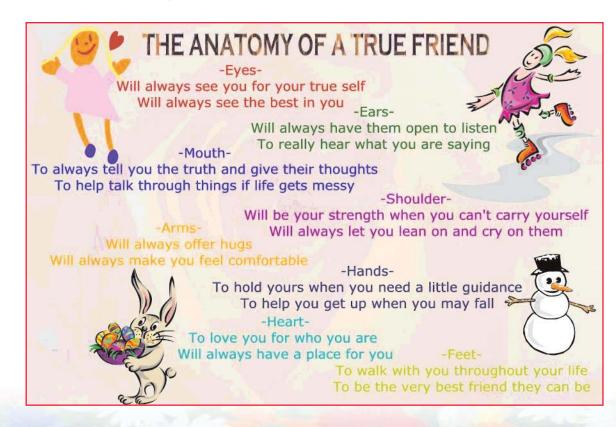
# A BIT FROM EVERYTHING

#### A Friend...

- (A)ccepts you as you are
- (B)elieves in "you"
- (C) alls you just to say "HI"
- (D)oesn't give up on you
- (E)nvisions the whole of you
- (F) orgives your mistakes
- (G) ives unconditionally
- (H)elps you
- (I)nvites you over
- (J)ust "be" with you
- (K)eeps you close at heart
- (L) oves you for who you are
- (M)akes a difference in your life

- (N)ever Judges
- (O)ffer support
- (P)icks you up
- (Q)uiets your fears
- (R) aises your spirits
- (S) ays nice things about you
- (T)ells you the truth
- (U)nderstands you
- (V)alues you
- (W) alks beside you
- (X)-plains thing you don't understand
- (Y)ells when you won't listen and
- (Z)aps you back to reality



### MANY DIFFERENT WAYS TO SAY "VERY GOOD"

- You're on the right track now!
- You've got it made.
- © SUPER!
- That's right!
- That's good.
- You're really working hard today.
- You are very good at that.
- That's coming along nicely.
- **©** GOOD WORK!
- I'm happy to see you working like that.
- That's much, much better!
- Exactly right.
- ① I'm proud of the way you worked today.
- You're doing that much better today.
- You've just about got it.
- That's the best you've ever done.
- You're doing a good job.
- THAT'S IT!
- Now you've figured it out.
- © That's quite an improvement.
- © GREAT!
- © I knew you could do it.
- Congratulations!
- On Not bad.
- © Keep working on it.
- You're improving.
- Now you have it!
- You are learning fast.
- Good for you!
- © Couldn't have done it better myself.
- © Aren't you proud of yourself?
- One more time and you'll have it.
- © You really make my job fun.
- © That's the right way to do it.
- You're getting better every day.
- You did it that time!
- That's not half bad.
- Wice going.
- You haven't missed a thing!
- That's the way!
- © Keep up the good work.

- That's the best ever.
- You've just about mastered it.
- © PERFECT!
- That's better than ever.
- Much better!
- WONDERFUL!
- You must have been practicing.
- You did that very well.
- © FINE!
- Nice going.
- You're really going to town.
- OUTSTANDING!
- © FANTASTIC!
- TREMENDOUS!
- That's how to handle that.
- O Now that's what I call a fine job.
- That's great.
- © Right on!
- © You're really improving.
- You're doing beautifully!
- © SUPERB!
- © Good remembering.
- You've got that down pat.
- You certainly did well today.
- © Keep it up!
- © Congratulations. You got it right!
- You did a lot of work today.
- Well look at you go.
- That's it.
- I'm very proud of you.
- MARVELOUS!
- Ullike that.
- Way to go!
- One will be to be to
- You're doing fine!
- © Good thinking.
- You are really learning a lot.
- © Good going.
- U've never seen anyone do it better.
- © Keep on trying.
- You outdid yourself today!

# What your birth month says about you?

#### **JANUARY**

Ambitious and serious
Loves to teach and be taught
Always looking at people's flaws and weaknesses
Likes to criticize
Hardworking and productive

Smart, neat and organized
Sensitive and has deep thoughts
Knows how to make others happy

Quiet unless excited or tensed Rather reserved Highly attentive

Resistant to illnesses but prone to colds Romantic but has difficulties expressing love

Loves children Homely person Loyal

Needs to improve social abilities Easily jealous

#### FEBRUARY

Abstract thoughts Loves reality and abstract Intelligent and clever Changing personality Temperamental Quiet, shy and humble Low self esteem Honest and loyal Determined to reach goals Loves freedom Rebellious when restricted Loves aggressiveness Too sensitive and easily hurt Showing anger easily Dislike unnecessary things Loves making friends but rarely shows it Daring and stubborn **Ambitious** Realizing dreams and hopes Sharp Loves entertainment and leisure Romantic on the inside not outside Superstitious and ludicrous Spendthrift

#### MARCH

Attractive personality Affectionate Shy and reserved Secretive

Learns to show emotions

Naturally honest, generous and sympathetic Loves peace and serenity Sensitive to others Loves to serve others Not easily angered **Trustworthy** Appreciative and returns kindness Observant and assess others Revengeful Loves to dream and fantasize Loves traveling Loves attention Hasty decisions in choosing partners Loves home decors Musically talented Loves special things Moody

#### APRIL

Active and dynamic Decisive and haste but tends to regret Attractive and affectionate to oneself Strong mentality Loves attention **Diplomatic** Consoling Friendly and solves people's problems Brave and fearless Adventurous Loving and caring Suave and generous **Emotional** Revengeful Aggressive Hasty Good memory Moving Motivate oneself and the others Sickness usually of the head and chest Easily get too jealous

#### MAY

Stubborn and hard-hearted Strong-willed and highly motivated Sharp thoughts Easily angered Attracts others and loves attention Deep feelings Beautiful physically and mentally Firm standpoint Easily influenced Needs no motivation Easily consoled Systematic (left brain) Loves to dream Strong clairvoyance **Understanding** Sickness usually in the ear and neck Good imagination

Good debating skills
Good physical
Weak breathing
Loves literature and the arts
Loves traveling
Dislike being at home
Restless
Not having many children
Hardworking
High spirited

#### JUNE

Spendthrift

Thinks far with vision
Easily influenced by kindness
Polite and soft-spoken
Having lots of ideas
Sensitive
Active mind
Hesitating
Tends to delay
Choosy and always wants the best
Temperamental
Funny and humorous
Loves to joke

Loves to joke
Good debating skills

Talkative Daydreamer Friendly

Knows how to make friends

Abiding

Able to show character

Easily hurt

Prone to getting colds Loves to dress up

Easily bored

Fussy

Seldom show emotions

Takes time to recover when hurt

Brand conscious Executive Stubborn

Those who love me are enemies Those who hate me are friends

#### JULY

Fun to be with Secretive

Difficult to fathom and to be understood

Quiet unless excited or tensed

Takes pride in oneself

Has reputation Easily consoled

Honest

Concern about people's feelings

Tactful Friendly Approachable Very emotional Temperamental and unpredictable Moody and easily hurt

Witty

Sentimental Not revengeful

Forgiving but never forgets

Dislike nonsensical and unnecessary things Guides others physically and mentally

Sensitive and forms impressions carefully

Caring and loving

Treats others equally

Strong sense of sympathy

Wary and sharp

Judge people through observations

Hardworking

No difficulties in studying

Loves to be alone

Always broods about the past and the old

friends

Likes to be quiet Homely person Waits for friends

Never looks for friends

Not aggressive unless provoked

Prone to having stomach and dieting prob-

lems

Loves to be loved

Easily hurt but takes long to recover

Overly concerned Puts in effort in work

#### **AUGUST**

Loves to joke Attractive

Suave and caring Brave and fearless

Firm and has leadership qualities

Knows how to console others Too generous and egoistic

Takes high pride of oneself Thirsty for praises

Extraordinary spirit

Easily angered

Angry when provoked

Easily jealous

Observant

Careful and cautious

Thinks quickly

Independent thoughts

Loves to lead and to be led

Loves to dream

Talented in the arts, music and defense

Sensitive but not petty

Poor resistance against illnesses

Learns to relax

Hasty

Romantic

Loving and caring

Loves to make friends

#### SEPTEMBER

Suave and compromising Careful, cautious and organized

Likes to point out people's mistakes

Likes to criticize

Quiet but able to talk well

Calm and cool

Kind and sympathetic

Concerned and detailed

Trustworthy, loyal and honest

Does work well

Sensitive

**Thinking** 

Good memory

Clever and knowledgeable

Loves to look for information Must control oneself when criticizing

Able to motivate oneself

Understanding

Secretive

Loves sports, leisure and traveling

Hardly shows emotions

Tends to bottle up feelings

Choosy especially in relationships

Loves wide things

Systematic

#### **OCTOBER**

Loves to chat

Loves those who loves him/her

Loves to takes things at the centre

Attractive and suave

Inner and physical beauty

Does not lie or pretend

Sympathetic

Treats friends importantly

Always making friends

Easily hurt but recovers easily

Bad tempered

Selfish

Seldom helps unless asked

Daydreamer

Very opinionated

Does not care of what others think

Emotional

Decisive

Strong clairvoyance

Loves to travel, the arts and literature

Soft-spoken, loving and caring

Romantic

Touchy and easily jealous

Concerned

Loves outdoors

Just and fair

Spendthrift and easily influenced

Easily lose confidence

#### NOVEMBER

Has a lot of ideas Difficult to fathom Thinks forward

Unique and brilliant

Extraordinary ideas

Sharp thinking

Fine and strong clairvoyance

Can become good doctors

Careful and cautious

Dynamic in personality

Secretive

Inquisitive

Knows how to dig secrets

Always thinking

Less talkative but amiable

Brave and generous

**Patient** 

Stubborn and hard-hearted

If there is a will, there is a way

Determined

Never give up

Hardly become angry unless provoked

Loves to be alone

Thinks differently from others

Sharp-minded

Motivates oneself

Does not appreciates praises

High-spirited

Well-built and tough

Deep love and emotions

Romantic

Uncertain in relationships

Homely

Hardworking

High abilities

Trustworthy

Honest and keeps secrets

Not able to control emotions

Unpredictable

#### DECEMBER

Loyal and generous

Patriotic

Active in games and interactions

Impatient and hasty

Ambitious

Influential in organizations

Fun to be with

Loves to socialize

Loves praises

Loves attention

Loves to be loved

Honest and trustworthy

Not pretending

Short tempered

Changing personality

Not egoistic

Takes high pride in oneself

Hates restrictions

Loves to joke

Good sense of humor

Logical

# THE PSYCHOLOGY OF COLORS

People react differently to the many colors combinations around them. The list below gives information about the psychological reaction most people associate with the main colors.

RED	Danger	Excitement	Activity	Intensity	Anger and rage
GREEN	Natural	Quieting	Refreshing	Peaceful	Built and terror
BLUE	Cool	Sober	Calm	Contemplative	Fearful
YELLOW	Caution	Cheerful	Vital	Inspiring	Health
PURPLE	Dignified	Pompous	Mystic	Loneliness	Desperation
ORANGE	Warm	Lively	Energetic	Forceful	Funny and cheerful
WHITE	Pure	Clean	Wholeness	Normality	Youth and innocent
BLACK	Powerful	Authority	Refinement	Emptiness	Deadly

#### **ELT WEB SITES**

Activities for ESL Students - Grammar quizzes, vocabulary quizzes and crossword puzzles. (a4esl.org)

Interesting Things for ESL Students - This web site is for people studying English as a Second Language (ESL) or English as a Foreign Language (EFL). There are quizzes, word games, word puzzles, proverbs, slang expressions, anagrams, a random-sentence generator and other study materials. Even though the primary focus is for ESL, native English speakers may also find some interesting things on this site. This site is noncommercial and has no advertising. (http://www.manythings.org/)

Randall's Basic Self-Study Guide - The listening activities from my site have been organized here by topic and language function. This can help you focus on the specific topics you want to learn. (www.esl-lab.com/guide.htm)

Phonetics: The Sounds of American English - An easy way to understand how American English is pronounced.

(www.uiowa.edu/~acadtech/phonetics/english/frameset.html) Interactive Quizzes: Guide to Grammar and Writing - Basic Sentence Parts, Verbs and Verbals, Clauses & Phrases, Structural Flaws, Punctuation & Basic Mechanics, Pronoun Usages, Stylistic Considerations, Notorious Confusables, Spelling and Vocabulary. (webster.commnet.edu/grammar/quiz\_list.htm)

Dave's ESL Cafe Help Center - Here at the ESL Help Center, you can receive help from ESL/EFL teachers from around the world 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Having problems with Grammar? Writing? TOEFL? Vocabulary? Idioms? Slang? Don't be shy - ask a question! Afterwards, an ESL/EFL Teacher will try to quickly post an answer onto this page - so keep checking!

(http://www.eslcafe.com/help/)

**ESL BLUES(s)** - Diagnostic Quiz, Adjectives, Adverbs, Articles, etc., Animated Grammar Tutorials, To be, Common Errors, Double Quizzes, Grammar Troubleshooting and more.

(www.collegeem.qc.ca/cemdept/ang lais/trouialt.htm)

TESL/TEFL/TESOL/ESL/EFL/ESOL Links - Links of Interest to Students & Teachers of English as a Second Language. (iteslj.org/links/)

### Did you know that ...

- It is impossible to lick your elbow.
- A crocodile can't stick its tongue out.
- A shrimp's heart is in their head.
- When you sneeze, your heart stops for a millisecond.
- In a study of 200,000 ostriches over a period of 80 years, no one reported a single case where an ostrich buried its head in the sand or attempted to do so.
- In the United States alone, there is a lawsuit every 30 seconds.
- It is physically impossible for pigs to look up into the sky.
- More than 50% of the people in the world have never made or received a telephone call.
- Rats and horses can't vomit.
- The "sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick" is said to be the toughest tongue twister in the English language.
- If you sneeze too hard, you can fracture a rib. If you try to suppress a sneeze, you can rupture a blood vessel in your head or neck and die. If you keep your eyes open by force, they can pop out.
- Rats multiply so quickly that in 18 months, two rats could have over a million descendants.
- Wearing headphones for just an hour will increase the bacteria in your ear by 700 times.
- If the U.S. government has no knowledge of aliens, then why does Title 14, Section

- 1211 of the Code of Federal Regulations, implemented on July 16, 1969, make it illegal for US citizens to have any contact with extraterrestrials or their vehicles?
- Forty percent of all people who come to a party in your home snoop in your medicine cabinet.
- The electric chair was invented by a dentist.
- The cigarette lighter was invented before the match.
- 100% of all lottery winners gain weight.
- Thirty-five percent of the people who use personal ads for dating are already married.
- A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.
- 23% of all photocopier faults worldwide are caused by people sitting on them and photocopying their buttocks.
- In the course of an average lifetime you will, while sleeping, eat 70 assorted insects and 10 spiders.
- 160 cars can drive side by side on the Monumental Axis in Brazil, the world's widest road.
- Most lipstick contains fish scales.
- Cat's urine glows under a black-light.
- A hummingbird weighs less than a penny.
- Like fingerprints, everyone's tongue print is different.

and last but not least...

Over 75% of people who read this will try to lick their elbows!

# Humor In language

If one is a **tooth** and a whole set are **teeth**, then why shouldn't **booth** in the plural be **beeth**? If the plural of **man** is always called **men**, why shouldn't the plural of **pan** be called **pen**? You may find a lone **mouse** or a whole nest of **mice**, but more than one **house** is most surely not **hice**. A cow in the

plural is properly **kine**, but a bow if repeated is never called **bine**. Then one may be **that** and two would be **those**, yet **hat** in the plural would never be **hose**. We speak of a **brother** and also a **brethern**, but though we say **mother**, we never say **methern**. The masculine pronouns are **he**, **his**, and **him**, but imagine a feminine **she**, **shis**, and **shim!** So English, I fancy you all will agree, is the funniest language you ever did see.

### Think you know everything

- Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
- Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite
- There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.
- The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.
- A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.
- There are more chickens than people in the world.
- Two-thirds of the world's eggplant is grown in New Jersey.
- The longest one-syllable word in the English language is screeched.
- On a Canadian two dollar bill, the flag flying over the Parliament building is an American flag.
- All of the clocks in the movie "Pulp Fiction" are stuck on 4:20.
- No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.
- "Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt.
- All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill.
- Almonds are a member of the peach family.
- Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.
- Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.
- There are only four words in the English

- language which end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.
- Los Angeles' full name is "El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reina de los Angeles de Porciuncula"
- A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
- An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
- Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.
- In most advertisements, the time displayed on a watch is 10:10.
- Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer.
- The characters Bert and Ernie on Sesame Street were named after Bert the cop and Ernie the taxi driver in Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life."
- A dragonfly has a life span of 24 hours.
- A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds.
- A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.
- It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.
- The giant squid has the largest eyes in the world.
- In England, the Speaker of the House is not allowed to speak.
- The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.
- Mr. Rogers is an ordained minister.
- The average person falls asleep in seven minutes.
- There are 336 dimples on a regulation golf ball.
- "Stewardesses" is the longest word that is typed with only the left

# **Predicting the Future!**

We've all heard predictions about the future. Sure, sometimes "experts" are right on target, but check out what they got wrong!

- "Man will never reach the moon regardless of all future scientific advances." -- Dr. Lee DeForest, Inventor of TV
- "The bomb will never go off. I speak as an expert in explosive." -- Admiral William Leahy, U.S. Atomic Bomb Project
- "There is no likehood man can ever tap the power of the atom." -- Robert Millikan, Nobel Prize in Physics, 1923

- "Computers in the future may weigh no more than 1.5 tons." -- Popular Mechanics, forecasting the relentless march of science, 1949
- "I think there is a world market for maybe five computers." -- Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM, 1943
- "I have traveled the length and breadth of this country and talked with the best people, and I can assure you that data processing is a fad that won't last out the year." -- The editor in charge of business books for Prentice Hall, 1957

- "But what ... is it good for?" -- Engineer at the Advanced Computing Systems Division of IBM, 1968, commenting on the microchip.
- "640K ought to be enough for anybody." --Bill Gates, 1981
- "This 'telephone' has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication. The device is inherently of no value to us." -- Western Union internal memo, 1876.
- "The wireless music box has no imaginable commercial value. Who would pay for a message sent to nobody in particular?" --David Sarnoff's associates in response to his urgings for investment in the radio in the 1920s.
- "The concept is interesting and well-formed, but in order to earn better than a 'C,' the idea must be feasible." -- A Yale University management professor in response to Fred Smith's paper proposing reliable overnight delivery service. (Smith went on to found Federal Express Corp.)
- "I'm just glad it'll be Clark Gable who's falling on his face and not Gary Cooper." --Gary Cooper on his decision not to take the leading role in "Gone With The Wind."
- "A cookie store is a bad idea. Besides, the market research reports say America likes crispy cookies, not soft and chewy cookies like you make." -- Response to Debbi Fields' idea of starting Mrs. Fields' Cookies.
- "We don't like their sound, and guitar music is on the way out." -- Decca Recording Co. rejecting the Beatles, 1962.
- "Heavier-than-air flying machines are impossible." -- Lord Kelvin, president, Royal Society, 1895.
- "If I had thought about it, I wouldn't have done the experiment. The literature was full of examples that said you can't do this." -- Spencer Silver on the work that led to the unique adhesives for 3-M "Post-It" Notepads.
- "So we went to Atari and said, 'Hey, we've got this amazing thing, even built with

- some of your parts, and what do you think about funding us? Or we'll give it to you. We just want to do it. Pay our salary, we'll come work for you.' And they said, 'No.' So then we went to Hewlett-Packard, and they said, 'Hey, we don't need you. You haven't got through college yet.'" -- Apple Computer Inc. founder Steve Jobs on attempts to get Atari and H-P interested in his and Steve Wozniak's personal computer.
- "Professor Goddard does not know the relation between action and reaction and the need to have something better than a vacuum against which to react. He seems to lack the basic knowledge ladled out daily in high schools." -- 1921 New York Times editorial about Robert Goddard's revolutionary rocket work.
- "Drill for oil? You mean drill into the ground to try and find oil? You're crazy." -- Drillers who Edwin L. Drake tried to enlist to his project to drill for oil in 1859.
- "Stocks have reached what looks like a permanently high plateau." -- Irving Fisher, Professor of Economics, Yale University, 1929.
- "Airplanes are interesting toys but of no military value." -- Marechal Ferdinand Foch, Professor of Strategy, Ecole Superieure de Guerre.
- "Everything that can be invented has been invented." -- Charles H. Duell, Commissioner, U.S. Office of Patents, 1899.
- "Louis Pasteur's theory of germs is ridiculous fiction." -- Pierre Pachet, Professor of Physiology at Toulouse, 1872
- "The abdomen, the chest, and the brain will forever be shut from the intrusion of the wise and humane surgeon." -- Sir John Eric Ericksen, British surgeon, appointed Surgeon-Extraordinary to Queen Victoria 1873.
- "There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home." -- Ken Olson, president, chairman and founder of Digital Equipment Corp., 1977

# Secrets to a Long, Happy Marriage!

- Two times a week, we go to a nice restaurant, have a little wine, some good food and companionship. She goes Tuesday's, I go Friday's.
- We also sleep in separate beds. Hers is in Florida and mine is in Cincinnati.
- I take my wife everywhere, but she keeps finding her way back.
- I asked my wife where she wanted to go for our anniversary. Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!" she said. So I suggested the kitchen.

- We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.
- She has an electric blender, electric toaster, and electric bread maker. Then she said, "There are too many gadgets, and no place to sit down!" So I bought her an electric chair.
- My wife is on a new diet. Coconuts and bananas. She hasn't lost weight, but BOY, can she climb a tree now.
- She ran after the garbage truck, yelling, "Am I too late for the garbage?" The driver said, "No, jump in!" and last but not least...
- She got a mud pack and looked great for two days. Then the mud fell off!

#### The World's Easiest Quiz?

Below, you'll find the questions that might just make up the world's easiest quiz... But, be careful... Giving correct answers is far harder than you think! Enjoy!

#### The Questions...

- 1. How long did the Hundred Years War last?
- 2. Which country makes Panama hats?
- 3. From which animal do we get catgut?
- 4. In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
- 5. What is a camel's hair brush made of?
- 6. The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal?
- 7. What was King George VI's first name?
- 8. What color is a purple finch?
- 9. What country do Chinese gooseberries come from?
- 10. How long did the Thirty Years War last?

#### The Answers...

- 1. 116 years, from 1337 to 1453.
- 2. Ecuador.
- 3. From sheep and horses.
- 4. November. The Russian calendar was 13 days behind ours.
- 5. Squirrel fur.
- 6. The Latin name was Insularia Canaria Island of the Dogs.
- 7. Albert. When he came to the throne in 1936, he respected the wish of Queen Victoria that no future king should ever be called Albert.
- 8. Distinctively crimson.
- 9. New Zealand.
- 10. Thirty years of course from 1618 to 1648!

#### **LIMERICKS**

There was a young fellow named Hall, Who fell in the spring in the fall; 'Twould have been a sad thing If he'd died in the spring.
But he didn't - he died in the fall.

There was an old fellow of Lyme Who married three wives at one time. When asked, "Why the third?" He explained, "One's absurd, And bigamy, sir, is a crime."

There was a young lady of Lynn
Who was so uncommonly thin
That when she essayed
To drink lemonade,
She slipped through the straw and fell in.

There was a young lady of Bygur Who went for a ride on a tiger; They returned from the ride With the lady inside, And a smile on the face of the tiger.

There was a young lady named Bright Whose speed was far faster than light. She set out one day In a relative way, And returned home the previous night.

There was a young girl, a sweet lamb, Who smiled as she entered a tram. After she had embarked, The conductor remarked, "Your fare." And she said, "Yes I am."

An indolent vicar of Bray
His roses allowed to decay.
His wife, more alert,
Bought a powerful squirt
And said to her spouse, "Let us Spray."

There was a young bard of St. Anne
Whose limericks never would scan;
When they said it was so,
He replied: "Yes, I know,
But I make a rule of always trying to get just
as many words into the last line as I
possibly can."

A decrepit old gasman, named Peter. While hunting around his gas heater. Touched a leak with his light; He rose out of sight - And as everyone who knows anything about poetry can tell you he also ruined the meter.

A groundhog who lived in St. Paul Was the laziest groundhog of all. On the second of Feb He stayed in his bed, And spring didn't come until fall!

