

Laugh & Learn

Thought for Today

Take a lesson from the ants, you lazybones.

Learn from their ways and become wise!

Though they have no prince or governor or ruler to make them work,
they labor hard all summer, gathering food for the winter. [Proverbs 6:6-9]

The first Monday of September is the holiday LABOR DAY in the USA



The Learn:

Watching this Labor Day Video may help you in the challenge below

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GZkq7d4lyrw>

Labor Day (first Monday in September)

For each blank space, choose the correct response. If both responses are acceptable, choose the one that sounds **more natural**. Good luck!

1. Labor Day is a North American holiday that takes (place/location) on the first Monday in September.
2. This holiday was created back in 1882 to (honor/cherish) working individuals and provide them with a day off.
3. These days, the holiday is regarded as the (symbol/symbolic) end of Summer.
4. It is a low- (key/action) holiday - there aren't too many events or activities associated with it. For most people, it is (simple/simply) a day of rest.
5. Like other holidays such as Memorial Day, and the Fourth of July, this holiday is much about (recreation/creation) - getting together with friends and family for barbecues, picnics,

etc.

6. In many other parts of the world, including the UK, this holiday is

(celebration/celebrated) on May 1st.

7. A well-known (and humorous) fashion (custom/customer) was that one must wear (shoes/clothes) after Labor Day.

8. One famous American Labor Day tradition is the Muscular Dystrophy Telethon, a TV

(fundmaker/fundraiser) which has been raising money for needy children since 1966.



**Answer key: Place...honor...symbolic...key...simply...
recreation...celebrated...custom...fundraiser**

Labor Day Memories

Camping - We always go camping on Labor Day weekend to celebrate the last weekend of summer. - Cassandra Spaeth

High School Get Together - We usually have a huge end of summer BBQ with all of my friends from high school and their families who are still in the general area. It's our way of keeping in touch. Other families I know have a favorite camping spot they go to every labor day weekend. - Kim Foster

Hiking - We like to go hiking in the mountains for Labor Day - Rachelle Anderson

Peaches - My Mom always home canned peaches on Labor Day weekend. The peaches always seemed to be ripe that weekend. - Norm Harris

Last Splash - I always think of it as the last splash of summer. It is an opportunity to get together with friends and family, before the children return to school. It is the last weekend before pools close and it seems that there is a sudden need to have your last swim. Olivia Bredbenner

The Cottage - We would arrive at our cottage early Friday evening and start the bonfire right away. My brothers would get out the fishing poles and my Dad would start puttering around with the boat and motor. Mom and my sisters and I would swim or just walk and pick wildflowers. The chickadees beeped along beside us as we walked. The nearby farmyard smelled of hay. If the fishermen had any luck, we would batter fish with corn chips and eat them for supper. If luck was not with them, we would have hot dogs before toasting the marshmallows. The slow pace made it

feel like we were there forever. By keeping the rituals simple and the pace slow, every summer was good to the last drop.

Football - Labor Day is synonymous with at least three things: the beginning of fall, the opening of schools and the start of football season.

The Links

President Obama's Labor Day speech:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TgLnt2PBczs>

Slightly Mad – just for fun:

<http://www.funnieststuff.net/viewmovie.php?id=1383>

Labor Day humor...Outsourcing Own Jobs

<http://www.funnieststuff.net/viewmovie.php?id=1360>

The Laugh

Labor Jokes

A man was given the job of painting the white lines down the middle of a highway. On his first day he painted six miles; the next day three miles; the following day less than a mile. When the foreman asked the man why he kept painting less each day, he replied "I just can't do any better. Each day I keep getting farther away from the paint can."



There are hundreds of American Light bulb jokes

How many archaeologists does it take to change a light bulb?

💡 Three. One to change it while the other two argue about how old the old one is.

How many architects does it take to change a light bulb?

💡 Just one, but he has to coordinate ten other professionals who are doing this complicated task.

How many carpenters does it take to change a light bulb?

💡 "Forget it!! That's the electrician's job."

How many cashiers does it take to change a light bulb?

💡 "Are you kidding? They won't even change a five dollar bill."

How many civil servants does it take to change a light bulb?

💡 Twelve. One to change the bulb, and eleven to do the paperwork.

How many film directors does it take to change a light bulb?

💡 Just one, but he wants to do it thirty-two times and when he's done, everyone says that his last light bulb was much better.

How many librarians does it take to screw in a light bulb?

💡 "I don't know, but I can look it up for you."

How many psychiatrists does it take to change a light bulb?

💡 One, but the lightbulb has to really *want* to change.

How many nuclear engineers does it take to change a light bulb?

💡 Seven: One to install the new bulb, and six to figure what to do with the old one for the next 100,000 years.

How many consultants does it take to change a light bulb?

💡 I'll have an estimate for you a week from Monday.

How many managers does it take to change a light bulb?

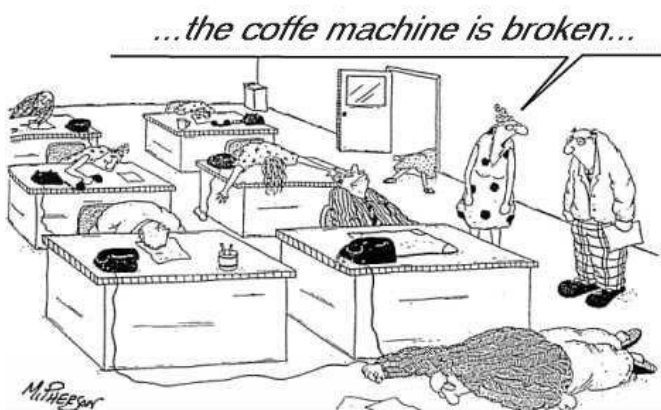
💡 We've formed a task force to study the problem of why light bulbs burn out and to figure out what, exactly, we as supervisors can do to make the bulbs work smarter, not harder.

How many singer-songwriters does it take to change a light bulb?

💡 One. They hold the bulb and the world revolves around them.

How many senior Presidential Aides does it take to change a light bulb?

💡 None. They're supposed to keep the President in the dark.



"Ronald, what gives you the impression I'm not happy with your work?"

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