

AMERICA'S SUPERBOWL LAUGH AND LEARN



COLTS VERSUS SAINTS IN SUPER BOWL 2010

The American **Superbowl** will be played Sunday, 7 February. The contest will be between the **Indianapolis** [Indiana] **Colts** and the **New Orleans** [Hurricane Katrina] **Saints** .

The **Super Bowl** is the championship game of the National Football League (NFL). In most years, the Super Bowl is the most-watched American television broadcast. Many popular singers and musicians have performed during the event's pre-game and halftime ceremonies. The day on which the Super Bowl is played is now considered a *de facto* American national holiday, called *Super Bowl Sunday*. Super Bowl Sunday is the second-largest day for U.S. food consumption, after Thanksgiving Day.

THE LEARN:

Mike: So, Ruth, the Super Bowl is coming up. And what do you think about football?

Ruth: I think it's really interesting. This Japanese guy recently told me it was the most interesting sport to watch because of the rules, but unfortunately I don't really know the rules so I have a hard time following it.

Mike: But you're American. Don't you like American football?

Ruth: I'm more of a basketball fan because when I watch it, I can easily understand what's going on, and when I'm watching football, everyone around me just screams and they don't really tell me what's going on.

Mike: Right. But the Super Bowl - that's like the biggest game of the year right! So you go to Super Bowl parties, right?

Ruth: Yeah, my sister's crazy about football and she has Super Bowl parties but I haven't really lived in America for the past three years, and before that I was in college and I never really went to one. How about you?

Mike: Oh, yeah, I'm huge on the Superbowl.... it's the biggest day of the year for me.

Ruth: What's your favorite team?

Mike: Well, my team is terrible now ... the 49ers, so they're never, ever in the Super Bowl.



Ruth: Yeah, that's cool. San Francisco.

Mike: But the thing I think is great about Super Bowl Sunday is it's really ... it's like the silent American holiday.

Ruth: Yes.

Mike: You know what I mean? Like it's the one day where everybody gets together and watches the game and has a good time.

Ruth: Well, I'm from Philadelphia and Philadelphia fans of all sports are totally wild and crazy, and they just go all out, so a lot of my family members and friends go crazy about the Eagles' games.

Mike: So have you ever been to a professional game?

Ruth: I haven't. I haven't been to a professional football game.

Mike: Now, what about college? Did you have a big college team?



Ruth: No, I don't think so. We had a good basketball team at the University of Arizona - The Wildcats, but

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Mike: Oh, right.

Ruth: Football, I don't really recall having a good football team.

Mike: So when you watch the Super Bowl, usually the best part is the commercials, right? So, they have the commercials, so you watch those, don't you?

Ruth: To be honest, I can't remember watching the Super Bowl in recent years.

Mike: Wow!

Ruth: Yeah.

Mike: Here it is. I'm saying it's the biggest day of the year, and you don't remember ever seeing it?

Ruth: I mean, I remember watching it, but they're just ... I remember being more into the food that was all around me.

Mike: Right, right. Fair enough.

Ruth: Sorry. But if you invite me this year I'll come.

Mike: Oh, cool.



IDIOMS:

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being more into the food. More interested in the food

- I. What sport does Ruth enjoy the most?
 - a) American Football
 - b) Japanese Football
 - c) Basketball
- II. Who feels the same about the Super Bowl?
 - a) Ruth and her sister
 - b) Mike and Ruth's sister
 - c) Ruth and Mike
- III. What team is her family crazy about?
 - a) The Eagles
 - b) The 49ers
 - c) The Wildcats
- IV. What sport was her college good at?
 - a) Football
 - b) Baseball
 - c) Basketball
- V. What is the best part of the Super Bowl for Ruth?
 - a) The commercials
 - b) Watching the Game
 - c) The food



Bruce Springsteen at a Superbowl halftime



THE LINKS:

Funny - A relaxing game of Football
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D-JMHytacQU>

NFL Highlights film
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KJl4bhVMFqM>

Greatest Superbowl Plays
http://www.superbowlfun.net/nfl_greatest_plays_ever

Many enjoy the special Superbowl Commercials
http://www.superbowlfun.net/super_bowl_commercials

Churches have fun with the Super Bowl too
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CPaWISLReQM>



"I don't want to worry you, but the guy who delivered the pizza was your financial planner."

THE LAUGH:



Football Math Test

A football coach walked into the locker room before a game, looked over to his star player and said, "I'm not supposed to let you play since you failed math, but we need you in there. So, what I have to do is ask you a math question, and if you get it right, you can play."

The player agreed, and the coach looked into his eyes intently and asks, "Okay, now concentrate hard and tell me the answer to this. What is two plus two?"

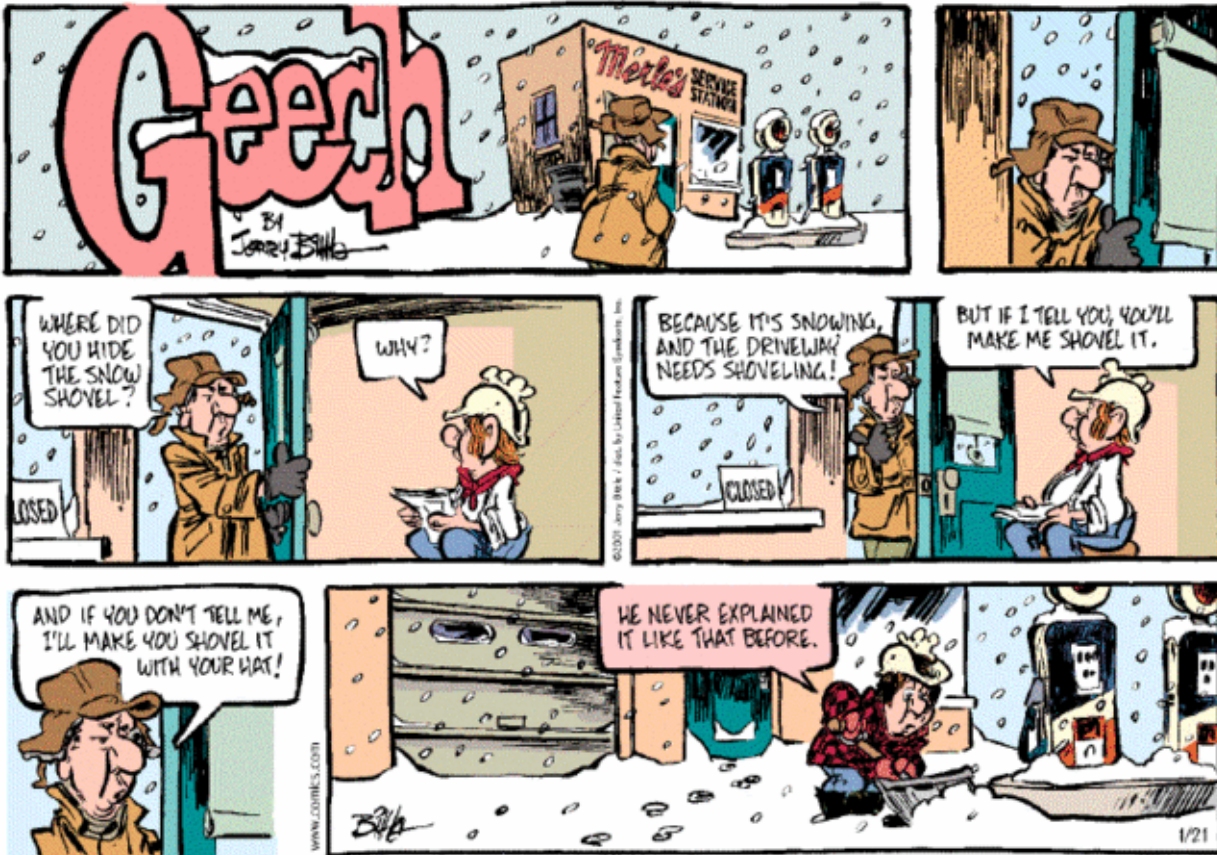
The player thought for a moment and then he answered, "4?"

"Did you say 4?" the coach exclaimed, excited that he got it right.

At that, some of the other players on the team began screaming, "Come on coach, give him another chance!"

- That football player is so huge, instead of a number he should have a license plate.
- Football is a game when 22 big, strong players run around like crazy for two hours while 50,000 people who really need the exercise sit in the stands and watch them.
- Wife to friend: "The most exciting play of the Superbowl was when Fred sat on the cheese dip."





Quiz answers: Basketball; Mike and Ruth's sister; The Eagles; Basketball; The food

