

# LUPTON'S LAUGH & LEARN FOR 26 FEBRUARY, 2009

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## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Friendship doubles our joy and divides our grief.

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### L&L IDIOMS

#### CALL IT A DAY

Means to stop work for the day.

Example: You're looking tired. Why don't you call it a day?

#### DASH OFF

Means to leave quickly

Example: I'll dash off to the store to buy a liter of milk.

### THE WORLD'S EASIEST QUIZ

This won't take much of your time.

(Passing requires 8 correct answers)

- 1) How long did the Hundred Years War last?
- 2) Which country makes Panama hats?
- 3) From which animal do we get **catgut**?
- 4) In which month does Russia celebrate the October Revolution?
- 5) What is a camel's hair brush made of?
- 6) The Canary Islands in the Atlantic are named after what animal?
- 7) What was King George VI's first name?
- 8) What color is a purple **finch**?
- 9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
- 10) How long did the Thirty Years War last?

**Catgut:** a tough natural cord. For many centuries catgut was the material for the strings of harps, violins, and other stringed musical instruments.

**Finch:** A small seed eating bird.

All done? Before you call it a day and dash off with a big smile on your face, you better check your answers below!



### ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ

- 1) How long did the Hundred Years War last? .....116 years
- 2) Which country makes Panama hats?.....Ecuador
- 3) From which animal do we get catgut?..... Sheep or Horses
- 4) In which month do Russians celebrate their October Revolution? .....November
- 5) What is a camel's hair brush made of? .....Squirrel fur

- 6) The Canary Islands in the Atlantic are named after what animal?.....Dogs
- 7) What was King George VI's first name?.....Albert
- 8) What color is a purple finch?.....Crimson [Red]
- 9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from?..... New Zealand
- 10) How long did the Thirty Years War last?.....Thirty years.

What do you mean you flunked? [flunked = failed]

## THE LINKS

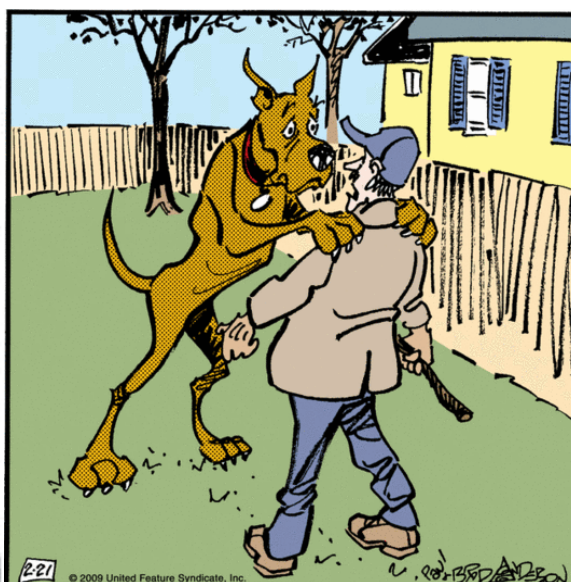
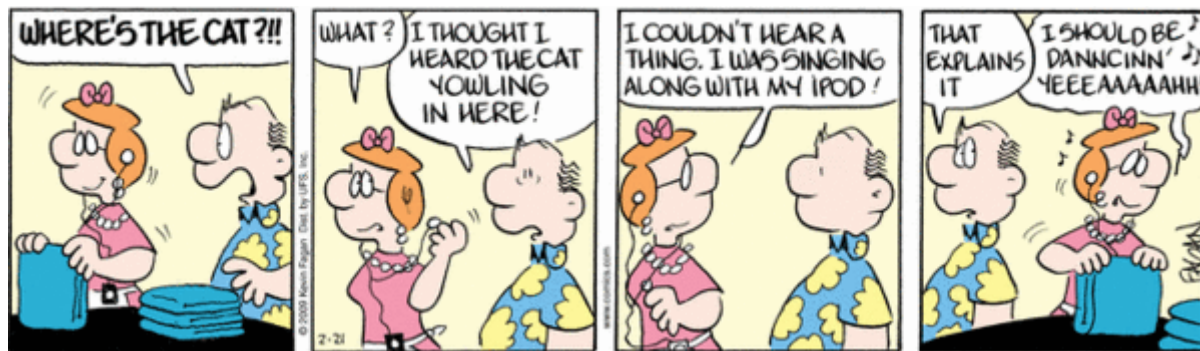
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## THE LAUGH



Shoot is an expression of frustration. Example: "Oh shoot, I missed the train."

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