Botrytis cinerea*, which shrivels and ripens grapes to concentrate the juice and increase the sugar content, used in the production of sweet wines. **2.** a test used to evaluate personality in which the participant is given an introductory phrase and asked to provide a phrase to complete the sentence. **3.** a technically accurate but psychologically self-aggrandizing view of a situation, as in claiming that your shadow



results from your body causing a partial eclipse of the sun.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** to brighten. **2.** to irritate with impertinence.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** to yield diamonds when mined. **2.** to respond to a person by repeating the last words he or she said. **3.** a hand mirror consisting of a standard mirror on one side and one or more magnifying mirrors on the other.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** an optical phenomenon produced by the diffraction of sunlight by individual water droplets or ice crystals of a cloud producing a luminous border around where an observer's shadow would fall rather than where he or she is actually standing. **2.** the breaths between the onset of a sneeze and the sneeze itself. **3.** a person who looks forward to the start of Daylight Saving Time.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a self-replicating, hereditary-determining gene present in any cell structure other than the nucleus. **2.** to identify yourself with some other person or object. **3.** earthy matter carried by a fluid stream that settles by

deposit to fill and finally block the stream's course by gradual accumulation. **4.** a non-Japanese master of Go.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a series of lines in the ultraviolet spectrum emitted by the electron of an excited hydrogen atom transitioning between two energy levels. **2.** *trademark*. a large amusement park created by Walt Disney in Anaheim, CA. **3.** semi-carbonated.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a familiar name, such as Mac or Bub, used when addressing a man or boy whose name one does not know. **2.** any picornavirus responsible for the common cold. **3.** in music: cut time, or time in which the half note receives the beat.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** polyethylene terephthalate, a synthetic polyester that is washable and wrinkle-resistant. **2.** the real or imaginary parts of a complex variable. **3.** a handshake in which the person of lower social standing does not try to match the firmness of grip of the person of higher social standing. **4.** a conspiracy of silence.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the video rebroadcast of something

immediately or soon after its live broadcast. **2.** a medical apparatus that puts liquid drop by drop into a cavity. **3.** a city in California, 33 miles south of San Francisco.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** adequate. **2.** disappointing. **3.** to find less than 50 cents in your pocket. **4.** to suffer for lack of fresh air.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** *archaic*. to specialize in plastics. **2.** to specialize in plastic explosives.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a scene in a film during which a driver steers a car against a back-projected landscape. **2.** a dimensionless number that indicates the speed of light traveling through a given medium as the ratio of the speed of light in a vacuum to that in the given medium. **3.** to put off a decision overnight so that your subconscious mind may have more time to present your conscious mind with the proper course of action.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a vessel grounded due to insufficient depth of water at low tide. **2.** delayed acknowledgments added onto outgoing data frames. **3.** a rhetorical question.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the belief that, since the development of the internet, all places are the same place. **2.** the belief that the digital device you are carrying is giving you cancer.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a side road that starts out paved but turns to gravel within a mile. **2.** to look at an old photograph and not recognize yourself. **3.** a dream that is forgotten before it can be written down. **4.** binary tree in which every level except the last is filled.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** an arrest made by a private citizen with authority bestowed by the fact that he or she is citizen. **2.** a substance formed in an intermediate stage of a chemical reaction and that requires further treatment to produce a finished product.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a type of computer memory that can retain data after power fails or is turned off. **2.** the next to last complete phrase in a page of printed text.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the principle that the total work done by all forces applied to a system in static equilibrium equals zero. **2.** numismatic items, such as medals and wooden nickels,

that resemble money but are not intended to circulate as money.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a position from which every formula in a theory's language can be negated. **2.** to change the topic of conversation when someone begins to talk about either your or his or her work after the workday is over. **3.** *archaic.* an indoor television antenna consisting of two telescoping, swivel-based aerials. **4.** to reinforce a shore line that is in danger of leaking.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a sleeve that tapers from a very large armhole to fit closely at the wrist. **2.** budget cuts in one or more other areas, such as education or health care, to allow an increase in the military budget without increasing taxes. **3.** in computer science, a specific form of deadly embrace that leaves some states of the net forever inaccessible. **4.** to apply data compression techniques on digital images in order to reduce the number of bits used to define an image. **5.** an idealized physical body that absorbs all light at all wavelengths and

radiates energy at all frequencies.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** to add an item to an existing list, such as a grocery list. **2.** to answer an incoming telephone call by saying "Can I place you on hold," so that you may continue with another conversation nearing its end. **3.** to wake up from a dream but then fall asleep again so quickly that you continue the dream.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** an oath or form that requires you to state or write your full legal name. **2.** an item of clothing that, though the label indicates that it is in the size you normally wear, turns out to be too large or too small when you actually wear it. **3.** a telephone call made or received due only to a sense of obligation to the other person, rather than a desire to speak to him or her.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** to claim that you are an authority in a general area of investigation or a specific topic in which claims to authority are considered negative or fraudulent, as in studies of authoritarian politics or Jacques Lacan's concept of the "phallus." **2.** the temperature above which

the thermal energy of a material becomes large enough to destroy the material's microscopic magnetic ordering.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the error made in statistical testing or a hypothesis by the nonrejection of the false null hypothesis. **2.** white chocolate.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** an action or object *A* that shares enough characteristics or properties with action or object *B* so that *A* appears similar to *B*, though the two are not usually considered as having the same nature or belonging to the same class of actions or objects. **2.** to read the World News sections of newspapers published the same day, but in different countries. **3.** a commercial product manufactured or assembled in South Korea. **4.** shinola.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** an organ or part having the same basic structure and evolutionary origin as that of another organ or part. **2.** to look interested in what another person is saying. **3.** an enlarged section of the alimentary canal in bees in which enzymes work on

nectar to make honey. **4.** acronym for Microwave Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** to refer to oneself in the third person. **2.** a canceled postage stamp.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the measure of the amount of dispersion about a mean value. **2.** to smell your armpits before leaving a restroom or other private area to determine your level of social hygiene. **3.** to force the part of a floating-point number after the decimal point to be exactly 1.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a partially water-soluble globular protein, usually consisting of two or more recognizable structures. **2.** a repetition for emphasis of the beginning word or phrase of a sentence at the end of the sentence, with intervening words setting off the repetition.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** to round a number up to the next place, as 45 to 50 (four tens to five tens) or 51 to 100 (no hundreds to 1 hundred). **2.** a naturally or artificially occurring alloy of gold and silver, sometimes found with trace elements of other metals. **3.** wave motion

often of long wavelength in an ocean or lake caused by a distant weather system; it may persist after the originating cause has ceased or passed.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a person who collects old catalogs from businesses with mail order departments, such as the Sears Christmas catalog. **2.** the theory that every experience, even those considered the most spiritual or ineffable, involves a physically measurable aspect. **3.** a small ball of deep-fried dough, claimed to be the hole removed from the center of a doughnut.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a dissociative disorder during which a person experiences reversible amnesia and engages in unexpected travel. **2.** a digital modulation technique for representing digital data with analogue signals. **3.** the formal body of electors who elect the President and Vice President of the United States; an elector usually votes for the winner of the popular vote in his or her state, though there are several states in which this is not required by law. **4.** the web spun by a spider on acid.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** give up. **2.** customer. **3.** fizz.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** local maxima that represent unwanted radiation in a far-field radiation pattern. **2.** to say “hello” to someone who was saying “hello” to the person behind you.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the insertion of one or more sounds in the middle of a word, such as “hampster” for “hamster,” that distorts pronunciation of the word while leaving it recognizable. **2.** a minor exception that emphasizes by contrast an otherwise continuing state of affairs, as when you tell someone you are still giving him or her the silent treatment. **3.** a weight gain of ten pounds or less associated with specific times or events, as in the period between Christmas and New Year’s or a trip to Italy, which you lose over a period five times the duration of the period of gain.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a transparent conducting layer applied to the surface of a cathode ray tube that allows surface charge to dissipate and lowers the electrostatic field to negligible values. **2.** to visualize the successful

completion of an action before performing it.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a psychological theory based on the belief that character traits are indicated by the configuration of bumps and depressions on the subject's skull. **2.** a situation in which the contents of a single file are scattered over differing areas of the disk, creating small dispersed areas of memory. **3.** *obsolete.* the poetry of witness.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the licensed trademark of the manufacturer of the sole of the boot that is grinding your face in the dust. **2.** to obtain sexual gratification by rubbing against the clothed body of a nonconsenting person. **3.** a technique in the visual arts in which the artist places a piece of paper over an uneven surface and runs a pencil or other marker over the surface to obtain an image.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** to produce liquid steel by burning carbon and other impurities out of pig iron and other scrap. **2.** the theory that economic gains obtained by tax breaks to businesses and the financial upper classes will create an

overflow of wealth that will "trickle down" to the poorer members of society, thus allowing them to attain a better standard of living. **3.** a graph that has only one vertex and no edge.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a sleep disorder in which REM atonia does not function, allowing sleepers to shout or make sudden, violent movements while still asleep. **2.** a country with its own government, judicial system, and other marks of independence, but which does the bidding of a more powerful country. **3.** a mutation that spreads from one member of a tandem gene cluster through the entire cluster **4.** a statement that is more true when its independent and dependent clauses are switched, as in "I'm not just selling ceiling fans, I'm building relationships". **5.** the space between your upper and lower teeth when you smile.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** to sell sheets of bubble wrap by claiming that by popping the bubbles (so that a pleasing pattern is formed) is a creative method for reducing tension. **2.** a

convenience store that can be reached only by taking a detour. **3.** a star or other astronomical object that can be seen only with peripheral vision.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a model describing the process in which the components of a binary fluid undergo spinodal decomposition to form two coexisting phases. **2.** to say something about yourself that you realize immediately is false, as in “I have never seen a Jerry Lewis movie” or “I have never been to Vermont.”

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a unit of time less than a million years that feels like a million years. **2.** a locally regular aggregation of molecules that form a structure that can continuously fill all available space, but lacks long-range commensurate translational order. **3.** to start to speak and then to interrupt yourself by saying, “Oh, wait.” **4.** a metal cube in which each of the four vertical sides has a different surface finish (usually black, white, polished, and dull) used to study the transfer of infrared radiation from a hot object to cooler surroundings.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the use of redundant modifying words in a phrase, such as *or not* in *whether or not* or *true* in *true fact*. **2.** someone not from or currently residing in the greater New York City area who spends Sunday reading the whole of the *New York Times*. **3.** a spice marketed as *Hot* but that actually is only *Mild*. **4.** the belief that one should always round numbers up, but never round down, such that 45 becomes 50 while 43 remains 43 rather than 40.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a pair of eyeglasses ground to your previous prescription kept as a back-up in case something happens to those ground to your current prescription. **2.** the band of radio frequencies, ranging from 10,000 to 40,000 megahertz, that a gap in ionospheric reflection allows to pass through the earth’s atmosphere without significant reflection or attenuation. **3.** *obsolete*. the belief that being able to ask yourself, “Have I gone insane?” is proof that you have not.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the shift in meaning between phrases or terms used

to indicate the same object, state, etc., as in that between “to keep silent” and “to be quiet.” **2.** the ratio of the lateral decrease to the longitudinal increase in a stretched rod. **3.** an irregular wave or ridge formation on a snow surface caused by wind erosion or deposition. **4.** to fall asleep with your glasses on.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** when two people say the same thing to each other at the same time. **2.** the emission of secondary X-rays from a material. **3.** a line on a map or chart connecting points with the same mean frequency of visible aurora.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a memory or a dream from an indeterminate time in the past that returns to consciousness for no clearly distinguishable reason. **2.** the compression of an electrically conducting plasma by its own magnetic field. **3.** the hypnotic effect of watching your reflection in the glass panes of a revolving door.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the difference between the time as indicated by a clock (mean solar time, based on the uniform motion of a theoretical sun) and the time indicated by a sundial

(apparent solar time, based on the actual observed position of the sun). **2.** in regard to food or drink, the difference between the expected amount taken and the actual amount, after someone says, “I’ll just have a bit of yours.”

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** to check a telephone number after the second time the same person has answered and told you it’s the wrong number. **2.** a form of refreshable memory using an acoustic delay line to access information sequentially rather than randomly. **3.** the fourth through the sixth weeks of a relationship. **4.** a zone of increased atmospheric pressure moving over a short distance.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** an analysis of the quantifiable and qualifiable value differences in a person’s selections from a buffet at a strip club versus those from a buffet at a casino. **2.** a laboratory procedure that allows visual examination of particular antibodies in a fluid by labeling them with a compound that glows in ultraviolet light. **3.** a contour line on a map joining places where a clinically varying



character appears with equal frequency.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a mass-produced, chalky-tasting candy in pastel colors, usually shaped like a heart and bearing simple slogans, such as “Be Mine,” bought in bulk and handed out on Valentine’s Day. **2.** a test or trial in which one person or group of persons is receiving an active medicine while another group is not. **3.** a fluorescent dye used as an absorption indicator.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** to laugh out loud while alone in public. **2.** the mass in grams of an element deposited or evolved by one coulomb of electrical charge.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a person who refuses to make a left turn, for instance making seven right turns and driving around two blocks to end up at a parking place directly across the street from where he or she now is. **2.** to decide that losing eight pounds during the break up of your most recent relationship has left you feeling fitter and more attractive, and thus better prepared for a new, more fulfilling relationship. **3.** a ring compounded formed from a straight-chain

compound by the development of a new bond.

**4.** the angular momentum of contents around a given point in a specified region of space in three-dimensional Euclidean space.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** marriage between persons who have the same surname but are not related. **2.** to confuse the meanings of terms that have similar pronunciations but contrasting meanings, such as “immigrate” and “emigrate.” **3.** non-REM sleep.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** an extra nucleotide added to a DNA strand. **2.** an unspoken sentence heard unexpectedly in your mind either while waking up or falling asleep.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a habitual action performed without conscious thought, such as always adding sugar to your coffee before adding cream and then stirring in clockwise motion, or saying “you, too,” when someone says “have a good day,” so as to allow the conscious mind to follow its train of thought without significant interruption. **2.** to preserve material by removing its water content. **3.** a

colorless and odorless gas. **4.** a window that has been painted shut but which can still be seen through.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** to apologize for an action or actions done by others before you were born.

**2.** the state of two point sources of light when the first diffraction minimum of one source coincides with the central maximum of the other.

**3.** a sequence of annually deposited sediments in fresh or brackish water (not sea water) consisting of two layers, the bottom layer comprised of sand or silt, the upper of clay. **4.** a customized frequency response used to maintain stability in a power system.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** to dine out at several different restaurants on a regular basis, but to always order the same item or items at each one, as in chicken curry at an Indian restaurant and waffles at a diner. **2.** the information provided by the filling-in phenomena across the visual blind spot. **3.** distillation of a liquid in extremely low vacuum pressure with the condenser and evaporator positions close

enough that molecules travel to the condenser without collision. **4.** to answer the telephone by saying only “hello,” since you expect the person calling to recognize your voice.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** an explanation of something disappointing that is convincing while you are listening to it, but which you cannot remember the moment it stops. **2.** an unwanted variable that is of no interest except that it may increase experimental errors. **3.** an editorial bias resulting from the fact that studies showing only negative results are less likely to be published than those reporting positive results. **4.** the magnetic field of the earth, which prevents most particles carried by the solar wind from striking the earth and which on the planet’s nightside extends like a comet tail in the direction opposite the sun.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a cliché that due to cultural change has become unintelligible to the majority of the members of the culture, as in to answer the telephone by saying “it’s your dime, start talking” or any statement

regarding cows coming home. **2.** compression at the optic chiasm, leading to the loss of temporal vision.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a child who demands to be a Native American when a group of children are playing Native Americans and Genocidal Invaders. **2.** *obsolete*. a child who demands to be a cowboy when a group of children are playing cowboys and Indians.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** two overlapping beams that produce an interference pattern on a screen. **2.** to talk to yourself using a voice differing in tone, pitch, or timber from your regular speaking voice. **3.** a small stable section of DNA that can act as a receptor for a fragment of foreign DNA that is inserted for cloning purposes. **4.** a city in Germany; a city in central Indiana; a city in Kentucky.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the presence of three or more alleles for a particular gene, when only two can be present in a single diploid organism. **2.** a phrase spoken by a member of a group that indicates that the speaker is not up to the pace of the conversation, as in “Now let

me get this straight.” **3.** a step aunt or uncle. **4.** a foreign coin given in change outside the boundaries of its country, as in a Canadian coin given in change outside the borders of Canada.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the synthesis of a molecule from simple precursors. **2.** to teach a subject matter to students with the sole aim of the students being able to pass a test on the material covered. **3.** a reflex in which the fingers flex in an involuntary clutching motion when the palm of the hand is stroked. While normal in infants, in older people it is associated with a lesion in the premotor cortex.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** to stand in front of a mirror and wonder what your life would be like if your teeth were whiter. **2.** to look up a word in a dictionary, only to be referred to another word, the entry for which only refers you back to the first word, as in “bad object: *see under* good object” and “good object: *see under* bad object.” **3.** an incomplete circle or ring.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** one or a group of unstressed notes coming before the first bar line in a

musical composition. **2.** the quantum mechanical process by which a subatomic particle passes through a barrier that, according to classical physics, it should not be able to cross. **3.** to talk in your sleep and upon waking to remember what you said.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the primary site for fermentation of swallowed food in a ruminant, from which the food is regurgitated and chewed again for better digestion. **2.** to signal to an aircraft that it is not to land on its current pass but that it should circle around and reapproach the landing site. **3.** a point on a continuous plane curve at which the concavity changes from concave upward to concave downward, or vice versa. **4.** to adjust your opinion of a person's attractiveness after seeing him or her get out of the car.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the tendency for a person to remember the items at the beginning and end of the series, while forgetting those in the middle; also known as *serial learning*. **2.** a person who watches on television or listens on radio to at least three current events

discussion shows with the same ideological bias a week. **3.** a variable star that pulsates in a regular way. **4.** a lymphoid gland of the cloaca in birds, necessary for immune system development; it regresses with age.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** to garble a cliché, as in "six dozen of one, half of another." **2.** unintentional or intentional repeated defecation in his or her underwear, or the marking of walls with feces, by children over the age of four. **3.** to lose a game of tic-tac-toe.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a Y-suppressed gene that causes death to XO *Drosophila melanogaster* but allows survival of normal males. **2.** to be unable to keep from laughing upon hearing a technical term because all or part of the term reminds you of a word normally considered obscene or inappropriate to the situation in which the technical term is found, such as *Helianthus annuus* (sunflower) or *Turdus migratorius* (American Robin).

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** to make up for a slow start at a green light by driving 10 miles per hour over

the speed limit to the next red light one block away. **2.** an acronym that as a whole duplicates one of the words abbreviated in its formation, as in *HELP* for *Help Eliminate Lawn Pesticides*, an activist group formed in 1985 in Buffalo, NY, to educate people on the dangers of pesticides.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the suspension or blocking of preconceptions and biases as a precondition for an investigation of new phenomenal experience. **2.** to go on a blind date with the same person twice. **3.** a period of time consisting of tomorrow and tomorrow but not the day after tomorrow. **4.** a sirocco wind that blows in front of an advancing depression.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a spindle-shaped structure that separates newly duplicated chromosomes during the division of somatic or sex cells. **2.** to feel the dream you were having fade in the seconds after waking.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** an actual grammatical error committed in the attempt to correct or avoid an imagined grammatical error, as in *the float was*

*built by Jane and I* instead of the correct *the float was built by Jane and me*. **3.** to drive straight down the road with your turn signal on. **4.** a cemetery paved with Astro turf.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the realization that an experience or set of experiences, such as watching your shadow darken or fade in varying light, has left you with no identifiable emotion. **2.** to have the same physiologic reaction to decaffeinated coffee as to caffeinated coffee. **3.** to refuse to speculate whether a glass is half full or half empty. **4.** *see* year.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the attempt to formulate an original response when someone offers a banality or a cliché as consolation or advice, as in “Everybody has his own cross to bear” or “If at first don’t succeed, try, try again,” and to achieve only a comeback that, while not yet a cliché, is predictable. **2.** a psychological phenomenon in which two sine waves that have equal phons are heard as being equally loud. **3.** mark made by burning a small portion of the

skin of a living human to create a permanent pattern.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** to go on a date with a new person while still having sexually stimulating daydreams of the last person you went on a date with. **2.** a second initiation of replication of DNA that begins before the first initiation is completed.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a network of lines on a glass plate in a photographic telescope; the plate is used to place a reference grid on an astronomical image. **2.** the temperature and pressure at which vapor, liquid, and solid phases of a substance are in thermodynamic equilibrium. **3.** a pornographic videotape or DVD enjoyed for a period of time longer than that of any intimate relationship you have been in.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a double-image compound prism that separates polarized or unpolarized light into two outgoing polarized beams at right angles from each other. **2.** the prickling sensation that accompanies the return of normal blood flow to a numb limb.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a recurring fantasy in which a loved one who has left returns, found often in children of divorced parents.

**2.** theorems in quantum mechanics in which the correct result is given in the first term of perturbation theory. **3.** an iridescent layer of the choroid in the eyes of nocturnal vertebrates that reflects light back into the retina to increase the amount of light available to photoreceptors, thus improving night vision, though the resulting image is slightly blurred.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the number that is doubled in a list of rankings when there is a tie for that position, as in the ranking 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10. **2.** to fail when asked to draw a blank.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** an alumni magazine of a mediocre school that continually boasts of the performance of the faculty and students. **2.** the illusion that a rubber hand or a real hand that is not yours, or that even an entire body that is not yours, is actually your hand or body. **3.** a behavioral pattern in which the running speed of a rat in a maze increases as the

size of its reward increases.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** to remove a term from its proper field of reference and use it in a different field where its meaning is weakened, as in “I’m plagued with lady bugs” or the popular character of the Soup Nazi from the situation comedy *Seinfeld*. **2.** a lateral fusion that results in a dicentric chromatid and an acentric fragment. **3.** to name a town after someone who never visited it, as in towns in the Midwestern United States named Franklin after Benjamin Franklin.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a visual illusion in which straight parallel lines separating offset rows of black and white tiles are perceived as being sloped, thus making the tiles appear non-parallel. **2.** the day after setting the clocks forward or backward.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a detail you realize is important because you keep forgetting it. **2.** to still feel sleepy despite having slept longer than usual during the night.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a product promoted as “Not your father’s,” as in “Not your father’s Buick” or

“Not your father’s assault rifle.” **2.** the illusion in which a brightly lit vertical bar seems to move in the direction opposite to that in which the viewer’s head tilts; if the viewer’s head tilts to the right, the bar appears to move to the left. **3.** the borderline between a C+ and a B- grade.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a law in phonetics that asserts that if an aspirated consonant is followed in the next syllable by an aspirated consonant, the aspiration of (usually) the first consonant is canceled and it becomes a voiceless stop in Greek and a voiced stop in Sanskrit. **2.** a blurred photograph in which the subject is still identifiable. **3.** an earthquake that produces a reading on the Richter scale but is not felt by people in the area.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the belief that your body is disintegrating or has disintegrated and that you have lost your soul. **2.** a range of illusions affecting the salesperson in the month after he or she was Salesperson of the Month.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a meditation exercise that allows the meditator to recall past lives

and thus gain a clearer understanding of his or her karmic thread. **2.** a positive and a negative ion that behave as a single unit. **3.** the maximum horizontal distance that a pilot on the runway can see in either the direction of takeoff or the direction of landing. **4.** a drinking horn with a base in the form of the head of a woman, animal, or mythological creature.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the difference in meaning produced when an ellipsis is removed from a statement, as in “Work Zones . . . Pay Attention All the Time” is changed to “Work Zones Pay Attention All the Time.” **2.** the belief that black holes play a creative role in the evolution of the universe, since matter absorbed by a black hole is then funneled out of a white hole in a different section of space. **3.** your first stretch mark.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a winding arranged in a direct-current electric generator in which the field winding is in parallel with the armature winding in such a way that the armature current also supplies the field current. **2.** to reintroduce as “original”

a product that had been replaced by a “new and improved” version. **3.** that which you are supposed to think when you are told or read that something “is not an object of thought.”

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** an advertising flier for a national chain store in the supplements of the Sunday newspaper. **2.** acronym for Basic Local Alignment Search Tool. **3.** accurate, optimistic, but unsettling advice or information, as in “Oh, your cornea will grow back.” **4.** a person riding in the front passenger seat of a car who is continually pressing imaginary gas and brake pedals with his or her foot.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** in psychology, the law holding that the average response time of an individual in word association tests decreases as the overall number of test subjects giving a similar response increases. **2.** isolated electric charges produced when two poor electrical conductors rub against each other. **3.** to glance at a clock and be certain that the second hand’s first movement was



backwards.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a person who reads a book or enjoys a song only after it has become a bestseller or a hit. **2.** another name for *surface soil*, also known as the biomantle. **3.** to take pennies from a store's penny cup in order to pay with exact change.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** to put an ice cube in hot coffee to quicken its cooling to a more drinkable temperature. **2.** to crumple twenty-dollar bills just withdrawn from a bank machine so they will not stick together.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** to rub your nose or wipe your mouth as a signal to someone that he or she needs to attend to a grooming issue. **2.** to have only one type of antibody.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a compound word that you can half-translate out of a foreign language, due to part of the word being a cognate or near cognate of a word in your native language. **2.** a nebulous patch of light in the night sky that appears opposite the sun's position, caused by sunlight reflecting off material outside the atmosphere.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a series of letters that when presented as a word and as an acronym form a critical comment on each other, as in *gaw* (a furrow in the ground, often one used for drainage) and *G. A. W.* (guaranteed annual wage). **2.** a structural feature of a work of visual art that becomes more noticeable when the work as a whole is enlarged or shrunk in reproduction. **3.** a wall shared by contiguous structures.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a standardized document, such as a letter, with only minor changes made in the text as required by the specific circumstances of its use. **2.** a deviation in the performance of a routine activity, such as putting the right sock on before the left sock or taking two extra licks to get to the center of a Tootsie Roll Pop, unremarked at the time of occurrence and remembered only later during the performance of another routine activity, such as brushing your teeth. **3.** a point with minimum amplitude on a standing wave. **4.** to accept tap water when filtered or bottled water is unavailable.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** an optical illusion of

movement caused by the aftereffect of looking at a still point of an object moving in a constant direction, such as a waterfall, and then looking at a stationary object, which seems to be moving in the direction opposite to that of the first object (upwards, in this case). **2.** a book that begins on page 3.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a person who spends his or her life studying what another person did in his or her life. **2.** dust or sand raised by the wind to a height less than five feet off the ground. **3.** a junior partner.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a person who accepts the Copenhagen interpretation of quantum mechanics, but who cannot state what country Copenhagen is the capital of. **2.** a specimen that is a duplicate or very similar to the holotype and that can be used as a reference or replacement if the holotype is lost or destroyed.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a threadbare tire kept as a spare. **2.** to cheat on an exam by copying the wrong answer from the person next to you. **3.** infectious spores produced as part of the reproductive cycle of rust

fungi and released by wind or water to infect new hosts. **4.** a mistake in cloning.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a roadside mailbox whose door keeps falling open. **2.** to look for something misplaced or forgotten, as a tool or quotation in a book, and to find it, but then to be unable to remember why you were looking for it. **3.** a nuclide in a radioactive series in which each member decays into the next member. **4.** the spectrum of kinetic energy among various-sized eddies. **5.** the time between when it's dark enough to turn on your headlights and when you actually turn them on.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a piece of ambient music that you enjoy because you can fall asleep listening to it and feel especially revitalized and focused upon waking. **2.** plant tissue made of indeterminate cells in the root tips that can divide indefinitely to produce the specific tissues, such as epidermis, vascular tissues, and ground tissues.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the time between the emission and the capture of a neutron that results in a fission reaction. **2.** a dash, usually

three ems long, used to separate items included under a single newspaper heading. **3.** the blank or displaced feeling, not yet relief or surprise, when you realize you are no longer frightened or intimidated by something, as when you see a garter snake and do not jump or when you change the ink cartridge on the printer without first trying to get someone else to do it.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the member of the particle-antiparticle pair produced in the vicinity of the event horizon of a black hole that falls into the black hole. **2.** an error of reading or writing in which individual letters or letter sequences are read or written in reverse order, as in *p* for *t* or *pat* for *tab*. **3.** to suffer an injury while shadow boxing.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the dissociation of oxygen molecules into oxygen atoms brought about by ultraviolet or corpuscular radiation. **2.** the uncoiling of polytene chromosomes to form loops. **3.** to make circular skid marks on a motorcycle at a stop sign. **4.** the tendency for “reality” television shows to focus on

melodramatic events.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** to take an unsuccessful course of action based on a mistaken guess of the meaning of a note that you wrote in an intentionally messy handwriting so that no one else could read it, and which you cannot read when you check to see what it was supposed to remind you of. **2.** someone who takes his or her shirt off before using the toilet. **3.** to choose a sociopath for a role model.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** to answer “no” to a rhetorical question that you are supposed to answer “yes” to, as in “would you like to win \$50,000,000?” or “are you tired of fake dating?” **2.** the loss of security resulting from providing place holders in a software package so that pieces of ordinary program can be inserted later.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** to wonder whether a former boyfriend or girlfriend is thinking of you. **2.** dawn, midday, sunset, and midnight, which comprise the four tantric twilights. **3.** to wear a t-shirt marked STAFF to an event when you are not working or volunteering at that event.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the heat released or absorbed when one mole of a compound is formed from its elements at constant pressure in their standard states. **2.** to do nothing all day and still be exhausted by evening.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a circle drawn on the surface of the earth, such as the Tropic of Cancer or the Arctic Circle, other than the equator. **2.** a computer program that modifies its input data to output data useable in another program. **3.** to move the observance of a holiday from the day that is the anniversary of the holiday to another day, usually a Monday, judged more convenient for its observation. **4.** a secondary immune response.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the middle setting of a three-way light bulb. **2.** the time when a program loaded onto a computer's memory begins to run. **3.** a person who believes in archetypes.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the moment halfway between the second and third contact of a solar eclipse. **2.** a genetic brain disorder in females that manifests between 6 and 18 months of age; its symptoms include

problems with speech development and language comprehension and repetitive hand movements of a socially stereotyped nature.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** someone who obsessively wipes surfaces to remove any fingerprints he or she may have left on them. **2.** an electronic oscillator using the resonance of a piezoelectric material to create an alternating electric field with no frequency drift. **3.** a message on a telephone answering machine that gives no information other than stating the number you have reached. **4.** a highly evolved galaxy (also referred to as NGC 5866 or Messier 102) with no obvious evidence of dust.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a form of alternative medicine that focuses on breathing techniques to help the patient come to terms with the pains associated with the patient's own birth; it has been known to result in the patient's death. **2.** to remove a cap from a bottle by using a part of the body, such as the back of the knee, armpit, or eye, not normally used for such an operation. **3.** to

believe a person, place, or event is real because it is in a commercial.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the balancing point in a solid object or system of objects with different individual masses, around which the object or system will revolve. **2.** prerecorded music played at barely audible levels in the passageways or food court of a shopping mall.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a neural circuit that continues to respond after the original stimulus that activated it has ceased. **2.** an increase in the osmotic pressure of interstitial fluid caused by the depletion of fluid inside cells. **3.** to make a generous offer you hope no one will accept.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the final six lines of an Italian sonnet or the couplet concluding an English sonnet. **2.** an instrument used to determine the purity of a transparent sample by measuring the bending of light (refraction) as it passes through the sample. **3.** any locus in an organism's genome where a gene or the DNA base sequence has a known location on a chromosome and thus can be

used to determine the identity of a species or an individual member of it.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the formula used to measure the effectiveness of a moving body in reducing air resistance to its motion, with the body often observed at the height of one to two meters off the ground. **2.** a person who tells intimate details of his or her life to strangers on mass transit. **3.** a theory according to which most molecular evolution results from random genetic drift and mutation rather than positive selection. **4.** a compound of oxygen and one other element.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** an explanation meant to be minutely detailed for absolute clarity, but that goes on so long people stop listening. **2.** an error in numerical analysis caused by truncating an infinite sum and replacing it with an approximating finite sum. **3.** to carry an umbrella on a day in which the forecast is "partly cloudy."

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** to slow down as you approach a green light in anticipation that it is about to turn yellow. **2.** an institutional policy that holds that only

statements to which everyone agrees are allowed to be voice.

**3.** to use a contraceptive when masturbating.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a follow-up call. **2.** to change a product description from “unscented” to “original scent.”

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the repair of neurons in the peripheral nervous system damaged by injury or disease so that a new connection is formed to a previously innervated organ or cell. **2.** to remember an item in a list by using the item immediately in front of the forgotten item as a cue. **3.** to change the spelling of a word for copyright purposes or to form the name of a business, as in *McRosatellite* for *macrosatellite*. **4.** the increase in information caused by a change in vague terms, such as from *whosits* to *what's-her-name*.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the scanning pattern of an electron beam in a television or computer monitor screen. **2.** to make a metal or polymer stronger by plastic dislocation; the more dislocations produced in the material, the more they interact, resulting in

decreased mobility both in and among them. **3.** a line made by a seam or border of a garment worn beneath another garment and either pressed into the skin or out into the fit of the outer garment. **4.** the use of enzymes to cut a segment of DNA at specific restriction sites. **5.** another term for *resource-holding potential*.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** two waves that cancel each other out when added together. **2.** the analysis of apparent movement, resulting from the discovery in Gestalt psychology that phi is not beta. **3.** a male orgasmic disorder in which the male experiences orgasm and ejaculation before or almost immediately following penetration.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** to stop using an instrument of vocal communication, such as two metal cans joined by a short string, once you realize you can hear the person talking to you without the aid of the instrument. **2.** in a printed text, an asterisk before or after a word or phrase for which there is no explanation at the bottom of the page, or

definition elsewhere in the text, such as in an appendix. **3.** a long-acting narcotic receptor antagonist that blocks the action of opiates, both that of endorphins from within the body and those such as codeine and morphine ingested from outside the body, including the euphoria they induce. **4.** someone who does not believe in the subconscious mind. **5.** an infrared rejection filter.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** to name a discovery of a scientific fact or the invention of an artistic technique, or to have one named after you, only to for it to become clear later that the name has also formed an ironic comment on the discovery or the person, as in the *Dumbbell Nebula* (implying lack of intelligence in the discovery or discoverer) or *dot-matrix analysis* in genetics (implying a limited time of relevance). **2.** to set a liquid out so it can become room temperature.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a consensual reflex in which light shone into one eye also causes the pupil of the other eye to constrict. **2.** the transformation of a solid

into a gas without its passing through a liquid phase. **3.** the realization that you may be currently living life after death.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** to practice greeting people when you are alone. **2.** to know the story or meaning of a star or constellation's name, but not to be able to find it in the night sky.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the tendency of a symptom to return in a more pronounced form after the medication treating it is withdrawn. **2.** a cumulus cloud that as it grows absorbs a thinner patch of cloud just above its top. **3.** an apparent misprint more compelling than the probable intended text, as in "the hair in your noise." **4.** to remarry a person you have divorced or been divorced by, without a marriage to another person intervening between the two marriages. **5.** a scab that gives great pleasure.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** divination based on the sighs and movements of a sleeping person, used to suggest what actions the sleeper should take upon waking. **2.** a visual illusion in which a viewer sees a ghost-

like shadow at the intersections of a grid of white lines on a black ground, caused by both the *on* and *off* regions of the Center/Surround function of ganglion cells being stimulated; the shadow disappears when looked at directly.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the temperature at which double-bonded DNA strands separate, with one strand becoming randomly oriented or separating off into a single strand. **2.** the belief that your natural parents are only foster parents and that your “real” parents are more distinguished or belong to a higher socioeconomic class. **3.** a two-terminal component present in an electrical circuit to limit the flow of current to one or more other components. **4.** to use a pleasant odor to reduce the intensity of an unpleasant one.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a stunt double noticeably different in appearance from the actor supposedly performing the action. **2.** a computer-generated telephone call made to several telephone numbers at once that is answered by someone at a different

location before you can reach the telephone. **3.** another word for *pseudonym*.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a menu that includes only “large” and “extra large” drinks. **2.** a person who develops only his or her Yang energy and neglects Yin energy. **3.** a calendar that covers 18 months.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a set of 50 gray papers, arranged in equal steps from white to black. **2.** a repetitive tune or refrain that you hum to yourself. **3.** to answer any question in such a way that prolongs indecision, such as by saying, “It’s too early to tell” or “Ask me again later.” **4.** a solution that has a lower concentration of dissolved particles than some other solution.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the inability to make an obscene gesture, due to lacking the part of the body used in making the gesture, as in the inability to show someone your middle finger because it has been amputated. **2.** individual words or bits of dialog not translated in a dubbed film. **3.** a spot on a wall, usually of a lighter shade of the same color as the rest of the wall, where



an artwork, photograph, or some other object has been removed.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the elemental proportions of a chemical compound that violates the law of definite proportions, since they cannot be represented as the ratio of integers. **2.** to dial the area code when making a telephone call that does not require the area code. **3.** an action that includes as part of its unreached goal a diluted variation of the action that can be fulfilled immediately, as in to pray that your prayer is effective.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a mixture of liquids whose composition is unchanged when boiled and condensed. **2.** a sudden and apparently randomly occurring surge of anxiety at the realization that most of your vital bodily functions—heartbeat, digestion, kidney function, and so on—are almost totally out of your conscious control. **3.** an umbrella that turns itself inside out in little or no breeze.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** zero considered as a number, rather than a

placeholder. **2.** an onomatopoetic term for static.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a weak acid known only in solution. **2.** to begin a statement of highest praise or a definitive claim with a modifying phrase, such as “Perhaps” or “In some ways,” as in “Perhaps the greatest threat confronting us” or “In some ways his greatest work.” **3.** the sensation of falling that wakes you up just as you’re going to sleep.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a blind person who keeps his or her eyes open, rather than shut. **2.** a method of mathematical equation-solving in which you form an approximation of the answer before actually working the equation.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a window display showing varieties of only one commercial product, as of plumbing pipes or shoes. **2.** a mental disorder in which a person develops a delusion similar to a delusion already held by an associate. **3.** an electrical circuit in which an inductor and a capacitor are in parallel and can function as a resonator. **4.** a prion disease that reached epidemic levels among the Fore people of

New Guinea, resulting from eating the infected brain of a deceased relative; early symptoms included slurred speech, and the victim eventually died in a comatose state. **5.** a decision made by administrators once one of the options is determined to be acceptable, rather than because it is the best.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the errors in a text missed by a proof reader due to the incompatible levels of attention required to check meaning and spelling at the same time. **2.** to like a food until you learn what its ingredients actually are, as enjoying steak tartare until you are told that the meat is raw ground steak. **3.** an impossible figure based on a staircase in the form of a continuous loop that apparently rises endlessly. **4.** a shadow cast by moonlight.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** the lowered ability to remember the last items in a list, caused by the presence of further items that do not need to be memorized. **2.** the emotional dissociation brought on by meeting four or more of your potential mate's friends at the same time. **3.** a

visible fall of rain that evaporates as it falls and does not hit the ground.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** a period of time, ranging from two nights to an entire lifetime, during which a person experiences normal REM sleep patterns, but is unable to recall any dreams he or she had. **2.** a process that results in the elimination of a magnetic field.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** to need a mnemonic to help you remember your list of mnemonics. **2.** the liquid that remains after crystallization. **3.** to be too exhausted to fall asleep.

\_\_\_\_\_. **1.** noise spikes of large amplitude, usually lasting one second or less. **2.** the universe considered as the totality of all possible measurements that can be made in all possible fields of investigation.



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