

# Laugh & Learn

## Thought for Today

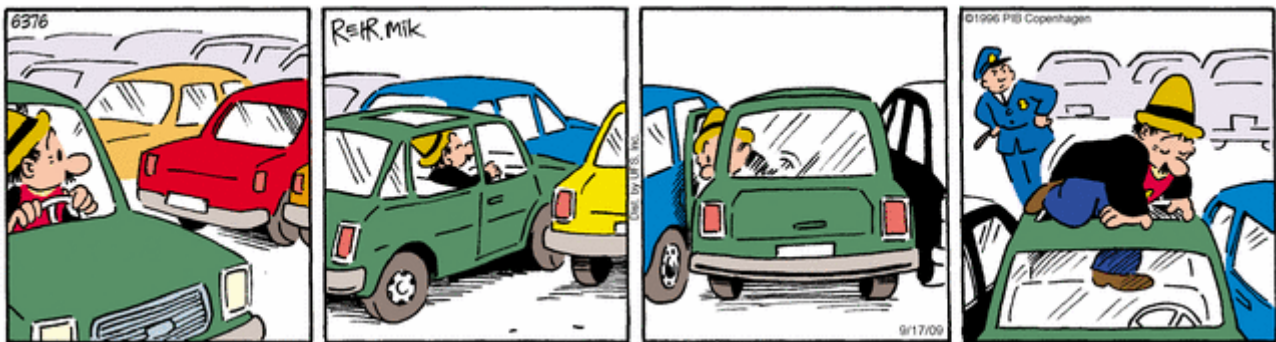
Nothing makes you more tolerant of a neighbor's noisy party than being there. -- Franklin P. Jones

### September 26 is . . . National Good Neighbor Day and National Pancake Day

**"America is a wonderful place. Only in the USA can we celebrate the glory of egg salad, dictionaries, and procrastination."**

The U.S.A. has special days other than the dozen government approved holidays. It has hundreds of special days appointed by states, towns, greeting card companies, service organizations, religious groups, health and food organizations, library associations, educational societies, etc. Some of these special days are just for fun...some are serious. Schools and businesses stay open.

Here is link listing these fun and bizarre holidays:  
<http://library.thinkquest.org/2886/INDEX.HTM>



### Neighbor Story (two neighbors in the backyard, which is American for garden)

**Fred:** (looking at James' back yard) I've got to admit you have a beautiful back yard James. How do you do it?

**James:** Well, it does take time and patience. But I've also got a few secrets...

**Fred:** OK, OK, what do I have to do to get you to reveal your secrets? You know if I had the money, I'd just hire a gardener.

**James:** No, no you needn't do that. I'd never hire a gardener. Working in the yard is the greatest form of relaxation that I know of!

**Fred:** You're kidding, right?! I would never have planted so many trees if I had known how much work they'd require.

**James:** You see, that's your problem. Right there. You're attitude is all wrong.

**Fred:** Excuse me. My attitude is wrong? What does attitude have to do with gardening?

**James:** You've got to love working in the backyard - that's my secret!

**Fred:** Love working in the backyard? What! What kind of secret is that? I expected some special lawnmower, or a special type of gardening tool.

**James:** No, any lawnmower or tool will do the job. It's all in the mind.

**Fred:** I can't believe what you're saying. Let me see if I understand this: ...

**James:** It's very simple ...

**Fred:** If I had a better feeling about my work in the garden, everything would be wonderful. I'd have a beautiful lawn like yours. I'd have healthy plants like you.

**James:** ... yes, yes that's it. You've got it!

**Fred:** ... all just a simple matter of enjoying myself.

**James:** Now you understand.

**Fred:** Look, can I borrow the tea you are drinking? Because, to tell you the truth, I think you're crazy!!

**James:** Oh, Fred, we live in modern times, but the old farmers know: what you put into the land you reap.

**Fred:** On second thought, I think I'll just pay a gardener.

**James:** Ha ha, that won't work.

**Fred:** Why not?

**James:** Because he has to enjoy his gardening...

**Fred:** Please, James, thank you very much for your advice. But, don't start in again!

Q: What does Fred admire of his neighbor James?

His house  His back yard  His new car

Q: What would Fred do if had enough money?

Hire a gardener  Hire James  Plant more trees

Q: What does James say Fred should do?

Hire a gardener  Get a new attitude  Buy a new lawnmower

Q: The secret to success in the garden is:

buying the latest tools  hiring the best gardener  enjoying gardening

Q: What do old farmers know?

drink a special tea  you reap what you put into the land  secret tips



### The Most Famous Neighbor Story

"There was once a man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho. On the way he was attacked by robbers. They took his clothes, beat him up, and went off leaving him half-dead. Luckily, a priest was on his

way down the same road, but when he saw him he angled across to the other side. Then a Levite religious man showed up; he also avoided the injured man.

"A Samaritan traveling the road came on him. When he saw the man's condition, his heart went out to him. He gave him first aid, disinfecting and bandaging his wounds. Then he lifted him onto his donkey, led him to an inn, and made him comfortable. In the morning he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take good care of him. If it costs any more, put it on my bill—I'll pay you on my way back.'

"What do you think? Which of the three became a neighbor to the man attacked by robbers?" "The one who treated him kindly," the religion scholar responded. Jesus said, "Go and do the same."

**Correct Answers:** backyard; hire a gardener; get a new attitude; enjoy gardening; reap what you put into the land

### ***The Links***

**For Thirty Years Mr Rogers was America's favorite neighbor:**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xUJCVjFiexo&feature=Playlist&p=A85A5529BC3E836F&index=9&playnext=2&playnext\\_from=PL](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xUJCVjFiexo&feature=Playlist&p=A85A5529BC3E836F&index=9&playnext=2&playnext_from=PL)

**Neighbor Humor Link:** <http://comedians.comedycentral.com/mitch-hedberg/videos/mitch-hedberg---knocking-on-walls>

**Sesame Street - Who Are the People in Your Neighborhood?**

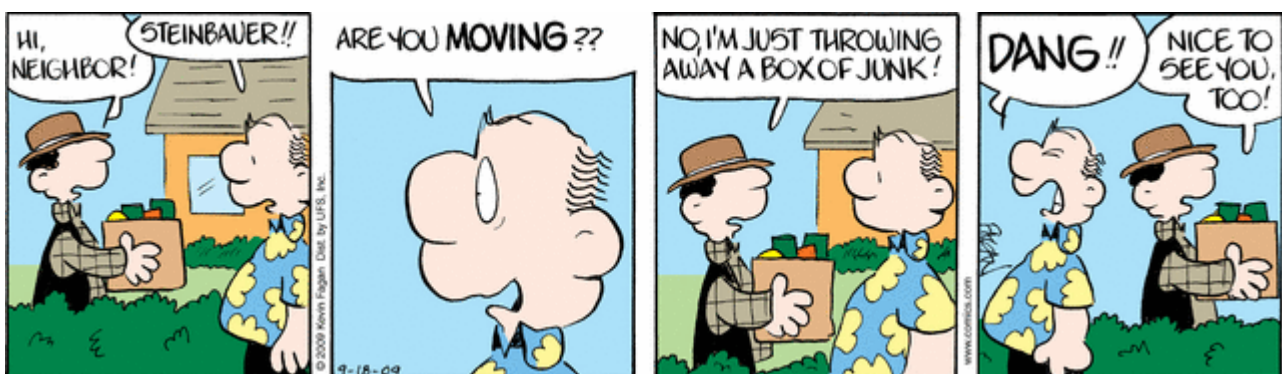
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jwDq32MtOQU>

**Past Tense Regular Verb Pronunciation**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_M7xIwAqy9I&feature=Playlist&p=56163D979C4E88BD&playnext=1&playnext\\_from=PL&index=2](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_M7xIwAqy9I&feature=Playlist&p=56163D979C4E88BD&playnext=1&playnext_from=PL&index=2)

**Mr. Bean...your airplane neighbor:** <http://www.funnieststuff.net/viewmovie.php?id=1282>

### ***The Laughs***

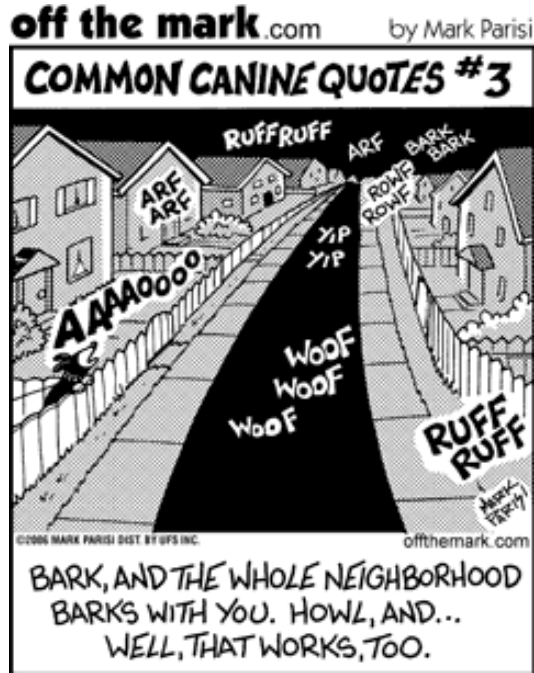


### **CHECKING ON THE NEIGHBOR**

Worried because they hadn't heard anything for days from the widow in the neighboring apartment, Mrs. Silver said to her son, "Timmy, would you go next door and see how old Mrs. Kirkland is?" A few minutes later, Timmy returned.

"Well," asked Mrs. Silver, "is she all right?" "She's fine, except that she's angry at you."

"At me?" the woman exclaimed. "Whatever for?" "She said 'It's none of your business how old she is,'" answered Timmy.



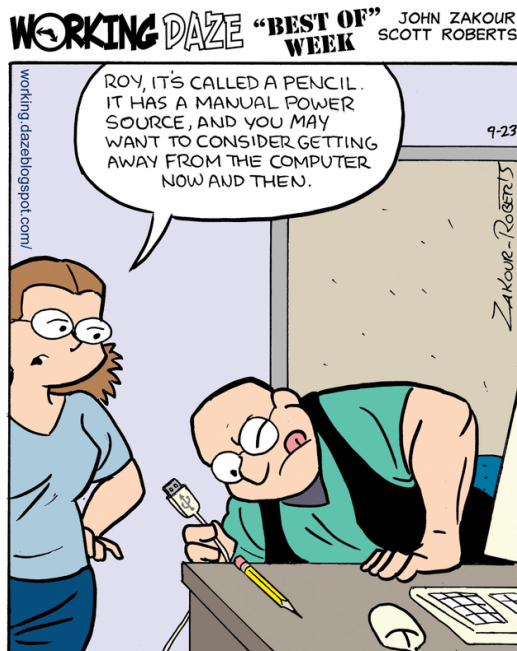
### Joke: The Borrowing Neighbor

Every time the man next door headed toward Robinson's house, Robinson knew he was coming to borrow something. "He won't get away with it this time," Robinson said to his wife. "Watch this."

"Er, I wonder if you'd be using your power-saw this morning," the neighbor began.

"Gee, I'm awfully sorry," said Robinson with a smug look, "but the fact is, I'll be using it all day."

"In that case," said the neighbor, "you won't be using your golf clubs. Do you mind if I borrow them?"



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