

PALINDROMANIA

WIN EMMONS

Waco, Texas

Setup: What Hannibal Lechter said when he had devoured a young girl and had been brought in for questioning

Answer: MAIDEN I ATE--DETAINED I AM

Setup: I emitted deep sounds of passion as I made love to Naomi, who was naked and on top

Answer: I MOANED UNDER A BARED NUDE NAOMI

Setup: Mr. Kramer wondered whether the poem on mammals he had read had a Middle East religious slant

Answer: "WAS ISLAM IN AN ODE," KRAMER REMARKED, "ON ANIMALS I SAW?"

Setup: Describing Igor, a refined black soldier who can also run very fast

Answer: IGOR, GENTEEL FLEET NEGRO GI

Setup: A landlord has been trying to force a couple to give up their unusual pet as there is a no-pets policy. In an unusual circumstance the pet saved the landlord's life, prompting the husband to ask whether the rule will be rescinded in their case

Answer: HE WON'T EVICT CIVET NOW, EH?

Setup: A man is asked if his brother Wesley is doing better after a recent illness

Answer: NO, WES PALER AS A RELAPSE WON

Setup: Someone comments to the artist Edgar Degas that she viewed Sam getting a rubdown

Answer: DEGAS, SAM WAS, I SAW, MASSAGED

Setup: My goodness, Ann, look at that huge grassy plain ahead!

Answer: OH, ANN, A VAST SAVANNAH! O!

Setup: Art is irritated by the vice-president in charge of trading for an export-import firm

Answer: TRADE VEEP PEEVED ART

Setup: A Spanish woman confirms that yes, Emily, Mr. Egan and Mr. Orta are a sexual threesome

Answer: SI, ORTA, EGAN, EM AT A MENAGE A TROIS

Setup: Elma is enjoying her Shakespeare course so much that she just can't put her books down, reading in bed well into the night. Her mother asks her to stop reading so she can get some sleep

Answer: PUT, ELMA, HAMLET UP

Setup: "Red" Jones is at the track getting advice that the horse named after *The Three Musketeers* author is good on a sloppy track

Answer: RED, DUMAS IS A MUDDER

Setup: The head of a research facility admits to Lewis that the reason business has fallen off is that he hasn't been able to break away from his hobby, refereeing Fussball games

Answer: WELL, LAB'S SUFFERING IS A SIGN I REF FUSSBALL, LEW

Setup: A woman exclaims in disbelief upon finding out that her husband, Red, has been having an affair with a slut down the block

Answer: RED, NO! WHORE! HER? OH, WONDER!

Setup: A Greek informs his friend Rex that despite having recently been divorced, Xerxes has still been making it quite often with his former wife

Answer: XERXES TAXES EX AT SEX, REX

Setup: Holy cow, Ned, Princess Diana is secretly keeping a dog in Buckingham palace, against all the rules

Answer: GOD, NED--DI HAS A HIDDEN DOG

Setup: Mr. Berg is told to be polite and acknowledge the Yugoslavian Mafia chieftain

Answer: NOD, BERG: A ZAGREB DON

Setup: Lester, don't try to pawn off those spuds on Opal

Answer: SELL A POTATO NOT AT OPAL, LES

Setup: After having taken a bite from an apple already bitten into by someone with bubonic plague, a man calls for assistance from actor Al Pacino

Answer: O, HELP, PACINO. BUBONIC APPLE--HO!

Setup: Abe, this former Israeli prime minister has a degree in business administration

Answer: ABBA EBAN, ABE, A B.B.A

Setup: A young Brooklyn tough, a punk who got his kicks by terrorizing the local Jewish Hasidic community, crows to his brother that fellow gang member Barnard has forced several rabbis to leave

Answer: YO, BOFFO, SIB! BARNARD RAN RABBIS OFF--O BOY!

Setup: Someone is amused that the hit will be done by a Scandanavian stewardess named Sarah

Answer: HAR! ASSASSIN IS S.A.S. SARAH

Setup: That Chinese-American English professor who detests *Romeo and Juliet* sure is stupid!

Answer: SINO 'ROMEO' FOE MORON IS

Setup: Did King Eli, tenth in a long family reign, banish Dido?

Answer: O, DID ELI X EXILE DIDO?

Setup: Answer to the question "Well, where did you go during the war in order to be safe and on neutral ground?"

Answer: GENEVA HAD A HAVEN, E.G.

Setup: Jack Harris and Ulf Sandstrom, two professors at the local college, are instructed by the dean to be sure that a troublemaker from Nu Theta fraternity, a southern Louisiana boy, flunks out

Answer: FLUNK CAJUN NU, JACK 'N' ULF

Setup: Tell Bishop Desmond Tutu's oriental rug expert that he ought to be ashamed of himself

Answer: TUT, TUT, TUTU RUG GURU--TUT, TUT, TUT!

Setup: Mister, Boris gained a lot of weight from eating feta cheese

Answer: ATE FETA, SIR--OBESE BORIS ATE FETA

Setup: And furthermore, the effort by organized labor to establish an AFL-CIO local for nuns in Viet Nam is really amusing

Answer: TOO, HANOI NUN UNION A HOOT

Setup: Albert, Laura loves her small imported car so much that she kisses it

Answer: LAURA BUSSES SUBARU, AL

Setup: Dee has just fixed Ed up with her roommate, Toni. Ed leaves Dee a note commenting on Toni's sexual attractiveness

Answer: DEE, TONI'S SENSUOUSNESS I NOTE--ED

Setup: O'Malley asks a youngster about Ella who lives in Salt Lake City--is she by any chance a Presbyterian?

Answer: NO, MR. O'MALLEY, ELLA MORMON

Setup: A man and his wife Ellen own a small restaurant where they sell pizza and Italian sandwiches. He asks her whether they should cut back on the sandwich trade in favor of pizza

Answer: LESSEN I SUB BUSINESS, EL?

Setup: Von, even the village idiot saw I was not descended from the Russian royal family

Answer: VON, A MORON SAW I WAS NO ROMANOV

Setup: Ana, grab that monkey in order to get the fruit he is eating

Answer: ANA, NAB A SIMIAN--AIM IS A BANANA

Setup: The proprietor at the Lusty T ranch relates to the captain of the Nautilus that his place is where the sultans of the Middle East send their harems for sun and fun

Answer: NEMO, WE TAN AT LUSTY "T" SULTANATE WOMEN

Setup: Yes, the only thing I will ask for as payment are certain beasts of burden

Answer: YAKS ALL I WILL ASK, AY!

Setup: The cook in a backwoods greasy spoon yells to the counterman that the liquefied venison is ready to be served

Answer: PUREED DEER UP!

Setup: The thuggy prince, son of the king despised for plundering the country's peasants, haughtily tells Eva Herman that he possesses a royal sneer of superiority

Answer: EVA H., REGAL LIP I, PILLAGER, HAVE

Setup: A well-known seed company has decided to expand its product line by selling a balm derived from an extract of some of its special seeds. Its name?

Answer: BURPEE DEEP RUB

Setup: Reggie, Elliot Ness, the nemesis of Chicago bootleggers, is on the train with us

Answer: REG, NESS A PASSENGER

Setup: A lazy college athlete complains that his laboratory session is too far across campus

Answer: SIR, A FOOTBALL LAB TOO FAR IS

Setup: A pet shop customer, deciding that the man-eating fish are overpriced, tells this to the owner, Mr. Kahn

Answer: PIRANHA, KAHN, A RIP

Setup: Lemuel became aware that it was Melvin's job to engage in foreplay with Eva

Answer: MEL WAS TO HAVE EVA HOT, SAW LEM

Setup: Listen--when he's drunk and not with his girlfriend Eva, his behavior is abominable

Answer: HEY, LIT SANS EVA, HE BEHAVES NASTILY, EH?

Setup: An archaleological detective, asking a citizen of Rhodes if there is a large statue located in the harbor, receives the following reply

Answer: SI, DET, A COLOSSUS SO LOCATED IS

Setup: Delia, Dad was able to make it with the weirdest woman in Naples

Answer: DELIA, NAPLES' MAD DAMSEL PA NAILED

Setup: Geoge Gobel has retired and is living near a swamp in Spain

Answer: GOBEL LIVES AT A SEVILLE BOG

Setup: Evelyn, there's a loud noise from a little room off the hall

Answer: EV, O CLAMOR FROM ALCOVE

Setup: Darling, that antelope doesn't have a particularly long penis

Answer: NO HUNG GNU, HON

Setup: Where they do drug testing in the South Pacific

Answer: BALI LAB

- Setup: A much-decorated Confederate soldier, asked whether the South after the war recovered an operatic manuscript stolen by General Sherman, replies in the affirmative
 Answer: DID, O HERO, C.S.A. REPOSSESS OPERA SCORE? HO--DID!
- Setup: Melvin is trying to prove a theorem, but is having trouble. The speaker notes to Dee and Sam that what Melvin needs is a couple of preliminary results proved yesterday in class
 Answer: DEE 'N' SAM, MEL DID LEMMAS NEED
- Setup: In a lackadaisical operating room, a doctor yells to Elmore to close Wesley's wound
 Answer: HEY, EL, SEW WESLEY, EH?
- Setup: In a small southern town the General Motors dealership has been broken into. The sheriff informs his deputy that Ida did it, but all she got away with was a beat-up old Cadillac
 Answer: DEP., PO' CADILLAC ALL IDA COPPED
- Setup: A woman frets whether her antique dealer has sold out his last China shipment, but is reassured by her husband that something has been held back for her
 Answer: NO, HE SAVED A JADE VASE, HON
- Setup: The speaker asks his audience to acknowledge that a poem of John Donne titled "Venus" has both good and bad qualities
 Answer: DONNE "VENUS" UNEVEN--NOD!
- Setup: Magellan, back at work after his circumnavigation of the world, tells his boss that he wished he could have crossed the isthmus of Panama
 Answer: YO, BOSS! I, MAGELLAN, A CANAL LEG A MISS--O BOY!
- Setup: The speaker tells Ogden Nash that Santa Claus is really a hip laid-back kind of guy
 Answer: OH, OH, OH! SANTA CLAUS A CASUAL CAT, NASH--O, HOHO!
- Setup: A young Asian boy, questioned about his maternal lineage, gives the following reply
 Answer: SIAMESE MA IS
- Setup: A lady librarian tells an arbitrageur how she has mastered the art of superciliousness
 Answer: NOTE LIBRARIAN AIR, ARB, I LET ON
- Setup: Listen, Obadiah, those young men need help--why not support Big Brothers?
 Answer: HEY, OBADIAH, AID A BOY, EH?
- Setup: You're wrong, Sid--mirrors do not have red borders
 Answer: SID, ERROR--RIM ON NO MIRROR RED IS
- Setup: An Italian vacationer tells his buddies Levi and Arthur that he won enough in the poker game last night to visit the Leaning Tower
 Answer: AS I POT WON, LEV, ART, I TRAVEL NOW TO PISA

Setup: A former Nazi concentration camp commandant tells Robert that he was in charge of a hell-hole

Answer: ROB, I BOSSED A HADES: SOBIBOR

Setup: A courtier clears his throat a couple of times to announce the entrance of a member of the Hawaiian royal family

Answer: AHM! AHM! A KAMEHAMEHA

Setup: I tell Diana that I would steer clear of desserts made with bad eggs

Answer: DI, OVA-DISTRESSED DESSERTS I'D AVOID

Setup: What Wall Streeters called the first offering for stock in Ron Howard's production company

Answer: OPIE I.P.O.

Setup: Robert, unable to speak, was the man in charge of a large wooded park

Answer: MUTE ROB RAN AN ARBORETUM

Setup: Los Angeles is both crazy and huge

Answer: LA'S SO LOCO, SO COLOSSAL

Setup: A very wide frankfurter in Germany

Answer: EIN 'EE' WEENIE

Setup: Identify the woman gaping wide-eyed at a quadrilateral with two pairs of parallel sides

Answer: MARGO LELLA, RAPT AT PARALLELOGRAM

Setup: What a stannous compound contains (brush up on your high school chemistry)

Answer: TIN IS IN IT

Setup: Someone points out to former Celtics coach and star player Jones a snack treat which consists of a skewered piece of smoked pig from a famed Nebraska meat-packing town

Answer: K.C., IT'S AN OMAHA HAM ON A STICK

Setup: Grindl's slayer is questioned about his sneezing and runny nose

Answer: FLU WOE, BEOWULF?

Setup: Nan is covered with a bad case of zits which she picked up in the mountains of South America

Answer: ENCASED NAN IS, IN ANDES ACNE

Setup: European citizen wishing to travel abroad laments the recent drop in purchasing power attributable to the decline in the new European currency

Answer: EURO DIP I DO RUE