

Amusing Quotes 2006 - 2010

"It's a funny kind of month, October. For the really keen cricket fan it's when you discover that your wife left you in May"

Dennis Norden

"Mark my words, when a society has to resort to the lavatory for its humour, the writing is on the wall"

Alan Bennett

"The amount of sleep required by the average person is about five minutes more"

Max Kauffmann

"I'm an optimist, but I'm an optimist who carries a raincoat"

Harold Wilson

"A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory".

Steven Wright

"My school report said that I was every inch a fool. Fortunately I was not very tall"

Sir Norman Wisdom

"An ambassador is a person who, having failed to secure an office from the people, is given one by the Administration on condition that he leave the country"

Ambrose Bierce

"If a thing goes without saying, let it".

Jacob M. Braude

"If at first you don't succeed, you're running about average"

Margaret H Alderson

"The English Winter - ending in July - to recommence in August"

Lord Byron

"After two days in hospital, I took a turn for the nurse"

W.C.Fields

"Listen, someone's speaking in agony - fortunately I speak it fluently"

Spike Milligan

"The closest to perfection a person ever comes is when he fills out a job application form"

Stanley J Randall

"It is possible to own too much. A man with one watch knows what time it is; a man with two watches is never quite sure"

Lee Segall

"If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs, it's just possible you haven't grasped the situation"

Jean Kerr

"Every so often, I like to stick my head out the window, look up, and smile for a satellite picture"

Steven Wright

"I think it's wrong that only one company makes the game Monopoly"

Steven Wright

"I thought I'd begin by reading a poem by Shakespeare, but then I thought, why should I? He never reads any of mine"

Spike Milligan

"A sure cure for seasickness is to sit under a tree"

Spike Milligan

"If the world should blow itself up, the last audible voice would be that of an expert saying it can't be done"

Peter Ustinov

"What's another word for thesaurus?"

Steven Wright

"All truth passes through three stages. First, it is ridiculed. Second, it is violently opposed. Third, it is accepted as being self-evident"

Arthur Schopenhauer

"An intellectual snob is someone who can listen to the William Tell Overture and not think of The Lone Ranger"

Dan Rather

"A bargain is something you can't use at a price you can't resist"

Franklin Jones

"If at first you don't succeed... So much for skydiving"

Henry Youngman

Said Hamlet to Ophelia, *"I'll draw a sketch of thee; what kind of pencil shall I use? To be or not to be?"*

Spike Milligan

"I always arrive late at the office, but I make up for it by leaving early"

Charles Lamb.

"If Dracula can't see his reflection in a mirror, how come his hair is always so neatly combed?"

Steven Wright

"If everything seems under control, you're just not going fast enough."

Mario Andretti

"I told the doctor I broke my leg in two places. He told me to quit going to those places"

Henry Youngman

"It's amazing that the amount of news that happens in the world every day always just exactly fits the newspaper"

Jerry Seinfeld

"I have left orders to be awakened at any time in case of national emergency, even if I'm in a cabinet meeting"

Ronald Reagan

"I don't want to achieve immortality through my work, I want to achieve it through not dying"

Woody Allen

"The trouble with our times is that the future is not what it used to be"

Paul Valery

"The days of the digital watch are numbered"

Tom Stoppard

"Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year"

Victor Borge

"Everywhere is within walking distance if you have the time"

Steven Wright

"The brain is a wonderful organ. It starts working the moment you get up in the morning, and does not stop until you get into the office"

Robert Frost

"One of the funny things about the stock market is that every time one person buys, another sells, and both think they are astute"

William Feather

"If all the economists in the world were laid end to end, they wouldn't reach any conclusion"

George Bernard Shaw

"Baseball has the great advantage over cricket of being sooner ended"

George Bernard Shaw

"We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing"

George Bernard Shaw

"The secret of creativity is knowing how to hide your sources"

Albert Einstein

"I don't care to belong to a club that accepts people like me as members"

Groucho Marx

"Experience is that marvellous thing that enables you to recognise a mistake when you make it again"

F. P. Jones

"How many legs does a dog have if you call the tail a leg? Four, calling a tail a leg doesn't make it a leg"

Abraham Lincoln

"My mother always told me that I would never amount to anything because I procrastinate. I told her, 'Just wait!'"

Judy Tenuta

"At my age I do what Mark Twain did. I get my daily paper, look at the obituaries page and if I'm not there I carry on as usual"

Patrick Moore

"Nothing is really work unless you would rather be doing something else"

James M. Barrie

"The most exciting phrase to hear in science, the one that heralds new discoveries, is not Eureka!' but 'That's funny...'"

Isaac Asimov

"My neighbour asked if he could use my lawnmower and I told him of course he could, so long as he didn't take it out of my garden"

Eric Morecambe

"When the seagulls follow the trawler, it is because they think sardines will be thrown into the sea"

Eric Cantona

"One of the advantages of being disorderly is that one is constantly making exciting discoveries"

A. A. Milne

"The difference between perseverance and obstinacy is that one often comes from a strong will, and the other from a strong won't"

Henry Ward Beecher

"A chrysanthemum by any other name would be easier to spell"

William J Johnston

"If one synchronised swimmer drowns, do all the rest have to drown too?"

Steven Wright

"I was thrown out of college for cheating on the metaphysics exam; I looked into the soul of the boy next to me"

Woody Allen

"All those who believe in telekinesis, raise my hand"

Steven Wright

"I was trying to daydream, but my mind kept wandering"

Steven Wright

"How long was I in the army? Five foot eleven"

Spike Milligan

"I told my psychiatrist that everyone hates me. He said I was being ridiculous - everyone hasn't met me yet"

Rodney Dangerfield

"Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some hire public relations officers"

Daniel Boorstin

"Die, my dear doctor, that's the last thing I shall do".

Henry, Lord Palmerston

"He pursued his studies, but never overtook them"

H.G.Wells

"When we got into office, the thing that surprised me most was to find that things were just as bad as we'd been saying they were"

John F Kennedy

"I once had a job painting the white lines down roadways, but I packed it in before I went round the bend"

Tommy Cooper

"If you resolve to give up smoking, drinking and loving, you don't actually live longer; it just seems longer"

Clement Freud

"Foolproof systems do not take into account the ingenuity of fools"

Gene Brown

"A good cure for insomnia is to get plenty of sleep"

W.C. Fields

"To get something done a committee should consist of no more than three men, two of whom are absent"

Robert Copeland

"A bill to make attendance at the House of Commons compulsory has been passed by three votes to two".

David Frost & Anthony Jay

"Anybody who goes to see a psychiatrist ought to have his head examined"

Samuel Goldwyn

"If you steal from one author, it's plagiarism; if you steal from many, it's research"

Wilson Mizner

"We learn from experience that we never learn from experience"

George Bernard Shaw

"My son has taken up meditation - at least it's better than sitting doing nothing"

Max Kauffman

"A diplomat is a man who thinks twice before he says nothing"

Frederick Sawyer

"There's one advantage to being 102. No peer pressure"

Dennis Wolfberg

"I went down to pass on some technical information to the team - like the fact that the game had started"

Ron Atkinson

"A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul"

George Bernard Shaw

"The world is divided into people who do things and people who get credit. Try, if you can, to belong to the first group. There's less competition"

Dwight W. Morrow

"I have noticed that the people who are late are often so much jollier than the people who have to wait for them"

E.V. Lucas

"There are two times in a man's life when he should not speculate: when he can't afford it and when he can"

Mark Twain

"All men are born equal, but quite a few eventually get over it"

Lord Mancroft

"He who slings mud, usually loses ground"

Adlai Stevenson

"A lecture is a process by which the notes of the professor become the notes of the students without passing through the minds of either"

R.K. Rathbun

"If you owe the bank \$100, that's your problem. If you owe the bank \$100 million, that's the bank's problem"

J. Paul Getty

"I hate it at weddings when old relatives tell me, 'You'll be next love'. I get my own back at funerals"

Mandy Knight

"Modesty: the gentle art of enhancing your charm by pretending not to be aware of it"

Oliver Herford

"Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Australia"

Charles M Schultz

"The fact that an opinion has been widely held is no evidence whatever that it is not utterly absurd"

Bertrand Russell

"I must say the Senator's victory in Wisconsin was a triumph for democracy. It proves that a millionaire has just as good a chance as anybody else"

Bob Hope

"Never assume that habitual silence means ability in reserve"

Geoffrey Madan

"Idealism increases in direct proportion to one's distance from the problem"

John Galsworthy

"I'm not young enough to know everything"

J.M. Barrie

"Was it nature or nurture which made you a nurturer by nature?"

Chris Allen

"We wouldn't care so much what people thought of us if we knew how seldom they did"

John Lancaster

"I'm living so far beyond my income that we may almost be said to be living apart"

E.E.Cummings

"The business of government is to keep the government out of business - that is, unless business needs government aid"

Will Rogers

"A censor is a man who knows more than he thinks you ought to"

Laurence J Peter

"What some people mistake for the high cost of living is really the cost of high living"

Doug Larson

"To err is human, but to really foul things up you need a computer"

Paul Ehrlich

"Some people are always late, like the late King George V"

Spike Milligan

"You know everybody is ignorant, only on different subjects"

Will Rogers

"I go to the opera whether I need the sleep or not"

Henny Youngman

"They usually have two tellers in my local bank. Except when it's very busy, when they have one."

Rita Rudner

"All men are cremated equal"

Vern Partlow

"Nothing is so simple it cannot be misunderstood"

Albert Einstein

"Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read"

Groucho Marx

"How do the men who drive the snow plough get to work in the morning?"

Steven Wright

"Whose fault is it we have a blame culture?"

William Chapman

"Education is what survives when what has been learnt has been forgotten"

Burrhus F Skinner

"The most terrifying words in the English language are, 'I'm from the government and I'm here to help'."

Ronald Reagan

"Anyone can do any amount of work provided it isn't the work he is supposed to be doing at the moment"

Robert Benchley

"If you think you're too small to make an impact, try going to bed with a mosquito in the room"

Ashleigh Brilliant

"Headmasters have powers at their disposal with which Prime Ministers have never yet been invested"

Winston Churchill

"An attic is where you store all the junk you'd throw away if you didn't have one"

Herbert Prochnow

"Tact is the ability to describe others as they see themselves"

Abraham Lincoln

"What if the hokey-cokey is what its all about?"

Bob Monkhouse

"He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lampposts - for support rather than illumination"

Andrew Lang

"A conference is a gathering of important people who singly can do nothing, but together can decide that nothing can be done"

Fred Allen

"One day the don't-knows will get in, and then where will we be?"

Spike Milligan

"An economist is someone who sees something that works in practice and wonders if it would work in theory"

Ronald Reagan

"Silence is not only golden, it's seldom misquoted"

Bob Monkhouse

"If it squirms, it's biology; if it stinks, it's chemistry; if it doesn't work, it's physics; if you can't understand it, it's mathematics"

Magnus Pyke

"The seven ages of man: spills, drills, thrills, bills, ills, pills and wills"

Richard John Needham

"Corporation: An ingenious device for obtaining individual profit without individual responsibility"

Ambrose Bierce

"Education: the path from cocky ignorance to miserable uncertainty"

Mark Twain

"A man who has never gone to school may steal from a freight car; but if he has a university education, he may steal the whole railroad"

Theodore Roosevelt

"More boys would follow in their father's footprints if they weren't afraid of being caught"

E.C.McKenzie

"Man is the only animal that blushes. Or needs to".

Mark Twain

"Middle age is when, whenever you go on holiday, you pack a sweater"

Dennis Norden

"I don't believe in astrology; I'm a Sagittarius and we're sceptical"

Arthur C Clarke

"Golf is an ineffectual attempt to direct an uncontrollable sphere into an inaccessible hole with instruments ill-adapted to the purpose"

Winston Churchill

"The pen is mightier than the sword, and considerably easier to write with"

Marty Feldman

"Never mistake motion for action"

Ernest Hemmingway

"A short cut is the longest distance between two points"

Charles Issawi

"Tell a man there are 300 billion stars in the universe and he'll believe you. Tell him a bench has wet paint on it and he'll have to touch it to be sure"

Herb Cohen

"A camel is a horse designed by a committee"

Alec Issigonis

"The less one has to do, the less time one finds to do it in"

Lord Chesterfield

"Just remember, once you're over the hill you begin to pick up speed"

Charles M Schulz

"When it comes to giving to others, I stop at nothing"

Roger Price

Why is 'abbreviated' such a long word?

Michael Davis

"As I hurtled through space, one thought kept crossing my mind - every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder"

John Glenn

"If you're being chased by a police dog, try not to go through a tunnel, then onto a little see-saw, then jump through a hoop of fire. They're trained for that"

Milton Jones

"Behold the turtle. He makes progress only when he sticks his neck out"

James Bryant Conant

"By the time a man realises that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong"

Charles Wadsworth

"Do not do unto others as you expect they should do unto you; their tastes may not be the same"

George Bernard Shaw

"Nothing is more responsible for the good old days than a bad memory"

Franklin B Adams

"Nothing is as frustrating as arguing with someone who knows what he's talking about"

Sam Ewig

"My problem lies in reconciling my gross habits with my net income"

Errol Flynn

"Don't you think it's unnerving that doctors call what they do 'Practice'?"

George Carlin

"I can speak Esperanto like a native"

Spike Milligan

"One of the most pleasing sounds of Springtime, to be heard all over the country, is the contented cooing of osteopaths as Man picks up his spade"

Oliver Pritchett

"The surest sign that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe is that it has never tried to contact us"

Bill Waterson

"The human mind is like an umbrella - it functions best when it is open"

Walter Gropius

"The easiest way to find something you have lost is to buy a replacement"

Rosenbaum's Law

"Generally speaking, politicians are generally speaking"

John Sergeant

"Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even when there is no river"

Nikita Kruschev

"I have kleptomania, but when it gets bad I take something for it"

Robert Blenchley

"Imagination was given to man to compensate him for what he isn't. A sense of humour was provided to console him for what he is"

Horace Walpole

"Football is not a matter of life or death. It's far more serious than that"

Bill Shankley

"If life was fair, Elvis would be alive and all the impersonators would be dead"

Johnny Carson

"As you get older three things happen. The first is your memory goes, and I can't remember the other two"

Sir Norman Wisdom

"One morning I shot an elephant in my pyjamas. How he got in my pyjamas I'll never know"

Groucho Marx

"Life is rather like a tin of sardines. We are all looking for the key"

Alan Bennett

"One way to make sure crime doesn't pay would be to let the government run it"

Ronald Reagan

"No man is exempt from saying silly things. The misfortune is to say them seriously"

Michel Montaigne

"Getting caught is the mother of invention"

Robert Byrne

"We kept trying to set up a small anarchist community, but people wouldn't obey the rules"

Alan Bennett

"He was a self made man who owed his lack of success to nobody"

Joseph Heller

"A government big enough to give you everything you want is a government big enough to take from you everything you have"

Gerald R Ford

"After all is said and done, a lot more will be said than done"

Anon

"I am not young enough to know everything"

Oscar Wilde

"No passion in the world is equal to the passion to alter someone else's draft"

H G Wells

"If only I had a little humility, I'd be perfect"

Ted Turner

"It is necessary for us to learn from others' mistakes. You will not live long enough to make them all yourself"

Hyman G Rickover

"Remember, today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday"

Dale Carnegie