

# Laugh & Learn

## Simple or Complex

### Thought for Today - A Cowboy's Guide to Life



- If you get to thinking you're a person of some influence, try ordering somebody else's dog around.
- If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop digging.
  - Always drink upstream from the herd.

More cowboy humor and philosophy below.

Many things can be seen as simple or complex...life, products, and English sentences.

Which of these pairs would you judge to be simple, and which complex?

Skyscraper Building



Log Cabin



Cruise Ship



Row Boat



Cobblestone



Diamond



Antique Radio



Ear Radio



Mobile Phone



Wall Phone



Large Auto



Small sports Car



1940 Camera



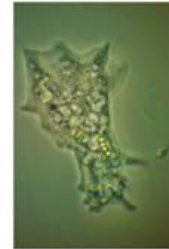
2009 Camera



Human DNA



Single Cell Amoeba DNA



### Review: Which of these would you judge to be simple, and which complex?

- The skyscraper is complex, and the log cabin is simple.
- The Cruise Ship is complex, while the row boat is simple.
- A cobblestone is simple, whereas a cut diamond is complex
- A large old-time radio is simple in comparison to the complexity of a tiny ear radio.
- A modern palm sized mobile phone with camera, internet, MP3, Czech/English dictionary is complex when compared to a simple large old wall phone.
- The full-sized family car and the smaller sports car are equally complex.
- The big old camera is simple when compared to a complex pocket camera with zoom lens.
- The last one will surprise you. The DNA of the single cell amoeba is much more complex than the DNA of a human being.

### Conclusions:

1. **Complexity isn't determined by size.** The most complex pictures were the large skyscraper and cruise ship, and the amoeba DNA which is invisible to the human eye.
2. **Important scientific theories are crumbling.** One theory is that life began with a lightning strike in a dirty swamp which caused the formation of the first small living single cell, like the amoeba. Often the amoeba is the example in this or similar theories on the origin of life. According to such scientific proposals, that simple amoeba later evolved into a fish, and a frog, and so on.

Now we know that the DNA of an amoeba dubia has 670 billion base pairs [see link below]. Your body has only 2.9 billion DNA pairs. The DNA of the "simple" single cell amoeba is 231 times larger and more complex than that of humans. Placing all the requirements of life, i.e. finding food, mobility, reproduction, oxygenation, circulation, elimination of waste, etc, into something invisibly miniature requires genius engineering and production. This DNA information explodes out of the water, or dirty pond, the myth that life began as an accident of nature. The probability of 1.34 trillion pieces of a variety of proteins accidentally aligning in a perfect double helix is...zero. If it couldn't have happened by accident, than it happened by creative intelligent design.



### SIMPLE SENTENCE

A simple sentence contains a subject and a verb, and it expresses a complete thought. In the following simple sentences, subjects are in yellow, and verbs are in green.

- A. Some **students** **like** to study in the mornings.
- B. **Juan** and **Arturo** **play** football every afternoon.
- C. **Alicia** **goes** to the library and **studies** every day.

## COMPOUND SENTENCE

A compound sentence contains two independent clauses joined by a coordinator. The coordinators are: *for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so*. In the following compound sentences, subjects are in yellow, verbs are in green, and the coordinators are in red.

- A. I tried to speak Spanish, and my friend tried to speak English.  
B. Alejandro played football, so Maria went shopping.

## COMPLEX SENTENCE

A complex sentence has an independent clause joined by one or more dependent clauses. A complex sentence always has a subordinator such as *because, since, after, although, or when* or a relative pronoun such as *that, who, or which*. In the following complex sentences, subjects are in yellow, verbs are in green, and the subordinators and their commas are in red.

- A. When he handed in his homework, he forgot to give the teacher the last page.  
B. The teacher returned the homework after she noticed the error.  
C. The students are studying because they have a test tomorrow.  
D. After they finished studying, Juan and Maria went to the movies.

## The Laughs

### More Simple philosophy - Cowboy's Guide to Life

There are two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither one works.

Never ask a man the size of his spread [ranch or farm].

Never hit a man who's chewing tobacco.

It doesn't take a genius to spot a goat in a flock of sheep.

Never ask a barber if he thinks you need a haircut.

Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.

Never drop your gun to hug a grizzly bear.

If you're riding ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still following.

Letting the cat out of the bag is a whole lot easier than putting it back.

The quickest way to double your money is to fold it over and put it back in your pocket.

Never miss a good chance to shut up.



## The Links

**DNA: Human and Amoeba:**

[http://www.genomenetwork.org/articles/02\\_01/Sizing\\_genomes.shtml](http://www.genomenetwork.org/articles/02_01/Sizing_genomes.shtml)

**Dave Longworth Cowboy Poet - A Life We Won't Trade**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ki0n4yroqFE>

**ROPIN' FOOL (1922) Will Rogers remains America's most famous cowboy humorist and roping champion.** [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l\\_IzqA7RPoU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l_IzqA7RPoU)

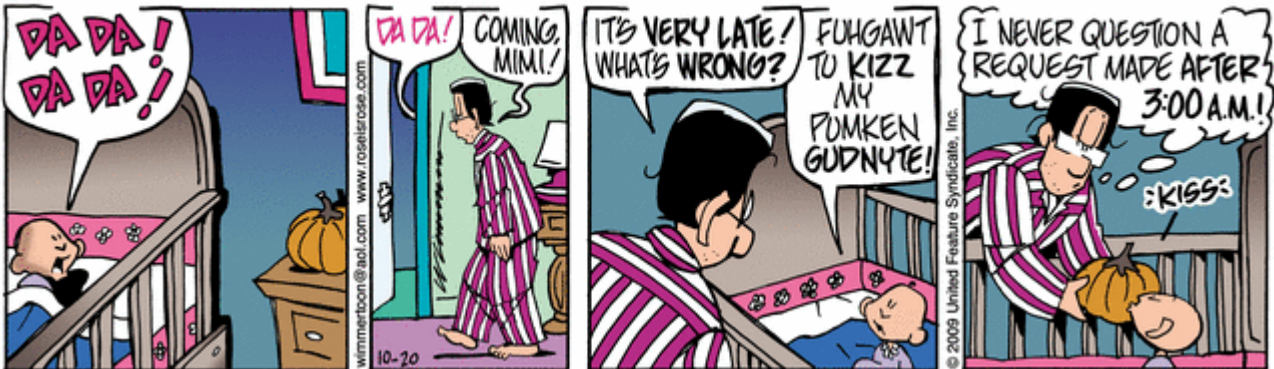


## More Laughs

**McHUMOR.com** by T. McCracken



"It's a Siberian mountain dog."



Jack-o-lanterns made by students at the English Club Café Halloween Party, 23 October, 2009 at Fabrika

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