

MEAN SIDEWALKS

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• REBUSES:

- 1. CUNW
- 2. R•O•W
- 3. SQUEEZE
- 4. UP
- 5. CZ!

• CENSORED MARY’S LAMB

(All 4-letter words have been replaced with non-obscene words.)

A student named after the Virgin had a little juvenile sheep,
its fleece was white as chalk.
And everywhere the student ventured
the sheep was certain to stalk.
It followed her to school one day,
which is against school law.
It led the children to laugh and tumble
to see a sheep at school and guffaw.



• MORE CONFESSIONS

Me vs. Computer: You can't teach an old dog new clicks. (Computer wins every time!)
I have a Scrabble and a Monopoly but I don't have a Clue.
I'm not idle. I keep fully busy being confused. (Is it by a large or a small amount? I'm not sure.)
When I go walking just for exercise I still take every shortcut in sight.
When in a flash of insight I figure it all out, I always forget it before I can write it down! It gives me a 'my-brain headache'.

• A WORD PYRAMID WITH A PAINFULLY SHARP POINT

Ouch!
O
LO,
LOW
BLOW
BELOW
BELT-OW!



• Things can't tally in Afghanistan because they have a tally ban. (ouch again!)

• HWY?

Why don't we spell most wh- words like they're pronounced: hwen, hwere, hwat, hwich, hwyy?
Guess who is the main exception. In fact, *all* wh- words are pronounced hw- *except most who-*
words, where the w- is silent. How many who- words can you name that are pronounced hwo-?

• HOW COME?

How come we don't call something '*Unbelievable!*' unless we believe it?

How come we so freely ask 'How do you do?', an extremely rude and personal question?

How come 'precise' is more precise than 'more precise'?

And 'pretty pretty' is not as pretty as 'pretty'?

And enlarging 'the most' to 'the mostly' actually shrinks it?

How come 'a measured amount' usually means an unmeasured amount?

How come 'slow down' means the same as 'slow up'?

How come people say 'Think for yourself!' when to do so would simply be obeying *them*?

How come authors don't put their picture on every chapter like TV presenters do?

How come in order to make a big splash in diving you have to make as little splash as possible?

How come many people wish for a bed of roses to sleep in? Are they briar-proof Br'er Rabbits?

How come I keep thinking life is trying to teach me something but can never figure out what it is?

How come you can't call an African-American niggardly? It's totally unrelated to the N word.

And you can't call a Greek Greecey?

And you can't call a Turk Turkey? Even though the bird is actually named after the country.

And you can't call US residents from Latin America Latin-Americans?

How come all left-handed people are sinister?

How come they claim the Mandelbrot set is infinitely variable? Or that pi never ends. These claims would literally take forever if ever to prove scientifically.

How come asking if I'm happy is a sure sign I'm not happy? If I were happy I'd be too busy being happy to ask such a silly question. (In *Waiting for Godot*, after a very long discussion, the pair decide they're happy, then one of them asks, 'What do we do now, now that we're happy?')

REBUS ANSWERS

1. a poker term
2. a tennis term: two points in a row
3. an escape tunnel term: tight squeeze
4. a neurotic term: up tight
5. 'S easy! (or in the British Commonwealth:) Seize Ed!

HWY? ANSWERS

whoa, whomble = whommle, whomp, whoo, whoof, whoop, whoosh, whop, whorl, whort—plus all derivatives of these words, plus a few uncommon Scots words

Finally I must say Goodbye, world. Today is the last day of my life! Well, it was when I wrote this.