

Common Sense and the REAL WORLD - Feel the Paine (not really)

In general support of the legitimacy of this packet...

Identify the famous person who made these statements about common sense:

1. "Common sense is genius dressed in its working clothes."
2. "Common sense ain't common"
3. "Common sense and a sense of humor are the same thing moving at different speeds. A sense of humor is just common sense, dancing."
4. "Everybody gets so much information all day long that they lose their common sense."
5. "Believe nothing, no matter where you read it, or who said it, no matter if I have said it, unless it agrees with your own reason and your own common sense."
6. "He's a man of great common sense and good taste, meaning thereby a man without originality or moral courage"
7. "Science is organized common sense where many a beautiful theory was killed by an ugly fact."
8. "Science is a first-rate piece of furniture for a man's upper chamber, if he has common sense on the ground floor."
9. "Common sense is the knack of seeing things as they are, and doing things as they ought to be done."
10. "Common sense is the collection of prejudices acquired by age eighteen."
11. "Faith is believing in things when common sense tells you not to"
12. "It is a thousand times better to have common sense without education than to have education without common sense."
13. "The three great essentials to achieve anything worth while are, first, hard work; second, stick-to-itiveness; third, common sense."
14. "I can never fear that things will go far wrong where common sense has fair play."
15. "If we seek the pleasures of love, passion should be occasional and common sense continual." (This one is not as well known, so a hint: Gunther invades Canada?)
16. "Common Sense is that which judges the things given to it by other senses."

Tools (just because MacGuyver doesn't need them doesn't mean you don't)

Name the pictured tool:

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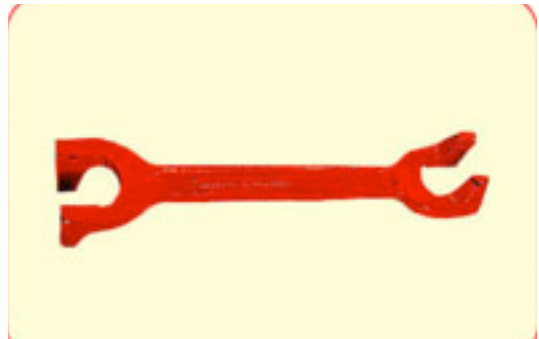
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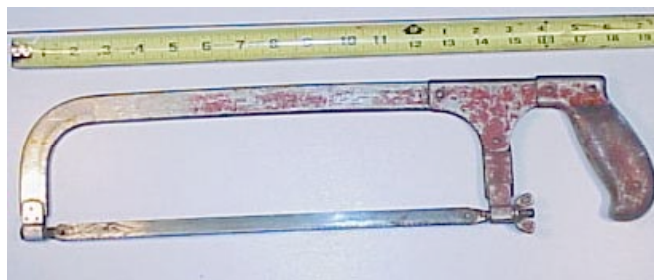
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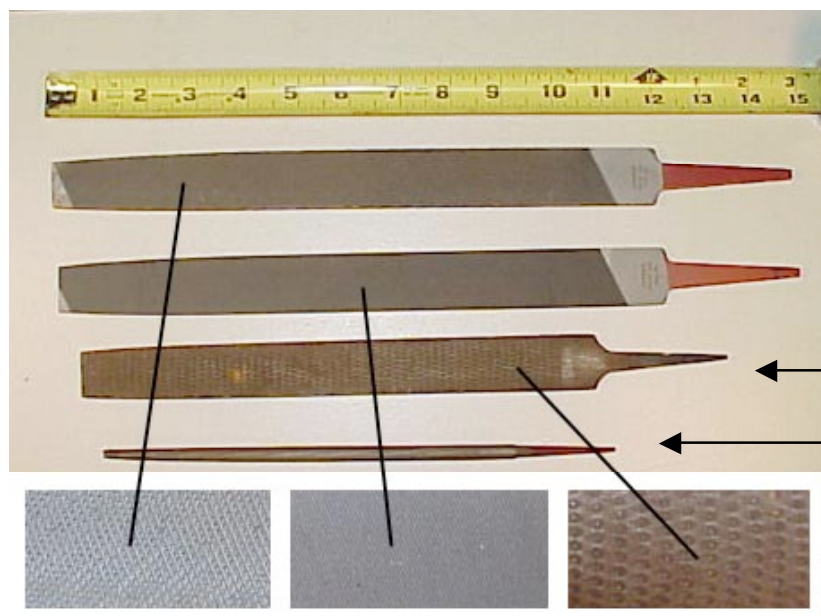
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Screwdrivers

Name each of the heads pictured:

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

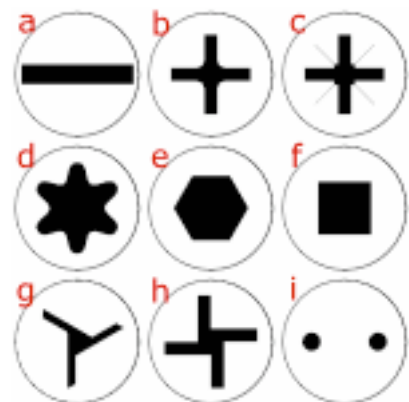
e) _____

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i) _____



Happy Holidays? Those you should remember but probably don't

Provide the date or the annual rule used to determine the date of the following holidays:

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|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Martin Luther King Day | 10. St. Patrick's Day |
| 2. Armed Forces Day | 11. April Fool's Day |
| 3. Memorial Day | 12. Earth Day |
| 4. Flag Day | 13. Administrative Assistants' Day/
Secretaries' Day |
| 5. Labor Day | 14. Mothers' Day |
| 6. Columbus day | 15. Fathers' Day |
| 7. Groundhog Day | 16. Parents' Day |
| 8. Valentine's Day | 17. Grandparents' Day |
| 9. Washington's Birthday | 18. United Nations Day |

Taxes

1. When are taxes due? _____

2. Provide the common name, title or function of the following forms:

W4

W9

1040

1041

SS4

8822

W-7A

8716

3598

9465

3. List the eight 'Taxpayer Rights'

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

g) _____

h) _____

4. Please describe how the following abusive tax schemes work:

a) Abusive foreign trust schemes

b) International Business Corporations

c) False Billing Schemes

5. Please select the false claims made in tax law evasion schemes from this list of true and false claims:

- a) There is no Internal Revenue Code that imposes taxes
- b) Code Section 861 limits taxable income to certain sources which do not apply to many U.S. citizens
- c) Expenses must be "ordinary and necessary" in relation to a legitimate business activity, and satisfy all other requirements in order to be deductible business expenses on a tax return.
- d) All income a trust receives, whether from foreign or domestic sources, is taxable to the trust, to the beneficiary, or to the grantor of the trust unless specifically exempted by the Internal Revenue Code (IRC).
- e) The government can assess taxes only against people who file return
- f) Any taxpayer who has received more than a statutorily determined amount of gross income is obligated to file a return.
- g) Taxpayers can deduct most of their personal expenses as business expenses

Transportation

Car Talk

Identify the problem with the car based on the following transcripts from the popular NPR program 'Car Talk':

1. "I got an 87 bronco that spends about 360 days a year parked under a tree... I took it out to haul something the other day... was driving down a stop and go highway... and started noticing the brakes pulling harder and harder to the left... I was also noticing there was more and more travel on the break pedal... and the pedal was going all the way to the floor and I had no breaks"
"How long were you driving?"
"...20 minutes"
"...How much bird poop had accumulated on this vehicle?..."
"... checked under hood...there is break fluid... I think I can drive this thing home on the parking break... and by the time I got home the break was fine"
2. "93 escort wagon, when I'm accelerating on the highway and I stomp on the gas, the car wants to go to the right lane all by itself... it has not been doing it forever... it seems to have gotten worse very quickly"
3. "...2001 Subaru Forester... and I've been having a lot of problems when I accel, and it's only when you turn the wheel to the right"
"Wait, when you what?"
"Accel"
"Accelerate"

“the nose is almost like a shimmy but its more of like a gung gung gung gung kind of sound, and as you accel it gets louder and it increases in timing as well. I am almost positive its coming from the right... my husband insists its on the left...

4. “95 Isuza Trooper; shifting difficulties... when I shift out of first gear, it lurches back and forth... and sometimes in second gear too... and the idle fluctuates around 700-900 rpm so I thought that that may be a timing belt or accelerator problem. More recently... when I adda little rpm in first or second gear and engage the clutch then I get this noise that kinda goes eeeergh... but not like a belt noise... all of a sudden the juju noise just came out of the woodwork”

5. “96 Toyota Tacoma, last week it started making a very strange noise with the clutch. As I pushed it down, it started making a noise like creaky old mattress springs... I had to put a lot of pressure to get it down to where I could switch gears... just when the pedal is moving down... I let it rest for a week... and now it still makes noise when I push down hard... but changes gears very easily when I push down softly

6. “99 Porsche Boxster... like it doesn't always change gears when you expect... it eventually shifts and the tiptronic transmission works fine in that mode... it gets drawn out in 3rd and rpms get high...

7. “Something has changed on my car since I drove it 1500 miles. 1990 Honda Civic SI... the brakes seem to do this thing mostly when it's very warm... brake pedal sinks like a sponge.. till I'm on like my tippy toes”

8. “I've got a 2006 legacy outback... inevitably on Friday night my tank will be getting low... and my boyfriend gets very concerned that I will ruin my catalytic converter.” Is the boyfriend right?

9. “1990 Toyota 4 wheel drive pickup and it's making this strage seal noise, not seal like gasket, but seal like argh argh argh. Going from the front only when its really cold out... sometimes when I just pull out of the driveway, sometimes after I've been driving a while... but I can make it stop by shaking the wheel... and when I stop moving... the

faster I go the more argh argh argh... once it warms up it doesn't happen... and it only happens at slower speeds... only happens in cold weather..."

10. Michael "I got this car... 1998 Honda Accord, weather was nice and my wife drove my car... your car is falling apart. There are these noises in the back. We take it out for a drive and its some creaky noises... just the suspension... and she prevailed upon me to do something, so I called you guys... mostly low speeds and bumps..."

11. "88 Honda Accord... started doin this thing where it started blowing gasoline fumes out of its vents... so I reek of gasoline all the time and the car does too..." Identify both the problem and how the gas gets into the passenger compartment.

Mobile, Agile, Lost...ile

Provide a real travel itinerary with means of travel, company and price (as in get on the internet- no point penalty for this section- and get me plans and tickets) for each of the following trips. Travel must be completed in the time listed. Submissions will be rated on practicality and price.

1. You are in Singapore City, Singapore. Get to Beach, North Dakota in 10 hours.
2. You are here: 16° 30'S, 146°E. Get to Sydney Harbor before Darla's birthday in 7 days. No air travel allowed. You are not a sea turtle.
3. You are in Belém, Brazil after a startlingly unsuccessful romp in the Amazon jungle. It is Saturday. Return to your professorship in a small college in upstate New York (your choice) in time for class on Monday. Then travel to Cairo Egypt in 2 days, and don't forget the necessary stop in Patan, Nepal.

4. You are at Tatooine Electronic Systems, 6520 Hinesley Road, Cheyenne, WY (do they have power converters?) 8am Monday. Get to The Davenport Public Library at 321 N Main street, Davenport, IA for the Davenport Area Gathering of Books and Humanoids (DAGOBAB) in 8 hours. May the force be with you.

Buffaloes of wisdom

Correct or complete the below 'common sense' sayings

1. Better buffalo than buffalo
2. Above all to thine own buffalo be buffalo
3. The buffalo make the buffalo
4. You can't buffalo a buffalo by its buffalo
5. The buffalo is always buffalo on the other buffalo
6. He who buffaloes is buffalo
7. Buffaloes are unpredictable
8. Too many buffaloes buffalo the buffalo
9. Buffalo breeds buffalo
10. Buffalo is the spice of life
11. Buffalo, buffalo, and be buffalo, for tomorrow you may buffalo
12. When in Buffalo, do as the Upstate New Yorkers do
13. You can't buffalo an old buffalo new buffalo
14. To know buffalo is to buffalo buffalo
15. Buffalo makes the buffalo buffalo buffalo
16. If you want buffalo done buffalo, do it buffalo

17. Buffalo makes buffalo
18. Out of buffalo, out of buffalo
19. There's no buffalo like buffalo
20. Buffaloes buffalo
21. Many buffalo make buffalo buffalo
22. Two buffalo are better than one
23. Isn't that just like a buffalo?
24. Buffalo ventured, buffalo gained
25. It's never too buffalo to buffalo
26. Buffalo before you buffalo
27. Never buffalo buffaloes in buffalo
28. Buffaloes of a buffalo buffalo together
29. Buffalo while the buffalo is buffalo
30. Buffalo for the buffalo is buffalo-ing

Miscellaneous

WD40

1. Of what is WD40 composed?
2. List as many functions of WD40 as you can:
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
 - e. _____

3. Ketchup can be used not only on food, but to clean what? _____

4. Salt can be used to get rid of what kind of stains? _____

5. Extra credit: Hard boil an egg in under 15 minutes and prove to us that it is edible.
More points will be awarded if said egg can be delivered to JC Superstars Trivia Base in
a suitable condition for general consumption (just kidding- about the delivery part).