

NINE brine, dine, fine, kine, Klein, line, mine, pine, shine, sign, shrine, spine, spline, stein,
swine, thine, tine, trine, twine, vine, whine, wine

Applying this to the pi sequence, one obtains WE SHUN WHORE, STUN LIVE SWINE, VIEW
DICK'S LIVE FREE BEEHIVE, CRATE WINE, THEN SHINE KEY... Unfortunately, this is
nearly as profligate of letters as the number-of-letters-in-a-word stratagem: 69 versus 80.

A POEM

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This is an excerpt from Gardner's 1969 book *Never Make Fun Of A Turtle, My Son*
(Simon and Schuster, illustrated by John Alcorn).

Think Twice

Sometimes it's best to leave unsaid
The thoughts that pop into your head,
Like telling a peacock you have heard
She's an arrogant, haughty, conceited bird,

Or letting a rabbit know you think
Her ears are too long, her nose too pink,
Or telling a skunk that her perfume
Makes everyone want to rush out of the room,

Or greeting giraffes with, "I declare!
What's the weather like up there?"
Or telling a pig
Her snout's too big,
Or a Persian cat
She's getting fat.

It's best, my child, to leave unsaid
Some things that pop into your head.