

This file contains 780 lines from my private collection beginning with the letter "P". More to follow in due time. Enjoy!

THE SUPERLIST OF FUN LINES AND FAMOUS QUOTATIONS

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Prediction is very difficult, especially of the future. *Niels Bohr*

Some fun lines and famous quotations

Packrat's credo: "I have no use for it, but I hate to see it go to waste."

Paddle your own canoe.

Pain adds rest unto pleasure, and teaches the luxury of health. *Martin F. Tupper*

Pain: An uncomfortable frame of mind that may have a physical basis in something that is being done to the body, or may be purely mental, caused by the good fortune of another. *Ambrose Bierce*

Pain and pleasure, like light and darkness, succeed each other. *Laurence Sterne*

Pain and suffering are always inevitable for a large intelligence and a deep heart. The really great men must, I think, have great sadness on Earth. *Fjodor Dostojevsky (1821-1881)*

Pain dies quickly, and lets her weary prisoners go; the fiercest agonies have shortest reign. *William Cullen Bryant*

Pain is inevitable, but suffering is optional.

Pain is just God's way of hurting you.

Pain is life ; the sharper, the more evidence of life. *Charles Lamb*

Pain is relative. Regretfully, it's a close relative, and visits often.

Pain is temporary, love is forever.

Pain is temporary, pride is forever!

Pain is the price lovers pay.

Pain is the same for everyone and doesn't discriminate between races and people. *Yordan Radichkov*

Pain makes man think. Thought makes man wise. Wisdom makes life endurable. *John Patrick*

Pains of love be sweeter far than all other pleasures are. *John Dryden (1631-1701)*

Pains to get, care to keep, fear to lose.

Painted pictures are dead speakers. *Nicholas Breton*

Painting is the representation of visible forms... The essence of realism is its negation of the ideal. *Gustave Courbet*

Painting: The art of protecting flat surfaces from the weather and exposing them to the critic.

Ambrose Bierce

Paintings have a life of their own that derives from the painter's soul. *Vincent Van Gogh* (1853-1890)

PALINDROME spelled backwards is EMORDNILAP.

Pandemonium did not reign; it poured. *John Kendrick Bangs*

Paper is always strongest at the perforations. *Corry*

Paradigms are powerful because they create the lens through which we see the world. *Stephen Covey*

Paradise is always where love dwells. *Richter* (1763-1825)

Paradise is exactly like where you are, only MUCH, MUCH better. *Anderson*

Paradox: An assistant to PhDs.

Parallel lines never meet unless you bend one or both of them.

Paranoia: A healthy understanding of the nature of the universe.

Paranoia doesn't mean the whole world really isn't out to get you.

Paranoia is heightened awareness.

Paranoia is simply an optimistic outlook on life.

Paranoid schizophrenics outnumber their enemies at least two to one.

Paranoids are people, too; they have their own problems. It's easy to criticize, but if everybody hated you, you'd be paranoid too. *D. J. Hicks*

Pardon me, but is that Grey Poupon on those Bugle Boy jeans you're wearing?

Pardon me, but you've obviously mistaken me for someone who gives a damn.

Pardon one offence, and you encourage the commission of many. *Publius Syrus*

Parenthetical words however must be enclosed in commas.

Parents can give a dowry, but not good luck. *Yiddish Proverb*

Parents have become so convinced educators know what is best for children that they forget that they themselves are really the experts. *Marian Wright Edelman*

Parents like the idea of kids, they just don't like their kids. *Morley Saefer*

Parents often talk about the younger generations as if they didn't have anything to do with it. *Henry Cate*

Parish me no parishes. *George Peele*

Parliament can do everything but turn a boy into a girl.

Partial culture runs to the ornate; extreme culture to simplicity. *Christian Nestell Bovee*

Particularly quotable figures receive more than their share of quotable quotes. (*Keyes Rules of Misquotation, Axiom 2, Corollary 2B*)

Parties are to women what battlefields are to men. *Joan Crawford*

Parting is all we know of heaven, and all we need of hell. *Emily Dickinson* (1830-1886)

Parting is such sweet & sour. *John Quill Taylor*

Parting is such sweet sorrow that I should say goodnight until tomorrow. *William Shakespeare*

Part-time musicians are semiconductors.

Party honesty is party expediency. *Grover Cleveland*

Party is the madness of many, for the gain of a few. *Alexander Pope* (1688-1744)

Passion is the mob of the man, that commits a riot upon his reason. *William Penn*

Passion is universal humanity. Without it religion, history, romance and art would be useless. *Honoré de Balzac*

Passion makes idiots of the cleverest men, and makes the biggest idiots clever. *François de La Rochefoucauld*

Passion, though a bad regulator, is a powerful spring. *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Passionate hatred can give meaning and purpose to an empty life. *Eric Hoffer*

Passover affirms the great truth that liberty is the inalienable right of every human being. *Morris Joseph*

Past cure, past care.

Past tense means you used to be nervous.

Patch griefs with proverbs.

Patience - a minor form of despair disguised as a virtue.

Patience and perserverence have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish. *John Quincy Adams*

Patience and time do more than strength or passion. *Jean de La Fontaine*

Patience is a flower that grows not in every one's garden. *Thomas Draxe*

Patience is a minor form of despair, disguised as a virtue. *Ambrose Bierce*

Patience is a plaster for all sores.

Patience is a remedy for every grief.

Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet. *Jean Jacques Rousseau*

Patience is power; with time and patience the mulberry leaf becomes silk. *Chinese Proverb*

Patience is the ability to idle your motor when you feel like stripping your gears.

Patience is the best remedy for every trouble.

Patience is the greatest of all shock absorbers. About the only thing you get in a hurry is trouble.

Elizabeth Tripp

Patience is the silken cord on which are strung the pearls of virtue.

Patience is what you require when the fish are not hungry.

Patience makes a woman beautiful in middle age. *Elliot Paul*

Patience serves as a protection against wrongs as clothes do against cold. For if you put on more clothes as the cold increases, it will have no power to hurt you. So in like manner you must grow in patience when you meet with great wrongs, and they will be powerless to vex your mind.

Leonardo da Vinci

Patience: The most important ingredient for dating, marriage and children.

Patience, time, and money accomodate all things. *George Herbert*

Patience under old injuries invites new ones.

Patience will achieve more than force. *Edmund Burke*

Patience with others is Love, Patience with self is Hope, Patience with God is Faith. *Adel Bestavros*

Patient is a 28 year old white male who was playing his first league game of the season when he was sliding into home plate. The patient was safe, but his ankle was out.

Patient slipped on the porch when she went out to feed the birds and broke her ankle. The birds were not injured.

Patriotism is a lively sense of collective responsibility. Nationalism is a silly cock crowing on its own dunghill. *Richard Aldington (1892-1962)*

Patriotism is an ephemeral motive that scarcely ever outlasts the particular threat to society that aroused it. *Denis Diderot (1713-1784)*

Patriotism is easy to understand in America; it means looking out for yourself by looking out for your country. *Calvin Coolidge*

Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel. *Samuel Johnson (1709-1784)*

Patriotism is when love of your own people comes first; nationalism, when hate for people other than your own comes first. *Charles de Gaulle*

Patron: A customer who doesn't ask prices.

Pause for storage relocation.

Pawn endings are to chess what putting is to golf. *Cecil Purdy*

Pay attention, and you will have understanding. *Solomon*

Pay attention to your enemies, for they are the first to discover your mistakes. *Antisthenes*

Pay no attention to that man behind the curtains.

Pay no attention to what the critics say; no statue has ever been erected to a critic. *Jean Sibelius*

Pay quickly what thou owest. The needy tradesman is made glad by such considerate haste. *Walter Smith*

Paying alimony is like feeding hay to a dead horse. *Julius Henry (Groucho) Marx (1895-1977)*

Peace, above all things, is to be desired, but blood must sometimes be spilled to obtain it on equitable and lasting terms. *Andrew Jackson*

Peace and justice are two sides of the same coin. *Dwight D. Eisenhower*

Peace cannot be achieved through violence, it can only be attained through understanding. *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Peace comes from within. Do not seek it without. *Buddha* (B.C. 568-488)

Peace has its victories no less than war, but it doesn't have as many monuments to unveil. *Kin Hubbard*

Peace hath her victories, no less renowned than War. *John Milton*

Peace, in international affairs, is a period of cheating between two periods of fighting. *Ambrose Bierce*

Peace is a premise the existence of which we have deduced from the intervals between wars.

Peace is not an absence of war, it is a virtue, a state of mind, a disposition for benevolence, confidence, justice. *Baruch Spinoza*

Peace is rarely denied to the peaceful. *Johann von Schiller*

Peace is such a precious jewel that I would give anything for it but truth. *Matthew Henry*

Peace is the one condition of survival in this nuclear age. *Adlai E. Stevenson*

Peace is the work of strong men; war, the courage of the cowardly.

Peace of mind makes the body healthy, but jealousy is like cancer. *Solomon*

Peacetime conscription is the greatest step toward regimentation and militarism ever undertaken by the Congress of the United States. *Burton Kendall Wheeler*

Peculiar travel suggestions are dancing lessons from God. *Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.*

Pedestrian: Someone who thought there were a couple of gallons left in the tank.

Pediatricians eat - because children don't. *Carleton Fredericks*

Penetration seems a kind of inspiration; it gives me an idea of prophecy. *Fulke Greville*

Pennies do not come from heaven ; they have to be earned here on earth. *Margaret Hilda Roberts Thatcher* (1925 -)

Penny wise, pound foolish. *Robert Burton* (1576-1640)

People accept an idea more readily if you say Benjamin Franklin said it first.

People are accustomed to believe and have been encouraged in the belief by some who aspire to the character of philosophers, that their feelings, on subjects of this nature, are better than reasons, and render reasons unnecessary. *John Stuart Mill* (1806-1873)

People are always available for work in the past tense. (*Zymurgy's Law of Volunteer Labor*)

People are always available to work in the past tense. (*Murphy's Twenty-sixth Law*)

People are always neglecting something they can do in trying to do something they can't do. *Ed Howe*

People are better than their theology. *Emerson*

People are far more interesting and successful when they are less concerned about being normal, and more concerned on being natural. *Michael Nolan*

People are funny. Put a sign saying "WET PAINT" on a door and they will have to make a personal investigation.

People are giving birth underwater now. They say it's less traumatic for the baby because it's in water. I guess it probably would be less traumatic for the baby, but certainly it's more traumatic for the other people in the pool. *Elayne Boosler*

People are idiots. (The *Dilbert* Principle)

People are just as happy as they make up their minds to be. *Abraham Lincoln*

People are like insects. They are capable of looking in different directions at the same time, keeping one eye on the outside, the other on the inside. *Yordan Radichkov*

People are like stained glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out but when the darkness sets in, their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within.

People are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges. *Joseph Fort Newton*

People are nice, but birds are better.

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered; Forgive them anyway.

People are the rough draft of God. *Yordan Radichkov*

People are usually more firmly convinced that their opinions are precious than that they are true. *George Santayana*

People are very open-minded about new things; as long as they're exactly like the old ones. *Charles F. Kettering*

People are very sophisticated about advertising now. You have to entertain them. You have to present a product honestly and with a tremendous amount of pizzazz and flair, the way it's done in a James Bond movie. But you can't run the same ad over and over again. You have to change your approach constantly to keep on getting their attention... *Mary Wells Lawrence*

People ask you for criticism, but they only want praise. *W. Somerset Maugham*

People can be divided into two classes: those who go ahead and do something, and those who sit still and inquire, 'Why wasn't it done the other way?' *Oliver Wendell Holmes*

People can be very frightened of change.

People cannot appreciate the investment, the education, or all that you have gone through unless you share with them in a non-condescending, methodical basis. *Jay Abraham*

People change and forget to tell each other. *Lillian Hellman*

People come to poverty in two ways: accumulating debts and paying them off. *Jewish Proverb*

People come to Washington believing it is the center of power. I know I did. It was only much later that I learned that Washington is a steering wheel that's not connected to an engine. *Richard Goodwin*

People commonly travel the world over to see rivers and mountains, new stars, garish birds, freak fish, grotesque breeds of human; they fall into an animal stupor that gapes at existence and they think they have seen something. *Sören Kierkegaard*

People differ in capacity, skill, health, strength; and unequal fortune is a necessary result of unequal condition. Such inequality is far from being disadvantageous either to individuals or to the community. *Leo XIII*

People do not attempt to mate with cats, and frogs do not attempt to mate with scientists (although the latter possibility might result in a researcher who jumps to conclusions). *David E. Goldberg*

People do not attract that which they want, but that which they are. *James Allen*

People do not care how nobly they live, only how long, despite the fact that it is within everyone's reach to live nobly, but within no one's reach to live long. *Lucius Annaeus Seneca*

People do not deserve good writing, they are so pleased with bad. *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

People do not lack strength, they lack will. *Victor Hugo (1802-1885)*

People do not seem to realize that their opinion of the world is also a confession of character. *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

People don't buy from clowns. *Claude Hopkins*

People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.

People don't go there anymore. It's too crowded. *Yogi Berra*

People don't plan to fail - they just fail to plan.

People don't want to write. They want to have written. *Graham Greene*

People, even more than things, have to be restored, renewed, revived, reclaimed, and redeemed. Never throw out anybody. *Audrey Hepburn*

People exaggerate the value of things they haven't got: everybody worships truth and unselfishness because they have no experience with them. *George Bernard Shaw*

People for privilege will always risk their complete destruction rather than surrender any material part of their advantage. *John Kenneth Galbraith*

People forget how fast you did a job - but they remember how well you did it.

People generally quarrel because they cannot argue. *Gilbert K. Chesterton*

People get tired of everything, and of nothing sooner than of what they most like. *G. B. Shaw*

People grow through experience if they meet life honestly and courageously. This is how character is built. *Eleanor Roosevelt*

People have not been horrified by war to a sufficient extent ... War will exist until that distant day when the conscientious objector enjoys the same reputation and prestige as the warrior does today. *John Fitzgerald Kennedy*

People have one thing in common: They are all different.

People have the power to redeem the work of fools. *Patti Smith*

People have to learn sometimes not only how much the heart, but how much the head, can bear.

Maria Mitchell (1818-1889)

People I meet at parties, once they discover how I make my living, feel compelled to tell me about the low regard in which they hold advertising. But in return for my listening to their complaints, they have to answer some questions too. I ask them what they think of Hallmark's advertising, or Kraft's, or the Raid advertising with those cute bugs. Oh, well, that's different. *John O'Toole*

People in their handlings of affairs often fail when they are about to succeed. If one remains as careful at the end as he was at the beginning, there will be no failure. *Lao-Tzu*

People, like boats, toot the loudest when they are in a fog.

People, like nails, lose their effectiveness when they lose direction and begin to bend. *Walter Savage Landor*

People, like turtles, make little progress without sticking their necks out.

People love high ideals, but they got to be about 33-percent plausible. *Will Rogers*

People may not always believe what you say, but they will believe what you do.

People may plan all kinds of things, but the Lord's will is going to be done. *Solomon*

People mistake obscurity for profundity.

People need religion. It's a vehicle for a moral tradition. A crucial role. Nothing can take its place.

Irving Kristol

People never say, "It's only a game", when they're winning.

People of mediocre ability sometimes achieve outstanding success because they don't know when to quit. Most men succeed because they are determined to. *George Allen*

People often find it easier to be a result of the past than a cause of the future.

People often say that this or that person has not yet found himself. But the self is not something one finds, it is something one creates. *Thomas Szasz*

People only see what they are prepared to see. *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

People pay for what they do, and still more for what they allow themselves to become. And they pay for it simply... by the lives they lead. *James Baldwin*

People pick bad things from bad company very quickly but good company takes a good time to gift good things to them.

People rarely succeed unless they have fun in what they are doing. *Dale Carnegie*

People rarely think alike until it comes to buying wedding presents.

People say conversation is a lost art; how often I have wished it were. *Edward R. Murrow (1908-1965)*

People say I'm extravagant because I want to be surrounded by beauty. But tell me, who wants to be surrounded by garbage? *Imelda Marcos*

People say New Yorkers can't get along. Not true. I saw two New Yorkers, complete strangers, sharing a cab. One guy took the tires and the radio; the other guy took the engine. *David Letterman*

People say that friends hold hands, but true friends don't need to, because they know that the other hand is always there.

People say they don't have enough time, but they have all the time there is.

People see God every day, they just don't recognize him. *Pearl Bailey*

People seeking solitude are flocking here from the four corners of the world. *Leo Rosten*

People seem to enjoy things more when they know a lot of other people have been left out of the pleasure. *Russel Baker*

People seldom do what they believe in. They do what is convenient, then repent. *Bob Dylan*

People seldom improve when they have no other model but themselves to copy after. *Oliver Goldsmith*

People seldom know what they want until you give them what they ask for.

People seldom see the halting and painful steps by which the most insignificant success is achieved.

Anne Sullivan (1866-1936)

People should be aware of the dangers of killing themselves.

People should be measured in feats, not feet.

People smart enough to give good advice are usually smart enough to give none.

People: some make things happen, some watch things happen, and the majority has no idea what's happened.

People take different roads seeking fulfillment and happiness. Just because they're not on your road doesn't mean they've gotten lost. *H. Jackson Browne*

People talk about the middle of the road as though it were unacceptable. Actually, all human problems, excepting morals, come into the gray areas. Things are not all black and white. There have to be compromises. The middle of the road is all of the usable surface. The extremes, right and left, are in the gutters. *Dwight D. Eisenhower*

People tend to make rules for others and exceptions for themselves.

People that are really very wierd can get into sensitive positions and have a tremendous impact on history. Vice President *Dan Quayle*

People think love is an emotion. Love is good sense. *Ken Kesey*

People to whom you are attracted invariably think you remind them of someone else. (*Arthur's First Law of Love*)

People turn, in all the great emergencies of life, to the ancient promises, transparently false but immensely comforting, and of all those ancient promises there is none more comforting than the one to the effect that the lowly shall inherit the earth. *H. L. Mencken*

People use the most words when they are the least certain of what they are saying.

People usually get what's coming to them... unless it was mailed.

People usually get what's coming to them... unless it's been mailed.

People want economy, and they'll pay any price to get it. *Lee Iacocca*

People want riches; they need fulfillment. *Bob Conklin*

People want to organize the universe while they have enough trouble putting order into their own lives. *Yordan Radichkov*

People who are grateful are usually good.

People who are smart get into Mensa. People who are really smart look around and leave. *James Randi*

People who are unable to motivate themselves must be content with mediocrity, no matter how impressive their other talents. *Andrew Carnegie*

People who aren't going to go any faster than the speed limit really ought to put their hazard lights on. (*Nibble's Rules Of The Road, #19*)

People who bite the hand that feeds them usually lick the boot that kicks them. *Eric Hoffer*

People who can agree on what's funny can usually agree on other things.

People who can least afford to pay rent pay rent.

People who can most afford to pay rent build equity.

People who claim they don't let little things bother them have never slept in a room with a single mosquito.

People who cough a lot never go to the doctor... just to movies, concerts, and lectures.

People who demand neutrality in any situation are usually not neutral but in favor of the status quo. *Max Eastman*

People who don't Think probably don't have Brains; rather, they have grey fluff that's blown into their heads by mistake.

People who don't vote have no line of credit with people who are elected. *Marian Wright Edelman*

People who fall in love shall one day fall out of love too, people who are born in love are in love always and forever.

People who fight fire with fire usually end up with ashes. *Abigail Van Buren*

People who fly into a rage usually make a bad landing.

People who go to conferences are the ones who shouldn't. (*Ozman's Law*)

People who have no faults are terrible: there is no way to take advantage of them.

People who have nothing to say are never at loss in talking. *Josh Billings*

People who have what they want are very fond of telling people Who haven't what they want that they really don't want it. *Ogden Nash*

People who insist on telling their dreams are among the terrors of the breakfast table. *Max Beerbohm*

People who know how to employ themselves, always find leisure moments, while those who do nothing are forever in a hurry. *Jeanne-Marie Roland (1754-1793)*

People who like this sort of thing will find this the sort of thing they like.

People who listen when they are corrected will live, but those who will not admit that they are wrong are in danger. *Solomon*

People who live in a golden age complain that everything looks yellow.

People who live in glass houses never get any privacy.

People who live in glass houses should undress in the dark.

People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw parties.

People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones.

People who live in stone houses shouldn't throw glasses.

People who love sausage and respect the law should never watch either one being made. (The Sausage Principle)

People who make money often make mistakes, and even have major setbacks, but they believe they will eventually prosper, and they see every setback as a lesson to be applied in their move toward success. *Jerry Gillies*

People who make no noise are dangerous. *La Fontaine*

People who promise things that they never give are like clouds and wind that bring no rain. *Solomon*

People who say it cannot be done should not interrupt those who are doing it.

People who say they sleep like a baby usually don't have one. *Leo J. Burke*

People who set traps for others get caught themselves. *Solomon*

People who speak in metaphors should shampoo my crotch. *Jack Nicholson*

People who spend more than six minutes trying to discipline children learn that consistency and logic are never a part of things. *Bill Cosby*

People who take cat naps do not usually sleep in a cat's cradle.

People who take issue with control of population do not understand that if it is not done in a graceful way, nature will do it in a brutal fashion. *H. Kendall*

People who think they know everything greatly annoy those of us who do.

People who think they're out of this world always make you wish they were.

People who value their privileges above their principles, soon lose both.

People who want by the yard, but try by the inch, should be kicked by the foot !

People who want the most approval get the least and people who need approval the least get the most. *Wayne Dyer*

People will accept your ideas much more readily if you tell them that Benjamin Franklin said it first.

People will believe anything if you whisper it.

People will buy anything that's one to a customer. *Sinclair Lewis*

People will not look forward to posterity, who never look backward to their ancestors. *Edmund Burke*

People wish to live and prosper at the expense of others. This is no rash accusation. Nor does it come from a gloomy and uncharitable spirit. The annals of history bear witness to the truth of it: the incessant wars, mass migrations, religious persecutions, universal slavery, dishonesty in commerce, and monopolies. This fatal desire has its origin in the very nature of man - in that primitive, universal, and insuppressible instinct that impels him to satisfy his desires with the least possible pain. *Frederic Bastiat (1802-1850)*

People with a hot temper do foolish things; wiser people remain calm. *Solomon*

People with narrow minds usually have broad tongues.

People with no faults are terrible; there is no way of taking advantage of them.

People with quick tempers cause a lot of quarrelling and trouble. *Solomon*

People working in the private sector should try to save money. There remains the possibility that it may someday be valuable again. (Law Number LII)

People would enjoy life more if, once they got what they wanted, they could remember how much they wanted it.

People would worry less about what others think of them if they only realized how seldom they do.

People's wealth and worth are very rarely related. *Malcolm Forbes* (1919-1990)

Per cubic inch, your current TV set is perhaps the dumbest appliance in your home (and I'm not even talking about the programs). *Nicholas Negroponte*

Perched on the loftiest throne in the world, man is still sitting on his own behind. *Michel Eyquem de Montaigne* (1553-1592)

Perched on the loftiest throne in the world, we are still sitting on our own behind. *Michel Eyquem de Montaigne* (1553-1592)

Percussive Maintenance: The fine art of whacking the crap out of an electronic device to get it to work again.

Perfect clarity would profit the intellect but damage the will. *Blaise Pascal* (1623-1662)

Perfect guest: One who makes his host feel at home.

Perfect love is rare indeed - for to be a lover will require that you continually have the subtlety of the very wise, the flexibility of the child, the sensitivity of the artist, the understanding of the philosopher, the acceptance of the saint, the tolerance of the scholar and the fortitude of the certain. *Leo Buscaglia*

Perfect numbers like perfect men are very rare. *René Descartes*

Perfect paranoia is perfect awareness.

Perfect virtue is to do unwitnessed that which we should be capable of doing before all the world. *François de La Rochefoucauld*

Perfection is attained by slow degrees; it requires the hand of time. *Voltaire*

Perfection is reached not when there is no longer anything to add, but when there is no longer anything to take away. *Antoine de Saint-Exupery*

Perform your long and heavy task with energy, treading the path to which Fate has been pleased to call you. *Alfred Victor Vigny* (1797-1863)

Perfume: any smell that is used to drown a worse one. *Elbert Hubbard*

Perhaps a child who is fussed over gets a feeling of destiny, he thinks he is in the world for something important and it gives him drive and confidence. Dr. *Benjamin Spock*

Perhaps a funeral among the men, is a wedding feast among the angels. *Kahlil Gibran*

Perhaps a modern society can remain stable only by eliminating adolescence, by giving its young, from the age of ten, the skills, responsibilities, and rewards of grownups, and opportunities for action in all spheres of life. Adolescence should be a time of useful action, while book learning and scholarship should be a preoccupation of adults. *Eric Hoffer* (1902-1983)

Perhaps, after all, America never has been discovered. I myself would say that it merely had been detected. *Oscar Wilde*

Perhaps America will one day go fascist democratically, by popular vote. *William L. Shirer*

Perhaps I know best why it is man alone who laughs; he alone suffers so deeply that he had to invent laughter. *Friedrich Nietzsche* (1844-1900)

Perhaps it was because Nero played the fiddle that they burned Rome.

Perhaps it will be pleasing sometime to have remembered these things. *Virgil* (70-19 BC)

Perhaps no mightier conflict of mind occurs ever again in a lifetime than that first decision to unseat one's own tooth. *Gene Fowler*

Perhaps nobody ever accomplishes all that he feels lies in him to do; but nearly every one who tries his powers touches the walls of his being. *Charles Dudley Warner*

Perhaps the greatest social service that can be rendered by anybody to the country and to mankind is to bring up a family. *George Bernard Shaw*

Perhaps the most delightful friendships are those in which there is much agreement, much disputation, and yet more personal liking. *George Eliot*

Perhaps the reward of the spirit who tries is not the goal but the exercise. *E. V. Cooke*

Perhaps the truth depends on a walk around the lake. *Wallace Stevens*

Perhaps there is something beyond reason which would show that reason in turn is in error, just as reason showed the error of the evidence of the senses. *al-Ghazali* (1058-1111)

Perhaps when distant people on other planets pick up some wave-length of ours all they hear is a continuous scream. *Iris Murdoch* (1919-)

Perhaps your whole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.

Periods of tranquility are seldom prolific of creative achievement. Mankind has to be stirred up.
Alfred North Whitehead

Perpetual modernness is the measure of merit in every work of art. *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Perpetual optimism is a force multiplier. *Colin Powell*

Perplexity is the beginning of knowledge. *Kahlil Gibran*

Perseverance alone does not assure success. No amount of stalking will lead to game in a field that has none. *I Ching*

Perseverance is a great element of success. If you only knock long enough at the gate, you are sure to wake up somebody. *Longfellow*

Perseverance is more prevailing than violence; and many things which cannot be overcome when they are together, yield themselves up when taken little by little. *Plutarch* (c.46-c.120 A. D.)

Perseverance is not a long race. It is many short races, one after another. *Walter Elliot*

Perseverance is the most overrated of traits, if it is unaccompanied by talent; beating your head against a wall is more likely to produce a concussion in the head than a hole in the wall. *Sydney Harris*

Personal relations are the important thing for ever and ever and not this outer life of telegrams and anger. *E M Forster* (1879-1970)

Personality is to man what perfume is to a flower. *Charles M. Schwab*

Personally, I hold that a man, who deliberately and intelligently takes a pledge and then breaks it, forfeits his manhood. *Mahatma Gandhi*

Personally, I rather look forward to a computer program winning the world chess championship. Humanity needs a lesson in humility. *Richard Dawkins*

Personally, I'm always ready to learn, although I do not always like being taught. *Sir Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill* (1874-1965)

Persons disagreeing with your facts are always emotional and employ faulty reasoning. (*Murphy's Fourteenth Law*)

Pessimism is only the name that men of weak nerves give to wisdom. *Bernard De Voto*

Pessimism kills the instinct that urges men to struggle against poverty, ignorance and crime, and dries up all the fountains of joy in the world. *Helen Keller*

Pessimist : man who looks for a pink slip before the money in his pay envelope.

Pessimists are the world's happiest people... Ninety percent of the time they are right, and the other ten percent they are pleasantly surprised.

Peter denied / His Lord, and cried.

Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.

Petition me no petitions. *Henry Fielding*

Petty laws breed great crimes. *Ouida*

Philadelphia just seems dull because it's next to exciting Camden, New Jersey.

Philanthropist: A rich (and usually bald) old gentleman who has trained himself to grin while his conscience is picking his pocket. *Ambrose Bierce*

Philanthropist: One who gives away what he should give back.

Philogyny recapitulates erogeny; erogeny recapitulates philogyny.

Philosophers who make the general claim that a rule simply 'reduces to' its formulations are using Occam's razor to cut the throat of common sense. *R. Harris*

Philosophy: A route of many roads leading from nowhere to nothing. *Ambrose Bierce*

Philosophy always requires something more, requires the eternal, the true, in contrast to which even the fullest existence as such is but a happy moment. *Sören Kierkegaard*

Philosophy goes no further than probabilities, and in every assertion keeps a doubt in reserve.

James A. Froude

Philosophy is a battle against the bewitchment of our intelligence by means of language. *Ludwig*

Wittgenstein

Philosophy is a game with objectives and no rules. Mathematics is a game with rules and no objectives.

Philosophy is a walk on the slippery rocks.

Philosophy is an unusually ingenious attempt to think fallaciously. *Bertrand Russell*

Philosophy is at once the most sublime and the most trivial of human pursuits. *William James* (1842-1910)

Philosophy is the science which considers truth. *Aristotle*

Philosophy leaps ahead on tiny toe-holds; hope and intuition lend wings to its feet. Calculating reason lumbers heavily behind, looking for better footholds, for reason too wants to reach that alluring goal which its divine comrade has long since reached. *Friedrich Nietzsche* (1844-1900)

Philosophy triumphs easily over past and over future evils, but present evils triumph over philosophy. *François de La Rochefoucauld*

Philosophy: unintelligible answers to insoluble problems. *Henry Brooks Adams*

Philosophy, when superficially studied, excites doubt; when thoroughly explored, it dispels it. *Francis Bacon*

Photons have mass? I didn't know they were catholic!

Physical examination revealed a garrulous, obese woman who was short of breath on motion but not on talking.

Physicians kill more than they cure. *Burton*

Physicists and astronomers see their own implications in the world being round, but to me it means that only one-third of the world is asleep at any given time and the other two-thirds is up to something. *Dean Rusk*

Physics is becoming too difficult for the physicists. *David Hilbert*

Physics isn't a religion. If it were, we'd have a much easier time raising money. *Leon Lederman*

Picky People Pick Peter Pan Peanut Butter it's the Peanut butter picky people pick.

Picture yourself in your mind's eye as having already achieved this goal. See yourself doing the things you'll be doing when you've reached your goal. *Earl Nightingale*

Pictures are the books of the unlearned. *Thomas Fuller*

Piety requires us to honor truth above friends. *Aristotle*

Pilots are just plane folks.

Pinocchio was such a dolt to try to become a human being. He was much better off with a wooden head.

Pioneer : early American who was lucky enough to find his way out of the woods.

Pipe gives wise man time to think and fool something to stick in mouth.

Pipe-smokers spend so much time cleaning, filling and fooling with their pipes, they don't have time to get into mischief. *Bill Vaughan*

Pithy sentences are like sharp nails which force truth upon our memory. *Denis Diderot*

Pity and compassion are words appropriated to signify our fellow-feeling with the sorrow of others.

Sympathy, though its meaning was, perhaps, originally the same, may now, however, without much impropriety, be made use of to denote our fellow-feeling with any passion whatever. *Adam Smith* (1723-1790)

Pity costs nothing, and it ain't worth nothing. *Josh Billings*

Pity is best taught by fellowship in woe. *Samuel Taylor Coleridge*

Pity is not natural to man. Children and savages are always cruel. Pity is acquired and improved by the cultivation of reason. We may have uneasy sensations from seeing a creature in distress, without pity; but we have not pity unless we wish to relieve him. *Samuel Johnson*

Pity swells the tide of love. *Edward Young*

Pity the meek, for they shall inherit the Earth. *Don Marquis* (1878-1937)

Pity the poor egg; it only gets laid once.

Pizza always burns the roof of your mouth. (*Ozman's Law*)
Pizza is a lot like sex. When it's good, it's really good. When it's bad, it's still pretty good.
Pizza: Nature's perfect food.
Place pronouns as close as possible, especially in long sentences, as of 10 or more words, to their antecedents. (*William Safire's 11th Rule for Writers*)
Place the contents of the chessbox in your hat, shake them up vigorously, pour them on to the board at a height of two feet, and you get the style of Steinitz. *Henry Bird*
Placing a comma between subject and predicate, is not correct.
Plagiarism: Losers must be choosers. *Gerhard Uhlenbruck*
Plagiarism saves time.
Plain as a nose in a man's face. *François Rabelais*
Plain as the nose on a man's face. *Miguel de Cervantes* (1547-1616)
Plain dealing is praised more than practised. *John Clarke*
Plain women know more about men than beautiful women do. *Katharine Hepburn*
Plan carefully what you do, and whatever you do will turn out right. *Solomon*
Plan for today as well as for tomorrow.
Plan in marble if you would work in stone.
Plan the sale when you plan the ad. *Leo Burnett*
Plan to be spontaneous tomorrow.
Plan: To make a machine that will be proud of us.
Plan your work for today and every day, then work your plan. *Norman Vincent Peale*
Plan your work. Work your plan.
Plant the crab-tree where you will, it will never bear pippins.
Plants do not have the power of locomotion except perhaps for kudzu.
Plants stand still and wait to be counted. *John Harper*
Plastic packaged foods are very uncanny.
Platitude: An idea (a) that is admitted to be true by everyone, and (b) that is not true. *H. L. Mencken*
Play far yet above board. *T. Middleton*
Play it, Sam, Play "As Time Goes By". *Humphrey Bogart*
Play me no plays. *Footie*
Playboy : one who shortens the day by lengthening his night.
Playing safe is probably the most unsafe thing in the world. You cannot stand still. You must go forward. *Robert Collier*
Pleasant fragrances of the breezes of love blow from the lovers even though they might conceal it. The effects of these breezes bear witness to them even if they disguise it and are apparent even if they hide it. *Abu Ali Katib*
Please all, and you will please none. *Aesop* (620-560 BC)
Please do not oversee the papers from oversea. *Gerhard Uhlenbruck*
Please do not shoot the pianist. He is doing his best. *Oscar Wilde*
Please do not tell my mother that I am in politics... she still thinks I am a piano player in a bordello.
Please don't ask me what the score is, I'm not even sure what the game is. *Ashleigh Brilliant*
Please don't lie to me, unless you're absolutely sure I'll never find out the truth. *Ashleigh Brilliant*
Please God, give me patience...and do it right now!
Please, let's forget the past, / the future looks bright ahead. *Otis Blackwell & Elvis Presley*
Please Lord, let me prove to you that winning the lottery won't spoil me.
Pleasure disappoints; possibility never. *Sören Kierkegaard*
Pleasure in the body admits no increase when once the pain of want has been removed; after that it only admits of variation. The limit of pleasure in the mind, however, is reached when we reflect on the things themselves and their congeners which cause the mind the greatest alarms. *Epicurus* (341-270 B.C.)
Pleasure is the bait of sin. *Plato* (B.C. 427?-347?)
Pleasure is the start and end of living happily. *Epicurus*

Pleasure is very seldom found where it is sought; our brightest blazes of gladness are commonly kindled by unexpected sparks. *Samuel Johnson*

Pleasure's couch is virtue's grave. *Augustine J. Duganne*

Plenty breeds pride. *Gascoigne*

Plot me no plots. *Beaumont & Fletcher*

Plough deep while sluggards sleep. *Benjamin Franklin*

Plow a straight furrow and you're in a rut.

Pluck a goose without making it scream. *French Proverb*

Plumber: A fellow who gets paid for sleeping under other people's sinks.

Poetry and Hums aren't things which you get, they're things which get you. And all you can do is go where they can find you.

Poetry comes nearer to vital truth than history. *Plato*

Poetry is an echo, asking a shadow to dance. *Carl Sandburg*

Poetry is boned with ideas, nerved and blooded with emotions, all held together by the delicate, tough skin of words. *Paul Engle*

Poetry is language at its most distilled and most powerful. *Rita Dove*

Poetry is like a bird, it ignores all frontiers. *Yevgeny Yevtushenko*

Poetry is the art of creating imaginary gardens with real toads. *Marianne Moore*

Poetry is the art of giving different names to the same thing.

Poetry is the art of substantiating shadows, and of lending existence to nothing. *Edmund Burke*

Poetry is the journal of the sea animal living on land, wanting to fly in the air. Poetry is a search for syllables to shoot at the barriers of the unknown and the unknowable. Poetry is a phantom script telling how rainbows are made and why they go away. *Carl Sandburg*

Poetry is the mirror of the soul. *English Proverb*

Poetry is the utterance of deep and heart-felt truth - the true poet is very near the oracle. *Edwin Hubbel Chapin*

Poetry: the best words in the best order. *Samuel Taylor Coleridge*

Poets are all who love, who feel great truths, and tell them; and the truth of truths is love. *Philip James Bailey*

Poets have been mysteriously silent on the subject of cheese. *G. K. Chesterton (1874-1936)*

Poets utter great and wise things which they do not themselves understand. *Plato (427?-347? B.C.)*

Point set topology is a disease from which the human race will soon recover. *Henri Poincaré*

Pointed criticism, if accurate, often gives the artist an inner sense of relief. The criticism that damages is that which disparages, dismisses, ridicules, or condemns. *William Ernest Henley*

Poise: The art of raising eyebrows instead of the roof.

Poison is poison though it comes in a golden cup.

Policemen with private motives are dangerous.

Politeness is the art of choosing among one's real thoughts. *Abel Stevens*

Political advertising ought to be stopped. It's the only really dishonest kind of advertising that's left. It's totally dishonest. *David Ogilvy*

Political commercials encourage the deceptive, the destructive and the degrading. *John O'Toole*

Political cunning should never be mistaken for intelligence.

Political history is largely an account of mass violence and of the expenditure of vast resources to cope with mythical fears and hopes. *Murray Edelman*

Political language... is designed to make lies sound truthful and murder respectable, and to give an appearance of solidity to pure wind. *George Orwell*

Political power grows out of the barrel of a gun. *Mao Tse-tung*

Political success is the ability, when the inevitable occurs, to get credit for it. *Laurence J. Peter*

Politician: From the Greek "poly" ("many") and the French "tete" ("head" or "face," as in "tete-a-tete": head to head or face to face). Hence "polytetien", a person of two or more faces. *Martin Pitt*

Politicians and diapers have one thing in common. They should both be changed regularly and for the same reason.

Politicians are like weather vanes. *French Proverb*

Politicians are much like ships: noisiest when lost in a fog.

Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge where there is no river. *Nikita Krushchev*

Politicians aren't born, they're excreted. *Mark Twain*

Politicians deal with the public on the basis of the mushroom policy: Keep them in the dark and feed them manure.

Politicians in government should be changed regularly, like diapers, for the same reason. *Richard Davies*

Politics are almost as exciting as war, and quite as dangerous. In war you can only be killed once, but in politics many times. *Sir Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill* (1874-1965)

Politics, as a practice, whatever its professions, has always been the systematic organization of hatreds. *Henry Adams*

Politics consists in the art of taking votes from the poor and money from the rich under the pretext of protecting each from the other.

Politics consists of deals and ideals.

Politics doesn't make strange bedfellows, marriage does. *Julius Henry (Groucho) Marx* (1895-1977)

Politics: From Greek, poly, meaning many, and ticks, meaning bloodsuckers.

Politics has always been the systematic organization of hatreds. *Henry Brooks Adams* (1838-1918)

Politics has become so expensive that it takes a lot of money even to be defeated. *Will Rogers*

Politics I supposed to be the second-oldest profession. I have come to realize that it bears a very close resemblance to the first. *Ronald Reagan*

Politics is a profession; a serious, complicated and, in its true sense, a noble one. *Dwight D. Eisenhower*

Politics is like coaching a football team. You have to be smart enough to understand the game but not smart enough to lose interest.

Politics is my hobby. Smut is my vocation. *Larry Flynt*

Politics is not a game. It is an earnest business. *Winston Churchill*

Politics is not an exact science. *Otto von Bismarck*

Politics is not the art of the possible. It consists in choosing between the disastrous and the unpalatable. *John Kenneth Galbreath*

Politics is perhaps the only profession for which no preparation is thought necessary. *Robert Louis Stevenson*

Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it, misdiagnosing it and then misapplying the wrong remedies. *Julius Henry (Groucho) Marx* (1895-1977)

Politics is the art of preventing people from sticking their noses in things that are properly their business. *Paul Valery*

Politics is the art of the possible. *Otto von Bismarck*

Politics is the conduct of public affairs for private advantage. *Ambrose Bierce*

Politics is the skilled use of blunt objects. *Lester Pearson*

Politics is too serious a matter to be left to the politicians. *Charles de Gaulle*

Politics is war without bloodshed while war is politics with bloodshed. *Mao Tse-tung*

Politics makes estranged bedfellows. *Goodman Ace*

Politics makes strange bed-fellows. *Charles Dudley Warner*

Politics: Poly (many) + ticks (bloodsucking parasites).

Politics: The art of turning influence into affluence.

Pontius Pilate was the first great censor, and Jesus Christ the first great victim of censorship. *Ben Lindsay*

Poor are poor, because rich are rich. *B. J. Gupta*

Poor but proud.

Poor = Economically deficient.

Poor = Economically unprepared.

Poor is a man whose words die with him. *John Quill Taylor*

Poor people are allowed the same dreams as everyone else. *Kimi Gray*

Poor people have more fun than rich people, they say. But I notice it's the rich people who keep saying it. *Jack Paar*

Pope John Paul would be more popular if he called himself Pope John Paul George and Ringo. *Paul Krassner*

Popular opinion is the greatest lie in the world. *Thomas Carlyle*

Popularity is exhausting. The life of the party almost always winds up in a corner with an overcoat over him. *Wilson Mizner*

Popularity is glory's small change. *Victor Hugo*

Population, when unchecked, increases in a geometrical ratio. *Thomas Robert Malthus*

Porsche - there is no substitute.

Position and positioning is everything in life.

Positive anything is better than negative nothing. *Elbert Hubbard*

Positive: Being mistaken at the top of your voice.

Positive expectations yield negative results.

Possession is worth an ill charter. *James Carmichaell*

Possessions, outward success, publicity, luxury; to me these have always been contemptible. I believe that a simple and unassuming manner of life is best for every one, best for both the body and the mind. *Albert Einstein*

Possessions increase to fill the space available for their storage. *Ryan*

Posterity: you will never know how much it has cost my generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make good use of it. *John Quincy Adams*

Postmen never die, they just lose their zip.

Pound for pound, the amoeba is the most vicious animal on Earth.

Pour on; I will endure. / In such a night as this! *William Shakespeare*

Poverty is a condition with but one advantage, it doesn't take much to improve your lot.

Poverty is no disgrace. *German Proverb*

Poverty is no disgrace, but no honour either. *Yiddish Proverb*

Poverty is no disgrace to a man, but it is confoundedly inconvenient. *Sydney Smith*

Poverty is no sin, but terribly inconvenient. *Japanese Proverb*

Poverty is not perversity. *Spanish Proverb*

Poverty is so loyal that it sticks with a fellow even when all his friends desert him.

Poverty is the mother of all arts.

Poverty is the mother of health.

Poverty is the openmouthed relentless hell which yawns beneath civilized society. And it is hell enough. *Henry George*

Poverty is the parent of revolution and crime. *Aristotle*

Poverty is the step-mother of genius. *Josh Billings*

Poverty... It is life near the bone, where it is sweetest. *Henry David Thoreau*

Poverty makes strange bedfellows.

Poverty of goods is easily cured; poverty of the mind is irreparable. *Michel Eyquem de Montaigne* (1553-1592)

Poverty often deprives a man of all spirit and virtue; it is hard for an empty bag to stand upright. *Benjamin Franklin*

Poverty wants some things, luxury many, avarice all things. *Abraham Cowley*

Poverty within is as dangerous as poverty without. *Rowan Swan*

Power brings a feeling of strength and security that is made even stronger through material ownership. *Max Lüscher*

Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will. *Frederick Douglass*

Power corrupts. Absolute power is kind of neat. *John Lehman*

Power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely.

Power corrupts the few, while weakness corrupts the many. *Eric Hoffer* (1902-1983)

Power does not corrupt fools, but fools corrupt power.

Power does not corrupt man; fools, however, if they get into a position of power, corrupt power.

George Bernard Shaw

Power is everywhere; not because it embraces everything, but because it comes from everywhere.

Michel Foucault (1926-1984)

Power is not revealed by striking hard or often, but by striking true. *Honore de Balzac (1799-1850)*

Power is poison.

Power is the ability to do good things for others. *Brooke Astor*

Power is the faculty or capacity to act, the strength and potency to accomplish something. It is the vital energy to make choices and decisions. It also includes the capacity to overcome deeply embedded habits and to cultivate higher, more effective ones. *Stephen Covey*

Power is tolerable only on condition that it mask a substantial part of itself. Its success is proportional to its ability to hide its own mechanisms. *Michel Foucault (1926-1984)*

Power means not having to respond.

Power operates only destructively, bent always on forcing every manifestation of life into the straitjacket of its laws. Its intellectual form of expression is dead dogma, its physical form brute force. *Rudolf Rocker (1873-1958)*

Power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely. *Lord Acton (1834-1902)*

Power to the peaceful.

Power will intoxicate the best hearts, as wine the strongest heads. No man is wise enough, nor good enough to be trusted with unlimited power. *Charles Caleb Colton*

Practical people would be more practical if they would take a little more time for dreaming. *J.P. McEvoy*

Practical politics consists in ignoring facts. *Henry Brooks Adams (1838-1918)*

Practical prayer is harder on the soles of your shoes than on the knees of your trousers. *Austin O'Malley*

Practical wisdom is only to be learned in the school of experience. Precepts and instructions are useful so far as they go, but, without the discipline of real life, they remain of the nature of theory only. *Samuel Smiles*

Practice makes perfect.

Practice makes perfect, but no one's perfect, so why practice?

Practice random acts of kindness and senseless beauty.

Practice random kindness and senseless acts of beauty.

Practice safe eating; always use condiments.

Practice safe government - use kingdoms.

Practice what you preach.

Practice yourself what you preach.

Practise yourself, for heaven's sake, in little things; and thence proceed to greater. *Epictetus (Circa 60 A. D.)*

Prairie Dogging: When someone yells or drops something loudly in a cube farm, and people's heads pop up over the walls to see what's going on.

Praise can be your most valuable asset as long as you don't aim it at yourself.

Praise does wonders for the sense of hearing.

Praise is like smoking. It is warm and pleasant as long as you don't inhale. *Adolf Meyer*

Praise, like gold and diamonds, owes its value only to its scarcity. *Samuel Butler*

Praise makes good men better, and bad men worse.

Praise the bridge when you have crossed it.

Praise the child, and you make love to the mother.

Praise the sea, but keep on land. *Florio*

Praise the sea; on shore remain.

Pray as if everything depended on God, and work as if everything depended upon man. *Francis J. Cardinal Spellman (1889-1967)*

Pray for what you want but work for what you need.

Pray, Goody, please to moderate the rancour of your tongue! / Why flash those sparks of fury from your eyes? / Remember, when the judgment 's weak the prejudice is strong. *Kane O'Hara* (- 1782)

Pray, pray very much; but beware of telling God what you want. *French Proverb*

Pray to God, but hammer away. *Spanish Proverb*

Pray to God, but keep rowing to shore. *Russian Proverb*

Prayer carries us half way to God, fasting brings us to the door of His palace, and alms-giving procures us admission. *The Koran*

Prayer does not cause faith to work, faith causes prayer to work. *Gloria Copeland*

Prayer gives a man the opportunity of getting to know a gentleman he hardly ever meets. I do not mean his maker, but himself. *Dean Inge*

Prayer is a confession of one's own unworthiness and weakness. *Mahatma Gandhi*

Prayer is a force as real as terrestrial gravity... It is not only worship; it is also an invisible emanation of man's worshipping spirit - the most powerful form of energy that one can generate. *Alexis Carrel* (1873-1944)

Prayer is the key of the morning and the bolt of the evening. *Mahatma Gandhi*

Prayer should be the key of the day and the lock of the night.

Prayer - to ask that the laws of the universe be annulled in behalf of a single petitioner confessedly unworthy. *Ambrose Bierce* (1842-1914?)

Preach the Gospel at all times ... if necessary, use words. *St. Francis of Assisi*

Preachers in pulpits talked about what a great message is in the book. No matter what you do, somebody always imputs meaning into your books. *Theodore Seuss Geisel* (1904-1991)

Predestination was doomed from the start.

Prediction is very difficult, especially of the future. *Niels Bohr*

Preemptive advertising is the single most powerful technique anyone could ever use. *Jay Abraham*

Prejudice is a great time saver. It enables you to form opinions without bothering to get the facts.

Prejudice is a great time saver. You can form opinions without having to get the facts. *E. B. White*

Prejudice is a burden that confuses the past, threatens the future and renders the present inaccessible. *Maya Angelou*

Prejudice is a raft onto which the shipwrecked mind clammers and paddles to safety. *Ben Hecht*

Prejudice is an opinion without judgment. *Voltaire*

Prejudice is being down on something you're not up on.

Prejudice is the child of ignorance. *William Hazlitt*

Prejudice is the reason of fools. *Voltaire*

Prejudice, which sees what it pleases, cannot see what is plain. *Aubrey T. de Vere*

Prejudices, it is well known, are most difficult to eradicate from the heart whose soil has never been loosened or fertilized by education; they grow there, firm as weeds among stones. *Charlotte Bronte* (1816-1855)

Prepare for calamity not yet in bud. *Chinese Proverb*

Presence is more than just being there. If your absence doesn't make any difference, your presence won't either.

Presence of mind, and courage in distress, Are more than armies to procure success. *Dryden* (1631-1700)

Preserve the old, but know the new.

Preserving the sweetness of proportion and expressing itself beyond expression. *Ben Jonson* (1573-1637)

President means chief servant. *Mahatma Gandhi*

President Reagan has noted that there are too many economic pundits and forecasters and has decided on an excess prophets tax.

President Thieu says he'll quit if he doesn't get more than 50% of the vote. In a democracy, that's not called quitting.

Pressed into service means pressed out of shape. *Robert Frost*

Pressure is the normal force acting upon an engineer.

Presumption = regression of progress. *Heraclitus*

Pretense is always a prologue. *Michael Uhrin*

Pretension almost always overdoes the original, and hence exposes itself. *Hosea Ballou*

Pretty! in amber to observe the forms / Of hairs, or straws, or dirt, or grubs, or worms. *Alexander Pope*

Pretty much all the honest truth telling there is in the world is done by children. *Oliver Wendell Holmes*

Prevention is better than a post-mortem. *Whiting*

Prevention is better than cure.

'Prevention is better than cure,' as the pig said when it ran away with all its might to escape the killing attentions of the butcher. *Mieder*

Prevention is more important than attempting a cure - afterwards. *Whiting*

Prevention is much preferable to cure. *Thomas Fuller (1654-1734)*

Prevention is so much better than healing, because it saves the labour of being sick(e). *Thomas Adams (fl. 1612-1653)*

Pride breakfasted with Plenty, dined with Poverty, supped with Infamy. *Benjamin Franklin*

Pride, envy, avarice these are the sparks have set on fire the souls of man. *Alighieri, Dante (1265-1321)*

Pride feels no pain.

Pride goes before a fall.

Pride is an admission of weakness; it secretly fears all competition and dreads all rivals. *Fulton J. Sheen*

Pride is holding your head up when everyone around you has theirs bowed. Courage is what makes you do it. *Bryce Courtenay*

Pride is seldom delicate; it will please itself with very mean advantages. *Samuel Johnson*

Pride is the master sin of the devil, and the devil is the father of lies. *Edwin Hubbel Chapin*

Pride is what we have... vanity is what others have.

Pride knows no cold.

Pride's not hard to swallow if you chew it long enough.

Prime Minister Joseph Chamberlain loves the working man - he loves to see him work. *Winston Churchill*

Princes are like to heavenly bodies, which cause good or evil times, and which have much veneration but no rest. *Francis Bacon (1561-1626)*

Principles have no real force except when one is well fed. *Mark Twain*

Privacy is the right to be alone; the most comprehensive of rights, and the right most valued by civilized man. *Louis D. Brandeis*

Private property began the instant somebody had a mind of his own. *e. e. cummings*

Prize-fighting is still accepted as a display worthy of a civilized people despite the fact that all those connected with it are fully aware it caters to the latent sadistic instincts. *Edith Clara Summerskill (1901-1980)*

Pro and con are opposites, what about progress and congress?

Pro football is like nuclear warfare. There are no winners, only survivors. *Frank Gifford (Mr. Kathie Lee)*

Pro is to con as progress is to Congress.

Probability is easy; either a thing will happen or it wont, so all probabilities are 50%.

Probable-Possible, my black hen, She lays eggs in the Relative When. She doesn't lay eggs in the Positive Now Because she's unable to postulate how. *Frederick Winsor*

Probably the most deep-seated antithesis which has shown itself in educational history is that between education in preparation for useful labor and education for a life of leisure. *John Dewey (1859-1952)*

Problems are only opportunities in work clothes. *Henry J. Kaiser*

Procrastination avoids boredom; one never has the feeling that there is nothing important to do. (Fifth Law of Procrastination)

Procrastination gives you something to look forward to. *Joan Konner*

Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday. *Don Marquis (1878-1937) & George Carlin*

Procrastination is the thief of time: / Year after year it steals, till all are fled, / And to the mercies of a moment leaves / The vast concerns of an eternal scene. *Edward Young (1683-1765)*

Procrastination shortens the job and places the responsibility for its termination on someone else (i.e., the authority who imposed the deadline). (First Law of Procrastination)

Proctologist: A doctor who puts in a hard day at the orifice.

Proctologist's revenge: put Ben-Gay in a guy's tube of Nupercainal.

Producing a system from a specification is like walking on water, its easier if it's frozen.

Production is the only answer to inflation. *Chester Bowles*

Profaneness is a brutal vice. He who indulges in it is no gentleman. *Edwin Hubbel Chapin*

Professional men, they have no cares; whatever happens, they get theirs. *Ogden Nash*

Professionals are predictable, it's the amateurs that are dangerous. (*Murphy's Seventh Rule of combat*)

Professionals built the Titanic, amateurs built the ark.

Professor: A person whose job is to tell students how to solve the problems of life he avoided by becoming a professor.

Professor: One who talks in someone else's sleep. *W. H. Auden*

Progress always involves risk; you can't steal second base and keep your foot on first base. *Fredrick Wilcox*

Progress consists in replacing a theory that is wrong with one more subtly wrong. (*Hawkins' Theory*)

Progress, far from consisting in change, depends on retentiveness. When change is absolute there remains no being to improve and no direction is set for possible improvement: and when experience is not retained, as among savages, infancy is perpetual. *George Santayana (1863-1952)*

Progress, however, of the best kind, is comparatively slow. Great results cannot be achieved at once; and we must be satisfied to advance in life as we walk, step by step. *Samuel Smiles*

Progress is made on alternate Fridays. (*Weinberg's First Law*)

Progress is not created by contented people. *Frank Tyger*

Progress is the process whereby the human race is getting rid of whiskers, the veriform appendix and God. *H. L. Mencken*

Progress may have been all right once, but it went on too long. *Ogden Nash*

Progress means replacing a theory that is wrong with one more subtly wrong.

Progress might have been all right once, but it's gone on far too long. *Mark Twain & Ogden Nash*

Progress of science depends on new techniques, new discoveries and new ideas, provably in that order. *Sydney Brenner (1927-)*

Progress was all right. Only it went on too long. *James Thurber*

Prolonged idleness paralyzes initiative.

Promise is debt.

Promise, large promise, is the soul of an advertisement. *Samuel Johnson*

Promises are either broken or kept.

Promises are like babies: fun to make, but hell to deliver.

Promises are like pie-crust, made to be broken. *Ward*

Promises are made to be broken.

Promises are meant to be kept, for they are like precious pearls in an ocean, their value is high and quality genuine and true, and once they are made they can never be broken.

Promising is the eve of giving.

Promptness is its own reward, if one lives by the clock instead of the sword.

Pronounce your prepositions, damn it!

Proof is the idol before whom the pure mathematician tortures himself. *Arthur Eddington*

Proof-positive that Eastern and Western technologies can indeed work together: the Teflon-coated wok.

Proofread carefully to see if you words out. (*William Safire's 5th Rule for Writers*)

Proofreading is more effective after publication. *Barker*

Propaganda: Baloney disguised as food for thought.

Propaganda is a soft weapon; hold it in your hands too long, and it will move about like a snake, and strike the other way. *Jean Anouilh (1910-1987)*

Propaganda must not serve the truth, especially insofar as it might bring out something favorable for the opponent. *Adolf Hitler*

Propaganda replaces moral philosophy. *Hans J. Morgenthau*

Proper treatment will cure a cold in seven days, but left to itself a cold will hang on for a week. *Henry G. Felsen*

Properly practiced creativity can make one do the work of ten. *William Bernbach*

Properly practiced creativity MUST result in greater sales more economically achieved. Properly practiced creativity can lift your claims out of the swamp of sameness and make them accepted, believed, persuasive, urgent. *William Bernbach*

Property is the fruit of labor; property is desirable; it is a positive good in the world. *Abraham Lincoln*

Prophecy is many times the principal cause of the events foretold. *Thomas Hobbes*

Proposals, as understood by the proposer, will be judged otherwise by others. (*Chisholm's Third Law*)

Prose books are the show dogs I breed and sell to support my cat. *Robert Graves*

Prosperity depends more on wanting what you have than having what you want. *Geoffrey F. Abert*

Prosperity doth best discover vice, but adversity doth best discover virtue. *Francis Bacon*

Prosperity is a great teacher; adversity is a greater. Possession pampers the mind; privation trains and strengthens it. *William Hazlitt*

Prosperity is no just scale; adversity is the only balance to weigh friends. *Plutarch*

Prosperity is not without many fears and distastes; and adversity is not without (many) comforts and hopes. *Francis Bacon (1561-1626)*

Prosperity is only an instrument to be used, not a deity to be worshipped. *Calvin Coolidge*

Prosperity is something the businessmen created for politicians to take credit for. *Brunswick (Ga.) Pilot*

Prosperity is the blessing of the Old Testament; adversity is the blessing of the New. *Francis Bacon (1561-1626)*

Prosperity is the surest breeder of insolence I know. *Mark Twain*

Prosperity makes friends, adversity tries them. *Publius Syrus*

Protestantism is a continuous history of the breaking of images. *Paul Tillich (1886-1965)*

Prototype designs always work.

Prototype npn blackboxes actually hold pnp transistors, and vice versa. (*Vuilleumier's Fifth Law*)

Proverbs, like the sacred books of each nation, are the sanctuary of the intuitions. *Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)*

Providence protects children and idiots. I know because I have tested it. *Mark Twain*

Providence sees to it that no man gets happiness out of crime. *Conte Vittorio Alfieri*

Proximity isn't everything, but it comes close.

Prudence is an attitude that keeps life safe, but does not often make it happy. *Samuel Johnson*

Prudence is but experience, which equal time, equally bestows on all men, in those things they equally apply themselves unto. *Thomas Hobbes (1588-1679)*

Prudent, cautious self-control / Is wisdom's root. *Robert Burns*

Prunes give you a run for your money.

Psychiatrist: A doctor who doesn't have to worry so long as other people do.

Psychiatrists say that one out of four people are mentally ill. Check three friends. If they're ok, you're it.

Psychoanalysis has changed American psychology from a diagnostic to a therapeutic science, not because so many patients are cured by the psychoanalytic technique, but because of the new

understanding of psychiatric patients it has given us, and the new and different concept of illness and health. *Karl A. Menninger*

Psychoanalysis is itself that mental illness of which it purports to be the cure. *Karl Krauss*

Psychoanalysis is the mental illness it purports to cure. *Karl Krauss (Kraus?)*

Psychopaths aren't born. They are made.

Psychotherapy - the theory that the patient will probably get well anyhow. *H. L. Mencken*

Public behavior is merely private character writ large. *Stephen R. Covey*

Public confidence in the integrity of the Government is indispensable to faith in democracy; and when we lose faith in the system, we have lost faith in everything we fight and spend for. *Adlai E. Stevenson*

Public opinion contains all kinds of falsity and truth, but it takes a great man to find the truth in it.

The great man of the age is the one who can put into words the will of his age, tell his age what its will is, and accomplish it. What he does is the heart and the essence of his age, he actualizes his age. The man who lacks sense enough to despise public opinion expressed in gossip will never do anything great. *Georg Hegel (1770-1831)*

Public opinion is a weak tyrant, compared with our private opinion; what a man thinks of himself, that is which determines, or rather indicates his fate. *Henry David Thoreau*

Public property is never so well taken care of as private property. *Cobbett*

Public revenges are for the most part fortunate; as that for the death of Caesar; for the death of Pertinax; for the death of Henry the Third of France; and many more. But in private revenges, it is not so. Nay rather, vindictive persons live the life of witches; who, as they are mischievous, so end they infortunate. *Sir Francis Bacon (1561-1626)*

Public schools are the nurseries of all vice and immorality.

Public speakers, should speak up so that they will be heard, stand up so that they will be seen, and shut up so that they can be enjoyed!

Public speaking is very easy. *J. Danforth Quayle*

Publicity is the life of this culture - in so far as without publicity capitalism could not survive - and at the same time publicity is its dream. *John Berger*

Publicity, publicity, PUBLICITY is the greatest moral factor and force in our public life. *Joseph Pulitzer*

Publishing is the art of buying paper and selling it again at a profit.

Pull yourself together; things are not all that bad.

Punctuality is disappointing if no one is there to appreciate it.

Punctuality is one of the cardinal business virtues: always insist on it in your subordinates. *Don Marquis*

Punctuality is the thief of time. *Oscar Wilde*

Punctuality is the virtue of the bored. *Evelyn Waugh*

Punishment is a cripple, but it arrives. *Spanish Proverb*

Punishment is justice for the unjust. *Saint Augustine*

Pure drivel tends to drive ordinary drivel off the TV screen. (*Kitman's Law*)

Puritan: Someone who is deathly afraid that someone somewhere is having fun.

Puritanism - the haunting fear that someone, somewhere, may be happy. *H. L. Mencken*

Purity is the feminine, Truth the masculine, of Honour. *Julius Hare (1795-1855) & Augustus Hare (1792-1834)*

Purity of mind and idleness are incompatible. *Mahatma Gandhi*

Purposelessness is the fruitful mother of crime. *Charles H. Parkhurst*

Pursue not the outer entanglements, / Dwell not in the inner void; / Be serene in the oneness of things, / And dualism vanishes by itself. *Seng-T'San (540?-606 A.D.)*

Push something hard enough and it will fall over. (*Fudd's First Law of Opposition*)

Pushing 40 is exercise enough.

Put away your worries, the world is a good and perfect place. It is in fact very easy. *Douglas Adams*

Put it before them briefly so they will read it, clearly so they will appreciate it, picturesquely so they will remember it and, above all, accurately so they will be guided by its light. *Joseph Pulitzer*

Put not your trust in money, but put your money in trust. *Oliver Wendell Holmes* (1809-1894)

Put off thy cares with thy clothes; so shall thy rest strengthen thy labor, and so thy labor sweeten thy rest. *Francis Quarles*

Put people on hold when possible.

Put up or shut up!

Put your brain in gear before starting your mouth.

Put your genius into your life. Put only your talent into your work.

Put your hand on a hot stove for a minute, and it seems like an hour. Sit with a pretty girl for an hour, and it seems like a minute. That's relativity. *Albert Einstein*

Put your hand over your mouth when you sneeze; internal organs will be scarce in the post-nuclear age.

Put your nose to the grindstone and you're a bloody fool.

Put your talent into your work, but your genius into your life. *Oscar Wilde*

Put your trust in God, boys, and keep your powder dry. *Colonel Valentine Blacker*

Put your trust in God but keep your powder dry. *Oliver Cromwell*

Put your trust in those who are worthy.

Put yourself in a state of mind where you say to yourself, 'Here is an opportunity for me to celebrate like never before, my own power, my own ability to get myself to do whatever is necessary.'
Anthony Robbins

Put yourself in the other man's place, and then you will know why he thinks certain things and does certain deeds. *Elbert Hubbard*

Putting off an easy thing makes it hard, and putting off a hard one makes it impossible. *George H. Lonmer*

Putting tape on skin is (also) a problem if you apply it over hair. If you do, you'll learn a whole new meaning of the word "pain" when you remove the tape. *Joe Ellis*

Pygmies placed on the shoulders of giants see more than the giants themselves. *Didacus Stella*

Pyrrhus, when his friends congratulated to him his victory over the Romans under Fabricius, but with great slaughter of his own side, said to them, "Yes; but if we have such another victory, we are undone." *Francis Bacon* (1561-1626)

Pythagoras, when he was asked what time was, answered that it was the soul of this world. *Plutarch* (c.46-c.120 A. D.)