

U.K. COMICS

Some people prefer the humour with an extra 'u'.

"A lady with a clipboard stopped me in the street the other day. She said, 'Can you spare a few minutes for cancer research?' I said, 'All right, but we're not going to get much done.'"

—Jimmy Carr

"I enjoy using the comedy technique of self-deprecation, but I'm not very good at it."

—Arnold Brown

"Piracy doesn't kill music. Boy bands do."

—Ricky Gervais

"I realized I was dyslexic when I went to a toga party dressed as a goat."

—Marcus Brigstocke

"Before birds get sucked into jet engines, do they ever think, 'Is that Rod Stewart in first class?'"

—Eddie Izzard

"Last night me and my girlfriend watched three DVDs back-to-back. Luckily I was the one facing the telly."

—Tim Vine

"My first job was selling doors, door to door. That was tough. Ding-dong. 'Can I interest you in a...oh, you've got one already. Never mind.'"

—Bill Bailey

"When you say, 'Bedtime!' that's not what the child hears. What he hears is, 'Lie down in the dark...for hours...and don't move. I'm locking the door now.'"

—Dylan Moran

"I watched a documentary on how ships are kept together. Riveting!"

—Stewart Francis

"I'm friends with 25 letters of the alphabet. I don't know why."

—Chris Turner

"My mum's so pessimistic, if there was an Olympics for pessimism, she wouldn't fancy her chances."

—Nish Kumar

"I was decorating, so I got out my stepladder. I don't get along with my real ladder."

—Peter Kay

"You know you're working class when your TV is bigger than your bookcase."

—Rob Beckett

"I was raised as an only child, which really annoyed my sister."

—Will Marsh

"It's strange, isn't it. You stand in the middle of a library and yell

'aaaaagghhhh' and everyone just stares at you. But you do the same thing on an airplane, and everyone joins in."

—Tommy Cooper

"Before you judge a man, walk a mile in his shoes. After that, who cares? He's a mile away and you've got his shoes."

—Billy Connolly

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PROFESSOR 911

Here's an actual exchange between a little boy and a 911 operator:

911: 911 Emergency.

Johnny: Yeah, I need some help.

911: What's the matter?

Johnny: I need help with my math.

911: With your mouth?

Johnny: No, with my math. I have to do it. Will you help me?

911: Sure. (pause) What kind of math do you need help with?

Johnny: I have take-aways.

911: Oh, you gotta do the take-aways?

Johnny: Yeah.

911: All right, what's the problem?

Johnny: Okay. 16...

911: Yeah.

Johnny: ...take away 8. Is what?

911: You tell me. How much do you think it is?

Johnny: I dunno. 1?

911: How old are you?

Johnny: I'm only four.

911: Four?

Mom (yells in the background): Johnny, what are you doing?

Johnny (to mom): This policeman's helping me with my math!

Mom: What did I tell you about playing on the phone?

911: Listen to your mother.

Johnny: You said when I need help to call somebody!

Mom: I didn't mean *the police!*

Cosmic question: What's another word for synonym?