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Lots of us write lousy opening sentences.

In the case of the annual Bulwer-Lytton Fiction Contest, they're doing it on purpose:

1. He was an old man who fished alone in a skiff in the Gulf Stream, and he had gone 84 days now without taking a fish, but as fish tended to live in the sea rather than in a skiff, he really had only himself to blame.
2. That sweltering Friday evening she not so much walked but slithered into a man's shabby strip mall P.I. office, showing off all her curves, and he knew then that he was in for a weekend of trouble because Dave's Reptile Emporium next door, from which the ball python had escaped, was closed until Monday.

A man and his wife were in a gift shop when his wife noticed an unusual necklace.

"It's made from alligator teeth," the salesperson told her.

"But it's more expensive than a pearl necklace," said the wife.

"True," admitted the salesperson.

"But anyone can open an oyster."

Every year, emergency responders at E-Comm 911 in British Columbia share some of the less-than-urgent calls that they've fielded:

1. McDonald's wouldn't open its doors.
2. A neighbor was wearing too much cologne.
3. The dry cleaners stained their shirt.
4. Someone requested technical support.
5. There was a domesticated-looking bunny in the park.

Ad in the Worcester, England, Evening News:

“For sale-deep fryer, big enough for two people.”

Church notice seen in the Lebanon, Pa., Daily News:

“Morning worship 10:30.

Sermon: ‘When the Wine runs out.’ Followed by coffee.”

Spotted in the Farmington, N.M., Thrifty Nickel:

“Solar System for sale, complete.”

When I try to eat healthy, a chocolate bar looks at me and snickers.



Tundra by Chad Carpenter

A nursery school teacher was delivering a station wagon full of kids home one day when a fire truck zoomed past.

Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog.

The children fell to discussing the dog’s duties.

“They use him to keep crowds back,” said one youngster.

“No,” said another, “he’s just for good luck.

A third child brought the argument to a close.

“They use the dogs,” she said firmly, “to find the fire hydrant.”

At the bank an old lady asked a teller to check her balance.

So he pushed her over!

Since a man and his wife worked in the same building, they commuted together.

One evening at home, they got into a big argument that resulted in them going to bed angry.

The next morning, while driving to work in silence, the wife started up again.

“Whoa,” the man said.

“When we are home, we are ‘married.’

But during the day, we are ‘work buddies.’ “

That shut her up for a moment, then she said, “Hey, work buddy, let me tell you what that jerk of a husband did last night!”

An 85-year-old is playing golf with the course pro, who offers him a 12-stroke handicap.

“I don’t need a handicap,” says the elderly man.

“The only problem is getting out of sand traps.”

As they approach the 18th hole, they’re even.

But then the old man hits a long drive, which lands in a sand trap.

From there, he knocks it out, and it rolls right into the hole.

The pro is stunned. “I thought you said you have a problem getting out of sand traps.”

“I do,” says the octogenarian.

“Give me a hand.”

Anytime companies merge, employees worry about layoffs.

When the company a man worked for was bought, he was no exception.

His fears seemed justified when a photo of the newly merged staff appeared on the company’s website with the following words underneath:

“Updated daily.”

American football teams favor names that denote ferocity:

The Lions!

The Giants!

The Bears!

As for European football, many of their teams' names aren't exactly going to strike fear in the hearts of opponents, like these:

The Toffees

The Baggies

The Anchovies

The Jam Tarts

The Biscuitmen

The Old Lady

I bought a thesaurus, but all the pages were blank, so I have no words to describe how angry I am.

Q: How do you make a seven even?

A: Take away the S!

Q: Why was six afraid of seven?

A: Because seven ate nine!

Q: How do you move a sleeping cow from a building site?

A: With a bulldozer!

“I” before “E”

Except when your foreign neighbor Keith receives eight counterfeit beige sleighs from feisty caffeinated weightlifters.

Weird!

Each summer, the uber-wealthy flock their beach houses in the Hamptons on New York' Long Island.

Perhaps the best evidence that money cannot buy happiness resides in the types of calls they've made to police:

1. A woman called because she wanted it on record that "Her fiancé's daughters had been talking bad about her to the family."
2. A man called to complain that a FedEx truck had driven by without dropping anything off.
3. A homeowner called the cops on a contractor "who had not been removing his shoes as he'd been instructed to do."
4. A caller complained about "a loud fanlike noise."
Police concluded the caller "may have been hearing the ocean."

Q: What are the strongest days of the week?

A: Saturday and Sunday. The rest are weekdays!

Q: What do you call it when a snowman throws a tantrum?

A: A meltdown!



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