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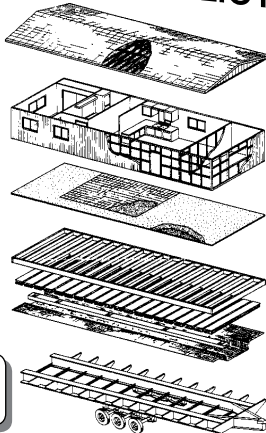
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**Halloween Safety Month. Oct. 1–31.** There are steps you can take to make it a safe Halloween for children and teens. For more information, browse [www.preventblindness.org](http://www.preventblindness.org).

**National Book Month. Oct. 1–31.** To invite everyone in America to take time out to treat themselves to a unique pleasure: reading a good book. Literary events are held throughout the month. For more information, browse [www.nationalbook.org](http://www.nationalbook.org).

**National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Oct. 1–31.** To raise awareness of breast cancer and to provide access to screening services. For more information, browse [www.nbcam.org](http://www.nbcam.org).

**National Crime Prevention Month. Oct. 1–31.** To drive violence and drugs from our families, neighborhoods and communities. For more information, browse [www.ncpc.org](http://www.ncpc.org).

### Weekly

**National Work from Home Week. Oct. 8–14.** A week to celebrate the trends, technology and tactics that allow millions of Americans to work from home as entrepreneurs and corporate teleworkers. For more information, browse [www.chiefhomeofficer.com](http://www.chiefhomeofficer.com).

**Fire Prevention Week. Oct. 7–13.** To increase awareness of the dangers of fire and to educate the public on how to stay safe from fire.

For more information, browse [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org) or [www.sparky.org](http://www.sparky.org).

**Freedom from Bullies Week. Oct. 15–21.** A time for courage, support, inspiration and peace for people suffering health-endangering bullying and for others who witness the mistreatment. For more information, browse [www.bullyinginstitute.com](http://www.bullyinginstitute.com).

**Give Wildlife a Brake Week. Oct. 22–28.** A reminder to scan the road as you drive, watching the edges for wildlife about to cross.

For more information, browse [www.hsus.org/wildlife](http://www.hsus.org/wildlife).

### Daily

**International Frugal Fun Day. Oct. 7.** A day to celebrate that having fun doesn't have to be costly. Do at least one fun thing for yourself and/or your family that is free of cost or under \$5 per person. For more information, browse [www.frugalfun.com/frugalfundayideas.html](http://www.frugalfun.com/frugalfundayideas.html).

**Columbus Day. Oct. 9.** To commemorate the landing of Columbus in the New World, Oct. 12, 1492.

**Evaluate Your Life Day. Oct. 19.** To encourage everyone to check and see if they're really headed where they want to be. For more information, browse [www.wellcat.com](http://www.wellcat.com).

**National Mammography Day. Oct. 20.** On this day, or throughout the month of October, radiologists provide discounted or free screenings. For more information, browse [www.nbcam.org](http://www.nbcam.org).

**Make a Difference Day. Oct. 28.** A national day of community service sponsored by USA Weekend magazine. For more information, browse [www.makeadifferenceday.com](http://www.makeadifferenceday.com).

**Halloween or All Hallows' Eve. Oct. 31.** An ancient celebration combining Druid autumn and Christian customs.





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## A doctor-recommended exercise

Here is a miracle exercise recommended by a doctor. You can do this standing or sitting down. Do it in front of a mirror, or better still, with someone. Here's how:



- Raise the corners of your mouth an inch, take a deep breath and hold it for 10 seconds.
- You are smiling. If you have people watching you, they'll probably start smiling too.
- Now release your breath in short exhalations. You're now laughing. Unless those with you are curmudgeons, they'll undoubtedly start laughing, too.

This simple muscular action of inhaling, raising the corners of the mouth, then exhaling in rhythmic, short bursts causes the diaphragm to bounce up and down, pats the liver on the back, and pleasantly vibrates the stomach. The heart, which rests above the diaphragm, begins to pump at a slightly faster rate, sending blood coursing throughout the body.

The effect is a general feeling of well-being. More important than this, however, is the effect on others who observe you going through this exercise. They feel better, too. This triggers happy emotions within you, and the stage is set for any number of pleasant personal and business relationships.

All this from one simple little exercise! — *from IdeaBank*

## The path to attaining what you desire in life

There was once a young man who went to a wise old man and said, “Master, I want to have all the riches in the world. I want no limitations on it—and with that wealth I want to do good things for the world. I want to use it for its healing powers in the universe. Can you please tell me the secret of creating unlimited wealth?”

The old man answered, “There are two goddesses that reside in your heart, that reside in the hearts of all men and women. Every person falls deeply in love with both of these goddesses.”

The old man went on, “Though it is true that you have great love in your heart for both of these supreme beings, you must choose one. You must choose the one who reigns over the kingdom of knowledge. She is Sarasvati. Seduce her. Love her boldly. Pay great attention to her, because she adores attention. The other, Lakshmi, rules over the kingdom of wealth. The secret is to pay more attention to the goddess of knowledge, because then the goddess of wealth will become jealous and pay more attention to you. The more you seek and pursue Sarasvati, the more Lakshmi will pursue you. She will never go away and will be yours for the taking. Then you will always have what you desire—unlimited wealth.

— *adapted from Creating Affluence, by Deepak Chopra*

### On wisdom

*Some folks are wise, and some otherwise.*

— *Josh Billings*



## Make an inner resolution to change your life



**A**t age 20, Joe was a mess. He had been rebelling against authority for many years already. He was defined as a failure. He hadn't finished high school, as a matter of fact he had flunked four times. He became a street fighter, and he had 25 scars to prove it. And there was more—by 20 he had lost 30 jobs and been kicked out of the Marines. He was deemed incorrigible.

Nine years later, Joe was the valedictorian of Harvard Law School's 1967 graduation. He then went on to begin a career with the U.S. Department of Justice. He was considered one of the brightest of the young men employed there and seemed to have a great future before him.

Joe had turned his life around. He had pulled himself out of his long pattern of revolting against authority and was living a productive life. Several months after he was booted out of the Marines, Joe signed up for high school classes and he began reading constantly. Two years later he graduated with a 99 average. He went on to go to the University of California at Santa Barbara and was elected his senior class president. He graduated magna cum laude. He contacted the Marines and told officials there that he felt he had a blemish on his life and he wanted to make it right. He was allowed to reenlist and became a platoon leader and was given an honorable discharge after he had served his two years.

Time magazine described Joe's valedictory speech as the "year's most moving graduation address."

When asked about his turnaround, Joe said, "Once I'd made up my mind, it wasn't too tough."

And when asked about the inner change he had certainly gone through, he said, "[I] guess you could call it an inner resolution. I was just sick of being a failure." — *adapted from The Guideposts Pocket Book of Inspiration, edited by Norman Vincent Peale*

## A fishing story



**A**famous editor returned from an angling expedition in Colorado. One of his friends asked him how the fish were in those parts. The editor answered, "Well, I can't really say for sure. I kept dropping them lines every day—but there was never a reply."

— *adapted from Laughter Incorporated, by Bennett Cerf*

### On getting old

*You know you're getting old when the candles cost more than the cake.*

— **Bob Hope**

### On airplanes

*Why don't they make the whole plane out of that black box stuff.*

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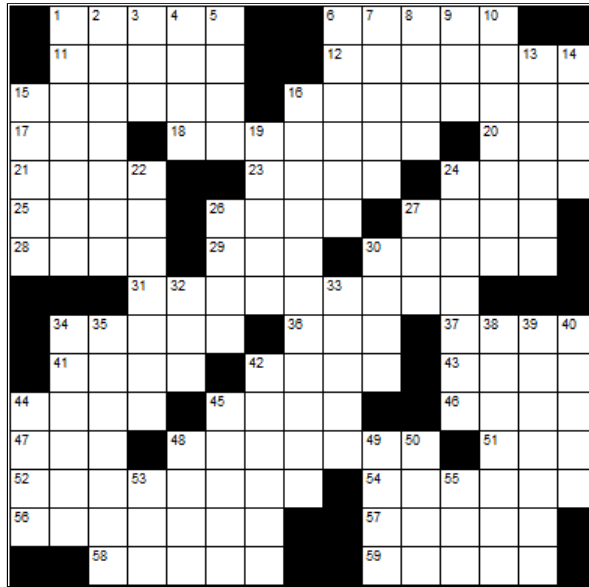
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## Get into the flow



Here is a principle about money to keep in mind. Money must flow. It must be like the blood that circulates in your body. To keep it, to hang on to it, stops the flow. If you want your money to grow, you must keep it moving. You must spend it and use it in the service of the world and of others. Otherwise, it will coagulate and become clotted. The flow will stop, and instead of being a healing power it will merely cause damage in the world.

Money represents life energy. A service that we provide to the universe and the universe then returns to us. To keep money coming in, you must keep it moving. It must circulate.

—adapted from *Creating Affluence*, by Deepak Chopra

## Don't let panic and worry cut you off from abundance

To get on the path of perpetual abundance, there is one rule of thumb that you must follow: Don't panic. Panic will only bring you worry, and worry almost never helps solve your problems. If you panic when it comes to money worries, your head will fill with fear, and you won't have room in your mind for solutions to come forth.



Benjamin Franklin once said, "Some terrible things happened in my life-time—a few of which actually happened."

Panic brings out the worst in you, and the worst in others who are exposed to it. People can fall into panic over almost everything—missed deadlines, fear of what others are thinking or saying about them, fear of making a mistake and fear over losing money. When people panic over money issues, it is because of fear.

But fear and panic, rather than help the situation, usually only cause miscommunication, and that interferes with a person's ability to create success and abundance in his or her life.

In order to have abundance, you have to make a commitment to stop panicking. Once you make the commitment, you'll notice some wonderful things happening. For instance, you'll be able to step back and see that the things that you used to worry about so much almost never happen anyway. You'll stop wasting your time and energy on anxiety and worry that don't do any good, and you'll be able to focus on getting your bearings. Once you get your bearings your innate wisdom will have a chance to kick in and fruitful answers will begin to appear in your life.

So make a commitment to stop panicking today. You'll be glad you did. — adapted from *Don't Worry, Make Money*, by Richard Carlson

### On triumph

*I knew there was a way out. I knew there was another kind of life because I had read about it. I knew there were other places, and there was another way of being.*

— Oprah Winfrey

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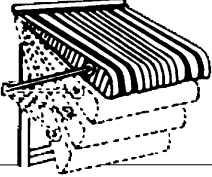
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## What are the four most familiar lines in English?

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**D**o you know who wrote *Mary Had a Little Lamb*? Her name was Sarah Josepha Hale, born in 1788, and she was a feminist. Hale was a self-educated woman and she eventually became a teacher—she also wrote short stories and verse in her spare time. After her husband died, she wrote a novel to critical acclaim and became an editor of a magazine. She also became the editor of a children’s magazine called *Juvenile Miscellany*, and in 1830 her poem, originally titled *Mary’s Lamb*, first appeared.

Here it is: Mary had a little lamb  
Its fleece as white as snow  
And every where that Mary went,  
The lamb was sure to go.

Hale began to travel in esteemed social circles, with the likes of Oliver Wendell Holmes and other well-thought-of people of her day. She also petitioned several presidents to get Thanksgiving recognized as a legal holiday—Abraham Lincoln finally approved the measure. She kicked off the movement to have Mount Vernon recognized as a historic landmark. Thomas Edison used her little poem for the first-ever sound recording on his invention—the phonograph.

Hale wrote many brilliant pieces during her lifetime, but is remembered for what are probably the best-known four lines in the English language. — *adapted from the mental\_floss Web site*

## On the origins of the jack o’lantern

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**H**ave you ever wondered how the practice of turning pumpkins into scary jack o’lanterns was born? The origin is quite fascinating.

O’lantern sounds Irish, and it is. The flickering, carved pumpkin faces that animate the American Halloween derive from an old Irish custom of creating rustic lanterns from vegetables. The Irish child’s typical Halloween flashlight was a hollowed-out turnip or potato with a candle inside, and when the Irish landed in America in the nineteenth century, they were quick to spot the possibilities in the pumpkin. — *from IdeaBank*

## In good company

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**D**o you know the derivation of the word *company*? Most people probably don’t think of a group of people sitting down and eating bread together when they hear the word *company*, but that is exactly what the word meant in its original sense. The word comes from the Latin *con*, which means together, and *panis*, which means bread. Thus, *company* originally encompassed the idea of people being such good friends that you share your bread with them.

— *adapted from Thereby Hangs a Tale, by Charles Earl Funk*



## Want to enjoy life? Then optimism is the best policy



**H**ow you look at life can drastically affect how much you enjoy your life. If you have a positive attitude, then you will be considered an optimistic person. If you have a negative attitude, then you will be considered a pessimistic person. Optimists expect the best out of life. If you were not lucky enough to be raised with this attitude as a child, don't fret, it can be learned.

Here are the tenets that optimism is based on:

- Bad things do happen in life, but they are temporary.
- Bad things in life are limited in scope. (They're small or insignificant.)
- People have control over their environments. Here are the tenets that pessimism are based on:
  - Good things in life are temporary.
  - Good things in life are limited in scope. (They're small or insignificant.)
  - People have no control over their environments.

According to conventional wisdom, optimists and pessimists are both right about the same number of times, but optimists get to enjoy their lives more.

Optimists help create some of the good they come to expect, so they are probably right more than not—and they don't waste time worrying about what they're not right about.

Think of the benefits of being an optimist. Optimism relaxes people. When we're relaxed, there is better blood flow to the brain, which results in more energy and creativity in your life.

In *Learned Optimism*, Martin Seligman lists many studies that report that optimists are:

- healthier
- less likely to give up
- more successful in school, on the job and on the playing field
- have more successful relationships
- are depressed less often, and for shorter periods of time.

—*adapted from Taking Care of Me: The Habits of Happiness, by Mary Kay Mueller*

## On eating your words



**A** vacuum salesman wound his way into a remote valley. Once there he found a little house and went up and knocked on the door.

“This machine is wonderful,” he crowed to the woman who answered. “Just look at this.” He then took a bag full of dirt and poured it on the carpet in the living room. “Watch,” he said. “If this machine doesn't pick up every last piece of dirt. I'll lick it up personally for you.”

The woman smiled and said, “Would you like some ketchup to go with that. We don't have any electricity out in these parts.” — *adapted from The Giant Book of Jokes, edited by Dave Phillips*





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## Quotable



### On solitude

**E**verything that matters in our intellectual and moral life begins with an individual confronting his own mind and conscience in a room by himself.  
— **Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr.**

### How to live

Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you've imagined.  
— **Henry David Thoreau**

*The shortest way to do many things is to do only one thing at once.* — **Samuel Smiles**

*The real act of discovery consists not in finding new lands, but in seeing with new eyes.*  
— **Marcel Proust**



*I am only one, but still I am one;  
I cannot do everything,  
But still I can do something;  
And because I cannot do everything,  
I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.*  
— **Edward Everett Hale**

*Never bend your head. Always hold it high. Look the world straight in the face.*  
— **Helen Keller**

### On the inner life

*Life does not consist mainly, or even largely, of facts and happenings. It consists mainly of the storm of thought that is forever flowing through one's head.*  
— **Mark Twain**

### Power of the mind

*What we think determines what happens to us, so if we want to change our lives, we need to stretch our minds.*  
— **Wayne Dyer**

### Self-imposed limitations

*Don't limit yourself. Many people limit themselves to what they think they can do. You can go as far as your mind lets you. What you believe, remember, you can achieve.*  
— **Mary Kay Ash**

### On potential

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# Quotable Humor



## On exercise

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— **Chancey Depew**

*The word aerobics comes from two Greek words: Aero, meaning “ability to,” and bics, meaning “withstand tremendous boredom.”*  
— **Dave Barry**

*The only reason I would take up jogging is to hear heavy breathing again.*  
— **Erma Bombeck**

## On procrastination

*Never put off till tomorrow what you can do the day after tomorrow.*  
— **Mark Twain**

## On willingness

*The world is full of willing people. Some willing to work, the rest willing to let them.*  
— **Robert Frost**

## On getting things done

*I made up my mind a long time ago that life was too short to do anything for myself that I could pay others to do for me.*  
— **W. Somerset Maugham**

## On committees

*A committee is a cul-de-sac down which ideas are lured and then quietly strangled.*  
— **Sir Thomas George Barnett Cocks**

## On silence

*Silence was the best substitute for brains ever invented.*  
— **Henry Fountain Ashurst**



## On cooking

*In a recipe: “If they like it, it serves four; otherwise, six.”*  
— **Elsie Zussman**

## On the written word

*The pen is mightier than the sword, and considerably easier to write with.*  
— **Marty Feldman**



## Puns to ponder

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- Two vultures board an airplane, each carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at them and says, “I’m sorry, gentlemen, only one car- rion allowed per passenger.”
- Did you hear that NASA recently put a bunch of Holsteins into low earth orbit? They called it the herd shot ’round the world.
- Two boll weevils grew up in South Carolina. One went to Hollywood and became a famous actor. The other stayed behind and never amounted to much. The second one, naturally, became known as the lesser of two weevils.
- A three-legged dog walks into a saloon in the Old West. He slides up to the bar and announces: “I’m looking for the man who shot my paw.”
- Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? He wanted to transcend dental medication.
- A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse. “But why?” they asked, as they moved off. “Be- cause,” he said, “I can’t stand chess nuts boasting in an open foyer.”
- A woman has twins, and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt and is named “Amal.” The other goes to a family in Spain; they name him “Juan.” Years later, Juan sends a picture of himself to his birth mother. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wishes she also had a picture of Amal. Her husband responds, “They’re twins! If you’ve seen Juan, you’ve seen Amal.”
- These friars were behind on their belfry payments, so they opened up a small florist shop to raise funds. Since everyone liked to buy flowers from the men of God, a rival florist across town thought the competition was unfair. He asked the good fathers to close down, but they would not. He went back and begged the friars to close. They ignored him. So, the rival florist hired Hugh MacTaggart, the roughest and most vicious thug in town to “persuade” them to close. Hugh beat up the friars and trashed their store, saying he’d be back if they didn’t close up shop. Terrified, they did so, thereby proving that: Hugh, and only Hugh, can prevent florist friars.
- And finally, there was a person (guess who?) who sent 10 different puns to friends, in the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. Unfortunately, no pun in ten did.  
— *from the Today’s Senior Web site*

## On being in the know

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**A** man plummeted out of a ninth story window. He was lying on the ground when a crowd started to gather round him. Then a uniformed police officer came on the scene and looked at the man with astonishment.

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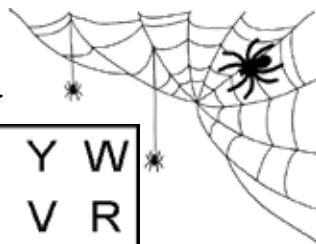
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