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1. Joey's Perverted Tailor (*Friends*)

Chandler is looking for a recommendation for a tailor, or a professional who can alter his clothes. Joey sends him to his family's tailor, Frankie, but Chandler is in for a big surprise when he realizes that Frankie is a bit "unconventional" (to say the least) with his approach to altering clothes.

2. Joey's Sexy Man Purse (*Friends*)

Rachel helps Joey choose clothes for an important audition. Although Joey is very resistant, she convinces him to use a unisex "man purse," which is a recent trend amongst men. This hilarious scene has lots of word play and sexual references.

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3. Ross's Beautiful Cousin (*Friends*)

Ross and Monica's cousin, Cassie (played by Denise Richards), has come to visit New York. The guys, including Ross, can't believe how beautiful she is. This scene is packed with humor, word play, and sexual references.

4. Monica's Boob Job (*Friends*)

Monica borrowed money from Joey and told him not to tell Chandler. Now Chandler asks Joey if he can borrow money, but Joey ends up revealing (without knowing if it's true) that he loaned Monica money for a boob job.

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5. Flirting with the Police (Friends)

Rachel and Ross are in the car and are pulled over by a cop (police officer). Rachel flirts with the police officer and gets away without a ticket. Ross tries to do the same but with different results. This scene is full of word play and hilarious jokes.

6. Joey's Thanksgiving Pants (Friends)

Monica doesn't want to cook a turkey for Thanksgiving because Joey would be the only one to eat it, but he promises to eat the entire turkey so she agrees. As he tries to eat the whole thing, he needs to wear Phoebe's maternity pants to finish (his belly is growing)

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7. Sheldon Annoying Penny (Big Bang)

Sheldon goes to Penny's work (where she's working as a waitress) to ask her to fix her relationship problems with Leonard. She doesn't cede, so Sheldon annoys and embarrasses her until he gets his way.

8. Barney's Doppelganger (How I Met Your Mother)

Lily and Marshall discover Barney's doppelganger (a person who looks exactly like another), marking an important event for them: it's a sign from the universe that they can now have a baby (very strange, but you have to watch to understand!). This seen is hilarious!

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9. Jake's Pot Smoking Teacher (Two and a Half Men)

Alan decides to hire a private teacher to help his son Jake pass a test. The teacher is not at all what he expected. In fact, he's very crazy.

10. Elf (A Christmas Movie)

In this Will Ferrell Christmas movie, *Elf*, who is from the North Pole and knows the real Santa Clause, gets disappointed and angry at the fake Santa Clause at the mall.

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New Scene: Joey on the telephone

CHANDLER: Yo^A, paisan^B! Can I talk to you for a sec^C? Your tailor is a very bad man!

JOEY: Frankie? What're you talking about¹?

ROSS: Hey, what's going on^D?

CHANDLER: Joey's tailor... took advantage of me^E.

ROSS: What?

JOEY: No way. I've been going to the guy for 12 years.

CHANDLER: Oh come on! He said he was going to do my inseam, and he ran his hand^F up my leg, and then, there was definite...

ROSS: What?

CHANDLER: Cupping^G.

JOEY: That's how they do pants! First they go up one side, they move it over^I, then they go up the other side, they move it back, and then they do the rear^H. What? Ross, will you tell him²? Isn't that how a tailor measures pants?

ROSS: Yes, yes it is. In prison! What's the matter with you³?

JOEY What? That's not? Oh my God.

New Scene: Joey on the Telephone

JOEY: No way. I've been going to the guy for 12 years.

CHANDLER: Oh (Joey looks shocked)

New Scene: Joey on the Telephone

JOEY: I swear to God^I, Dad. That's not how they measure^D pants.

Vocabulary

A. yo: common greeting/ way to say hi amongst young people (slang, informal)
>> **Yo**, man. Pass me that bottle. (PIC).

yo



B. paisan: a word Italian Americans use informally for friend. (not common)

cupping

C. for a sec: informal way to say “for a second.”

D. what's going on? = What's happening here? Also: often a simple greeting (read [23 Ways to Greet Someone in English](#))



E. to take advantage of: impose upon (sexually) Also: to make use for gain.

sports cup

F. to run his hand up: to slide/ move his hand up on the surface of.



G. to cup/ cupping: to hold something by making your hands into a cup shape. Also for grabbing male genitals (see PICS)- not common.

prison

H. rear: less vulgar word for butt/ ass, also for the back part of something.



I. to swear to God: to promise very strongly.

Pronunciation

1. what are you talking about:
wha-da-ya talkin'-about

2. will you tell him:
will-ya-tell-im

3. what's the matter with you?:
wha-za mA-da with you?

References

I. move it over: the *it* here refers to Frankie moving *his penis* to the side.



Transcript

RACHEL: Okay now Joey, you know that since you're returning all of this stuff right after the **audition^{A + PIC}** you're going to have¹ to wear **underwear^{PIC}**?

JOEY: All right, then **you'd better show me some of that²** too then.

RACHEL: Okay, **it's missing something^B**. Ooh, I know! Umm, okay.

JOEY: Really? A **purse^{C+ PIC}**?

RACHEL: It's not a purse! It's a **shoulder bag^I**.

JOEY: It looks like a women's purse.

RACHEL: No Joey, look. **Trust me, all the³** men are wearing them in the spring catalog. Look. See look, men, **carrying the bag⁴**.

JOEY: See look, women, carrying the bag. But it is **odd^D** how a women's purse looks good on me, a man.

RACHEL: Exactly! **Unisex^{II + PIC}**!

JOEY: Maybe you need sex. I had sex a couple days ago.

RACHEL: No! No Joey! **U-N-I-sex^{III}**.

JOEY: Well, **I ain't gonna say no to that⁵**.

Vocabulary

audition



A. audition: a test performance an actor makes when trying to get a role in a play or movie (PIC).

B. to be missing something: to be lacking something, to not have.

C. purse: a bag a woman carries.

D. odd: to be strange, uncommon, or in this case unexpected.

underwear



purse

Pronunciation

1. you are going to have to
yur-gonna-hav-tuh,

2. you better show me some of that
you-beh-der-sho-me-summa-that,

3. trust me, I'm telling you all the
trus-me I'm tel-in-ya,

4. carrying the bag
care-ing-the bag,

5. : I ain't going to say no to that
I ain't gonna-say-no-duh that



Unisex

References



I. Shoulder Bag: the masculine equivalent for a purse

II. Unisex: Joey thinks that Rachel is saying 'you need sex.' Unisex means that it's made for both sexes (male & female)

III. U-N-I SEX: when Rachel spells 'UNI' Joey then thinks she is offering sex by saying 'you and I' sex.



English with TV Series

Transcript

CASSIE: I thought I heard voices¹. You must be^A Chandler.

CHANDLER: (transfixed) Hi! Nice to meet you²!

CASSIE: Nice to meet you too.

MONICA: So, are you ready to go³?

CASSIE: Yeah.

MONICA: Chandler!

CHANDLER: He'll be right with you⁴.

.....

ROSS: (shocked at her beauty) Cassie?!

CASSIE: Hey Ross!

ROSS: Hey!

CASSIE: (hugs him) It's been so long^B! Last time I saw you, you were setting up^C your tent^D in line^E to see Return of the Jedi^I.

ROSS: Oh. Oh, that's right. So-so you did^F see me that day because it seemed like you didn't.

CASSIE: Ah yeah, sorry about that.

ROSS: It's okay. Come, come on in.

CASSIE: Thanks for letting me stay here! I mean Monica's place was nice, but her fiance^G sure stares^H a lot.

Vocabulary

A. you must be: to make an assumption to predict something to be true.

Setting up a tent



C. setting up: to assemble, put together.

D. tent: a portable shelter used for camping.

Waiting in line



E. in line: in a row waiting to proceed.

F. so you DID see me: we use did in an affirmation to show that something happened contrary to what you had thought or expected.

G. fiance: a man who is engaged to get married.

H. stare: to be looking intensely at someone or something.

Staring



Pronunciation

1. I thought I heard voices:

I-thaw-dy-herd

2. Nice to meet you: nice-tah-me-chew

3. So are you ready to go?:

so-ya-reh-di-dah-go?

4. He'll be right with you:

hill-be-ry-wih-thyu.

Return of the Jedi



References

I. Return of the Jedi: Popular Star Wars movie. The joke is that Ross was a big nerd because he was camping in line to see the movie.



English with TV Series

ROSS: Oh

CASSIE: Oh my God! **You do a great Chandler^A!**

ROSS: Uh-huh. Yeah I-I **have a knack^B** for impressions.

CASSIE: Well, maybe after we **get reaquainted^C** uh, you can **do me^I**.

ROSS: Yeah—No!!

Vocabulary

A. you do a great Chandler: to copy or impersonate how somebody acts or moves.

to have a knack for photography

B. have a knack for something: to have a special ability or talent for something.

C. to get reaquainted: to become friends again if you haven't seen someone for a long time you.

Leonardo Di Caprio is doing a Jack Nicholson face



References

I. You can do me: Here 'to do someone' has a double meaning of having sex with someone. It is a very informal expression. .



English with TV Series

Transcript

CHANDLER: I need to **borrow^A** some money.

JOEY: Oh! Sure! How much? Two thousand dollars?

CHANDLER: Yes! Two thousand dollars exactly! How do you know that!

JOEY: Err... Well I... Know how much you **used to make^B** and I know how much your rent is.

CHANDLER: Oh ok.

JOEY: I am on fire^C!

CHANDLER: Listen...this is really nice. Do you... **Did you write a¹** cheque to Monica for two thousand dollars? Did Monica borrow money from you?

JOEY: Err... Kind of.

CHANDLER: I can't believe her! Did she tell you **we were having²** money problems?

JOEY: Oh no no no no... It wasn't... It wasn't because of your money problems, it was for something for her.

CHANDLER: What?

JOEY: Something personal.

CHANDLER: **What would she get³** for herself for two thousand dollars that she wouldn't tell me about?

WOMAN: Excuse me.

Vocabulary

A. borrow: to take money from a friend or relative with the intention of returning it later.

borrow money



B. used to: a grammar tense used to describe an habitual action that doesn't happen anymore. >> *Chandler used to make \$2000 a month.*

C. I am on fire: expression meaning that you are getting everything right or winning consecutively. >> *Ronaldo is on fire today, he's already scored 3 goals.*

he's on fire!



Pronunciation

1. Did you write a
di-ju-ry-dah

2. We were having:
we-wer-ha-vin

3. What would she get:
wha-woo-she-ge^(t)



English with TV Series

Vocabulary

boob job



A. boob job: to get silicon breast implants.

B. don't look at me = don't ask me for the answer, I don't know anything.

C. get his jokes: to understand and find someone's joke funny. >> *Sorry, can you explain it to me, I didn't get it.*

D. compliment: to say positive things to someone about their appearance, or behaviour.

compliment someone



Pronunciation

1. making them smaller:

may-kin-em smaller

2. Did you do something bad:

woh-waz-l-think-en

in form



I. Perfectly proportioned: Chandler is subtly telling Monica she has a perfect body. The joke is that he is being very strange with his comments.

II. two single things: Here he is joking about two single things because of her two breasts. He still thinks she is going to get a boob job.

III. I am warm for your form:
warm = I am hot, sexually excited
your form = Your body, your shape

Note: to be 'in form' is another way to say *in shape*.

JOEY: Boob job^A.

MONICA: I don't want her to get a boob job! That's crazy!

JOEY: Well it's...It's not that crazy okay?

Making them smaller¹, that would be crazy.

CHANDLER: Hey Rach! There she is... My perfectly proportioned^I wife.

RACHEL: Don't look at me^B I never get^C his jokes.

MONICA: Thank you?

CHANDLER: Oh no..don't thank me. Thank you. You know there's not one thing I would change about you? Not one single thing! And definitely not... two... single things^{II}.

MONICA: Ok, you're being weird. Do you want sex or **did you do something bad²?**

CHANDLER: No no! I just love the way you look, **I am warm, for your form^{III}.**

MONICA: Ok..You know the old classics you know, You look nice? They're still ok.

CHANDLER: Well yes yes... You look nice can mean that your face looks nice. I want to **compliment^D** your body. I mean..I wouldn't change it. At all. And more specifically, I wouldn't want anything to get any bigger.

MONICA: Okay...



English with TV Series

CHANDLER: I mean, You wouldn't want any part of me to get any bigger would you?^I Don't answer that.

RACHEL: Just when you thought^A that dude couldn't get any wierder.^B

MONICA: I know why do you think he was so worried about me getting bigger?

RACHEL: I don't know! I mean, what brought that on^C?

MONICA: Oh my god. We're trying to get pregnant so he's probably starting to freak out^D about the fact that my body is going to change.

RACHEL: No you really think that's what it is?

MONICA: You heard him! "No bigger!" "You're perfect!" "Just don't get any bigger!" Oh my god he sounded just like my **high school wrestling coach**^{II}. You know what? I'm going to have to¹ talk to Chandler.

RACHEL: Yeah! If you don't I will! Of course your body's gonna change. Your breasts are **gonna** get bigger, your ass is **gonna** get bigger, you're **gonna lose bladder control**. God! It's just such a magical time^{III}!

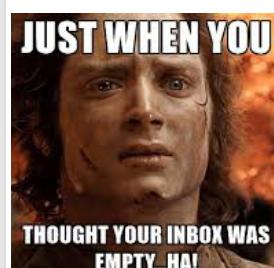
CHANDLER: Hey Rach! Ah..... Perfection. Wouldn't change a thing. Not a thing.

MONICA: Honey^e?

Vocabulary

A. just when you thought that: expression meaning someone unexpectedly passed their limits . >> *Just when I thought he was finished, he played another song.*

just when you thought meme



B. wierder: the comparative form of the adjective wierd.



C. bring something on: to cause something to happen. >> *He brought it on himself with the way he treated her.*

D. freak out: Get really nervous, anxious, and scared. >> *I freaked out when I saw the big spider.*

honey I'm home

E. honey: Affectionate name used by couples. >> *Honey, have you seen my keys?*



Pronunciation

1. I'm going to have to:

I'm-nah-hav-tah

References

I. You wouldn't want any part of me to get any bigger: Chandler realises that Monica probably would want a part of him (his penis) to get bigger.

II. two single things: Here he is joking about two single things because of her two breasts. He still thinks she is going to get a boob job.

III. such a magical time: Rachel makes a huge contrast when speaking about all the negative aspects of being pregnant, then speaks of how magical it is.



English with TV Series

Vocabulary

package deal



A. whether you like it or not = This will happen independent of your opinion. >> *I am going to quit my job whether you like it or not.*

honey I'm home



B. package deal: To buy something at a discount price because you get the whole package. >> *I got a package deal with these toothbrushes.*

clown feet



C. if it means that much to you = If you really want this, I will support it. >> *If it means that much to you I will go to the party.*

D. get on board: To agree with you, support what you are doing. >> *My friends got on board when they knew how much money they could make.*

E. if you can't handle this = If you can't support this, if you are not comfortable with this . >> *I can't handle all the noise.*

Pronunciation

1. don't have to:

ya-don-haf-to

References

I. fascist: a system of government that is controlled by a dictator. Rachel calls Chandler a fascist because of the way he sounds authoritarian by saying he loves her boobs.

CHANDLER: Yeah?

MONICA: About that? Erm...I'm going to change.

CHANDLER: But honey you **don't have to¹**.

MONICA: I'm going to get bigger!

CHANDLER: Honey I... I love your breasts the way they are!

RACHEL: Argh. **fascist¹**.

MONICA: Well, my breasts are going to get bigger **whether you like it or not^A**! And you know what? It's not just my breasts. My ass is going to get bigger too.

CHANDLER: your ass?!?!

RACHEL: Man, don't be surprised if her hands and her feet get bigger too!

CHANDLER: They...do that?

MONICA: It's kind of a **package deal^B**!

CHANDLER: God why why would you want to do that to yourself!?

MONICA: I thought I was something that we both wanted!

CHANDLER: Alright look, **if it means that much to you^C**, a may be able to **get on board^D** with the big boobs. But the giant ass and the **big clown feet^{PIC}**?

RACHEL: Oh my god Chandler! If you



English with TV Series

Vocabulary

shooting out



A. shooting out of her: coming out really quickly, like a gun shooting.
 >> *The ketchup shot out of the bottle.*

B. I'm out four thousand dollars = I have spent \$4000. >> *The maintenance costs for my car put me out \$2000.*

can't handle this^E, what are you going to be like in the hospital? With the blood and the screaming and the little person that's **shooting out^A** of her!?

CHANDLER: What?

RACHEL: Joey! Why did you tell Chandler that Monica was getting a boob job?

JOEY: Because she is!

MONICA: Joey, Chandler knows I borrowed the money.

JOEY: Mmmm hmm! For your boob job!

MONICA, RACHEL, CHANDLER: It's over/Joe!

JOEY: Ok so I'm out four thousand dollars^B and nobody's boobs are getting any bigger?



FLUENT WITH FRIENDS

Transcript

RACHEL: Okay. Switch places^A with me! Switch places with me! Come on! I'll go under, you go over!

ROSS: Yeah, I'll get right on that^B.

RACHEL: Oh come on Ross!!

ROSS: No Rach! Come on! No-no! Yeah, I'm sure we won't get arrested^{C+ PIC} for this.

RACHEL: Hi officer, was I going a little too fast¹?

ROSS: Oh my God.

POLICEMAN: Can I see your² license ^{PIC} please?

RACHEL: Oh yes, absolutely! You know, it's weird uh, but I had a dream last night where I was stopped by a policeman. And then he uh...well I probably shouldn't tell you the rest³.

POLICEMAN: Your license?

RACHEL: Yes. Here you go^D Officer uh, Handsome^I.

POLICEMAN: That's Hanson.

RACHEL: Oops sorry, my mistake.

ROSS: Dear Lord^{II}!!

POLICEMAN: Wow!

ROSS: Here it comes^E.

Vocabulary

A. switch places: to exchange or swap with someone, in this case where they are sitting.

to get arrested



Note: in the image above the man has been handcuffed

B. I'll get right on that: expression used to say that you will do something immediately. >> A. Can someone clean the dishes? B. Yep, I'll get right on it.

C. get arrested: to be captured by a police man for breaking the law. (PIC)

to get pulled over



Note: the act of being stopped by a policeman when driving is to get pulled over

D. here you go: used when you're giving something to someone (that they asked for)

E. here it comes: phrase often used to anticipate someone's negative reaction to something.

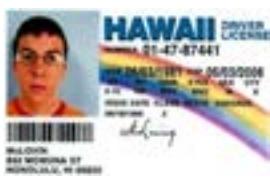
Pronunciation

1. was I going a little too fast?
woh-zy-go-wen-a-lih-dul-too fast

2. can I see your
keh-ny-see-yur

3. I probably shouldn't tell you the rest
I praw-be-sho-un-tell-yu the rest

driver's license



References

I. Officer Hanson: Rachel is being flirtatious by deliberately mispronouncing the officers name, which is Hanson, not handsome. *Handsome = beautiful*

II. Dear lord: Ross can't believe that Rachel is being so flirtatious with the officer. *Note: this is a religious term*



FLUENT WITH FRIENDS

Transcript

POLICEMAN: This is a great picture.

RACHEL: Really?! You think so? You know, I had just **rolled out of bed**^A.

POLICEMAN: Yeah? Well you look phenomenal.

ROSS: Well she should, it was taken ten years ago!

RACHEL: You know you're-you're probably **wondering^B** about the old date^{C+1} on there.

POLICEMAN: Yes I am.

RACHEL: Yeah.

POLICEMAN: You're an Aquarius^{PIC}, huh^I?

RACHEL: I bet you're a^D Gemini^{PIC}.

POLICEMAN: Nope.

RACHEL: Taurus^{PIC}?

POLICEMAN: Nope.

RACHEL: Virgo^{PIC}?

POLICEMAN: Nope.

RACHEL: Sagittarius^{PIC}?

POLICEMAN: Yep.

RACHEL: I knew it^{II}! I knew it, ah....

POLICEMAN: Well I'll tell you what^E...

RACHEL: Yeah?

Vocabulary

A. roll out of bed: to leave your bed in a very casual way, and not paying any attention to your appearance.

I just rolled out of bed



B. wonder: to be curious about something.

C. the old date: using *old* before some nouns can add affect to them. In this case Rachel adds *old* to make it seem less serious. **Note:** you will more commonly hear the term 'good old'.

D. I bet you are a: to bet means to risk or gamble money on the outcome of a game, like poker, but the more common form of this expression is used to guess something that you are sure of.
 >> *I bet it is going to rain today.*

E. I'll tell you what: we say this before we make a compromise, or do a person a favor in exchange for something (often small) in return.

Astrology Signs



Pronunciation

1. **you're probably wondering about the old date?**

yur-proh-bee-wun-drin-a-bout-the-ol-date

References

I. You're an Aquarius, huh?: we all expect that the officer will notice that Rachel's license has expired, but the officer starts to flirt back by admiring Rachel's star sign.

II. I knew it: it was obvious that Rachel was just guessing, but she celebrates as if she really knew the officers star sign.



FLUENT WITH FRIENDS

Transcript

POLICEMAN: You're not going to speed^A anymore right^I?

RACHEL: I won't speed.

POLICEMAN: And you promise you'll get this taken care of right away^B?

RACHEL: I promise.

POLICEMAN: And in the meantime^C you better let him drive. Does he have a license^{D+2}?

RACHEL: Yeah!

POLICEMAN: Can he handle the stick^E?

RACHEL: Oh well...

ROSS: I can handle a stick!!

RACHEL: You know what? Remind me to introduce you to someone^I.

ROSS: Who?

RACHEL: Fourth gear^I!

ROSS: What?! What does he want?! I wasn't doing anything!

RACHEL: Well maybe he saw your hand slip^F briefly from the ten and two o'clock position^{G+II}.

ROSS: Maybe it's uh Sergeant Sagittarius coming back to flirt some more!

RACHEL: It's a different guy!

ROSS: Good evening officer.

POLICEMAN: Do you know how fast you were traveling back there?

Vocabulary

A. speed: (verb) to go too fast

gear stick



B. right away: immediately, without hesitation.

C. in the meantime: during the intervening time. >> *The train is late so I am going to read a book in the meantime.*

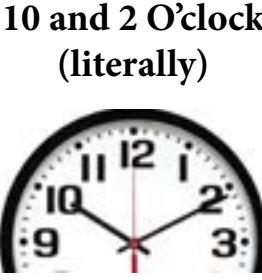
D. license: although there are many types of licenses, but in this context we mean driver's license.

E. handle a stick: expressions used to ask if someone can drive a manual car, the 'stick' is referring to the gear stick.

F. slip: (verb) to fall off by accident



G. ten and two o'clock position: the name of the correct holding position of a steering wheel, something you learn in driving school (it lines up with the 10 and 2 on a clock-- see PICS)



Pronunciation

1. you're not going to speed anymore right?

yur-naw-gon-speed-nee-more-right?

2. does he have a license?

duz-ee-ava license?

10 and 2 O'clock (driving)



References

I. Introduce you to fourth gear.. Rachel is making a joke. Ross thinks she wants him to meet a person, but it's "fourth gear," which is the stick shift that will go faster.

II. the 10 and 2 O'Clock position.. Rachel is sarcastically making fun of Ross for following the rules too carefully.



FLUENT WITH FRIENDS

Transcript

ROSS: Ah no. I don't, but it could not have been more than **sixty^A**.

POLICEMAN: You're right. It was 37.

ROSS: I mean you're **not going to give me a¹** a ticket for driving too slow are you?

POLICEMAN: That's right.

ROSS: You know of-officer I uh...I had the **weirdest^B** dream last night...

RACHEL: Oh my God!

POLICEMAN: Your license please.

ROSS: You don't-you don't want to hear about² my dream Officer...Pretty?

POLICEMAN: It's Petty^I. I'll be right back with your ticket^C.

RACHEL: You have a son^{II}!

ROSS: I know. I know.

Vocabulary

A. sixty: 60 miles per hour.

B. weirdest: the superlative form of the adjective weird, which means strange.

C. ticket: in American English, ticket is used for penalties and infringements, as well as concert and plane tickets. In this case it's a *speeding ticket*. ALSO:

Parking ticket Movie ticket



Pronunciation

1. you're not going to give me a ticket

yur-not-gonna-gimme-a ticket

2. you don't want to hear about

you-don-wanna-hear-about

References

I. Officer Petty: Ross tries to flirt just like Rachel did by calling the officer 'pretty' instead of Petty.

Double meaning: *petty also refers to a not so serious crime. Ross has committed a petty crime by driving too slow.*

II. You have a son: Rachel is making Ross feel much more ridiculous and immature by reminding him that he is a father.



English with TV Series

Transcript

MONICA: All right okay, just so you know^A, I'm not going to make a¹ turkey this year.

JOEY: What?!

MONICA: Well Phoebe doesn't eat turkey^I...

JOEY: Phoebe!

PHOEBE: Turkeys are beautiful, intelligent animals!

JOEY: No they're not! They're ugly and stupid and delicious!

MONICA: All right fine! If it means that much to you^B! But just—there's going to be² a ton^C left over^D.

JOEY: No there won't! I promise I will finish that turkey!

MONICA: All right, you're telling me^E you can eat an entire turkey in just one sitting^F?

JOEY: That's right! Because I'm a Tribbiani! And this is what we do!

MONICA: Hey, what are you doing³? You have got to save room, you've got almost an entire turkey to eat.

JOEY: Let me⁴ explain to you how the human body works.

JOEY: That's it^G?! Even if nobody helps me I can eat that no problem. At least give me⁵ a challenge!

Vocabulary

A. just so you know: expression used to clarify that everyone understands. >> *Just so you know, I am going to be late for the meeting tomorrow.*

a ton



B. If it means that much to you: to say that you will do something to please someone else. >> *Ok, if it means that much to you I will come to the party.*

left overs



C. a ton: a lot (*comes from the weight of 1000 kilograms*).

D. left over: remaining food that didn't get eaten.

E. you're telling me...: to show disbelief in what someone is saying. >> *You're telling me that someone stole your bag?*

Thanksgiving turkey



F. a sitting: a period of time that you are sitting to eat a meal. >> *It took them 3 sittings to finish the whole cake.*

G. that's it?: exclamation used to show you expected more. >> *That's it? I thought I would get paid more.*

Pronunciation

1. I'm not going to make a:
I'm-noh-gonna-may-ka

Note: Phoebe doesn't eat turkey because she is a vegetarian and doesn't like to hurt animals.

2. There is going to be:
therz-gonna-be

3. What are you doing?:
Wha-dah-ya-doing?

4. Let me: lemme

5. At least give me: ah-leese-gimme,



English with TV Series

Vocabulary

A. have no give: to have no flexibility, not able to stretch. >> *Joey's jeans have no give so they feel really tight.*

a sliver of pizza



B. a sliver: a thin slice of something, generally used for food.

Jeans



C. to run out: to have totally used or consumed something. >> *I have run out of time, I have to go.*

climbing Everest



Pronunciation

1. I' just have to:
I-juss-gotta

2. What was I thinking:
woh-waz-I-think-en

3. What have you got there?:
Who-da-ya-gaw-there?

References

I. You are my Everest: to climb Mount Everest is a huge life accomplishment, Joey is comparing his challenge to climbing Everest.

a call from the president



II. maternity pants: pants worn by women when pregnant to support their big belly. Joey is wearing them to support his big belly from eating turkey.

III. expect a call from the president: Sarcastically Chandler says the president will call to congratulate him. This does happen when people do very heroic things in the US.

MONICA: (laughs) This is Chandler's chicken. This is the turkey.

JOEY: You are my Everest^I. I just...I just have got to¹ change my pants. Jeans^{PIC} have no give^A. What was I thinking²!

All right where's that turkey!

PHOEBE: Joey! Those are my maternity pants^{II}!

JOEY: Nah nah! These are my Thanksgiving pants!

MONICA: Well Joey, we're all...we're all very proud of you.

CHANDLER: Yes, I believe we can expect a call from the President^{III} any moment now.

JOEY: Whoa—hey—wh-wh-what have you got there³? What is that? Pie?

MONICA: Yeah, you want some?

JOEY: Ah, just cut me a little sliver^B. A little bigger. Little bigger. What?! Are you afraid you're gonna run out^C?! Cut me a real piece!



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PENNY: Hey, Sheldon. **What are you doing¹** here?

SHELDON: This is a **restaurant²**. It's lunchtime. I **would think^A**, as a waitress, you should be **familiar with^B** the **paradigm^C**.

PENNY: Is Leonard coming?

SHELDON: No, I believe Leonard is waiting for you to come **crawling^D** back to him and **apologize^E**.

PENNY: Well, that's **not gonna happen^F**.

SHELDON: I assumed that would be your attitude. **Hence^G**, my true purpose in coming here.

PENNY: Which is?

SHELDON: I want you to crawl back to him and apologize.

PENNY: I'm busy.

SHELDON: Excuse me, miss. I'd like to order lunch.

PENNY: Fine. **What do you want³**?

SHELDON: **I have a few questions⁴**. First, I notice that you offer **soup** and a half-sandwich?

PENNY: Yes.

SHELDON: Where exactly does the half-sandwich come from? Are you giving me half of someone else's sandwich,

Vocabulary

A. would think = a way of saying "that would make sense, but no." >> *You would think it's cheaper, but it's more expensive.*

crawl



B. (to be) familiar with (sth): having a general understanding or knowledge about something. >> *Even though I've been here for over 10 years, I'm still not totally familiar with this city.*



C. paradigm: a pattern of something, a typical example or set of ideas.

D. crawl: to move slowly across the floor on your hands and knees. >> *The baby started crawling on her 5th month.* Note: this is also the verb we use to describe the walking of insect.

Expression:
crawl back to
someone means
to admit you
were wrong and
ask for
forgiveness

E. apologize: to ask for forgiveness; to say sorry. >> *You should apologize to your brother for taking his candy.*



F. not gonna happen: commonly used to say we won't do something someone is asking us or trying to force us to do.

G. hence = (formal) therefore; for this reason.

Pronunciation

1. what are you doing:

wʌ-r-ju duiŋ hɪr

2. restaurant: res-trənt!

3. what do you want: wʌ-r-ju want!

4. I have a few questions:

aɪ ə-və fju kweʃ-tʃənz

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Transcript

or do I have to wait for someone else in the restaurant to order the other **half**¹?

PENNY: No, no, Sheldon, they just make a half-sandwich.

SHELDON: You can't make a half-sandwich. If it's not half of a **whole**^A sandwich, it's just a small sandwich.

PENNY: Okay, fine, it's **soup**^{PIC} and a small sandwich. **Is that what you want**²?

SHELDON: Of course not. I'll have my usual.

PENNY: Great.

SHELDON: Aren't you going to ask me³ if I want a **beverage**^B?

PENNY: Don't you usually get **lemonade**^{PIC}?

SHELDON: Yes.

PENNY: **Do you want lemonade**⁴?

SHELDON: Yes.

PENNY: Anything else?

SHELDON: Yes, I want you to apologize to Leonard.

Vocabulary

A. whole: in its complete form; in one piece. Opposite: “*half of something*” or “*a third of something*”. Also: used to intensify the idea that something is completely different. >> *That's a whole different story!* >> *One thing is getting perfect grades in college, but out on the streets being an excellent professional is a whole different ballgame.*

whole pizza



B. a beverage = a drink.

half a pizza



soup



lemonade



Pronunciation

1. half: haf

Remember that “L” is silent.

2. is that what you want:

iz ðæt^l wə-tʃu want^l

3. aren't you going to ask me:

a.rənt^l tʃu gou.in tə ask mi

4. do you want lemonade:

dju want^l ləməneɪd

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dju



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The Doppelgangers

NARRATOR: Kids^I, up to this point in the story we had found **doppelgangers**^A. **Eery**^B but awesome **look-alikes**^C for four of the five members of our little group. There was Lesbian Robin, Mustache Marshall, **Stripper**^D Lily, and **Mexican Wrestler**^{PIC} Me. Yes, mine was the coolest. And so, we were all **eager to**^E find the fifth doppleganger, Barney's. It **turned out**^F it was more important to some of us than others.

LILY: We agree there's no sense in having a baby until we've seen all five doppelgangers, right?

MARSHALL: Of course, **stands to reason**^G.

LILY: Ok, so when we finally see Barney's doppleganger that's the universe telling us it is **go time**^H. And that's when we'll start trying. **Deal?**

MARSHALL: Deal.

NARRATOR: And then one day, a few weeks later.

MARSHALL: Baby, were we serious about the whole fifth doppleganger thing. I mean, having a baby is a pretty big thing to **leave up to**^I the universe.

LILY: Yeah, I know it's crazy. It's just so much easier to let the universe decide. Why do you ask?

MARSHALL: **Boom**^K! **Unversed**^L!

LILY: Oh my God!

Vocabulary

- A. doppelgangers:** someone that looks very similar to another person (not a common expression)
- B. eery:** causing an inexplicable feeling of weirdness or even fear; >> *It was an eery coincidence to see him again*
- C. look-alike:** someone who looks like or resembles another person
- D. stripper:** a person who removes their clothes in a sexually exciting way
- E. eager (to do/-ing sth):** enthusiastic about doing something.
- F. to turn out:** to happen in a particular way, to have a result
- G. it stands to reason =** it's obvious from the facts (not so commonly used)
- H. (it's) go time:** the planned start time for something specific
- I. (it's a) deal:** to have an agreement/contract
- J. to leave up to:** to give permission and responsibility to decide something
- K. boom!:** used to affirm something surprising or unexpected
- L.unversed!:** a verb Marshall invented for the action of "universe"

doppelgangers
- look-alikes



eery



Mexican
wrestlers



eager



Cultural Reference

- I. Kids:** the narrator in this series is an older version of Ted (in year 2030), who is telling the story of "how he met their mother" to his kids.



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Vocabulary

LILY: Wait, wait, wait, hold on. That could easily be Barney **pulling some scam^A** to meet **chicks^B**.

MARSHALL: I'm one step **ahead of you¹** (calling on his phone).

BARNEY: Go for Barney^I.

MARSHALL: Barney, hey, it's Marshall. So, you are at work! You're not, I don't know, driving a **cab^{PIC}**, wearing a **wig^C**.

BARNEY: Yes, I'm at work. That's the sound of my **stapler^{PIC}** (he **staples^D** in the air). That's the **sound of my² 3 hole punch^{PIC}** (he **clamps^E** his 3 hole punch in the air), and this is the **sound of me³ filing^F** my **corporate guidelines on sexual harassment^H** (he puts the document into the **paper shredder^{PIC}** as it shreds the document). **What is up^{III}** (yelling)?!?!? Gotta go **big chief^{IV}** (as he hangs up the phone)!!!

MARSHALL: Barney's at work. That was the fifth doppelganger.

LILY: Marshall Erickson, put a baby in my **belly^G**.

A. (pull a) scam: a dishonest (or fraudulent) trick to deceive somebody

B. chicks: informal way of calling young women (literally a baby chicken)

C. wig: a fake hairpiece

D. to staple: the act of making staples (to secure or fasten with a staple)

E. to clamp: to put pressure on both sides in a forceful way (PIC)

F. to file: to classify something for future reference- in a filing cabinet (PIC)

G. belly: synonym for stomach (the area around the abdomen)



(taxi) cab



stapler



3 hole punch



clamp



filing cabinet



paper shredder

Pronunciation

Connected Speech Focus: The *of* in the following 3 examples gets reduced to *a*

1. ahead of you: ahead-a-ya

2. sound of my: sound-a-my

3. sound of me: sound-a-me

References

I. go for Barney: Barney's unique way of answering the phone

II. corporate guidelines on sexual harassment: company policy against unwelcome verbal or physical sexual conduct. Barney is obviously a pervert.

III. what is up? the tone and word by word emphasis indicates he's celebrating something (it's not clear what).

IV. big chief: chief is literally the head of an native tribe, but in this case *Big Chief* is Marshall's nickname at work.



English with TV Series

Transcript

ALAN: Be right there! Ok, that's Jake's **tutor^A** so could you please go read somewhere else?

CHARLIE: You got him a **tutor¹**?

ALAN: Yeah, I want him to² graduate high school.

CHARLIE: Why? So the other **roadies^B** don't **make fun of^C** him³?

ALAN: Yeah, like anyone's going to let that kid work around electricity. Hello?

STU: Oh, hey. I'm Stu, the tutor. Are you Jake?

ALAN: No, I'm his father.

STU: Oh. I'm Stu, the tutor.

ALAN: Right. **Have you been⁴** smoking pot?

STU: No, sir. Not at all. Perhaps you're smelling my cat.

ALAN: Your cat?

STU: Yes, sir. He's an outdoor cat.

ALAN: Ok, well ahh, well **come on in⁵**.

STU: As an educator I always tell my students **just to say no to drugs^I**.

ALAN: Right

STU: And you know how **that saying goes^D**, a mind...

Vocabulary

A. tutor: a private teacher that helps students get higher grades, or prepare for tests.

Roadie



B. roadie: the profession of setting up stages and lights for bands (*we say roadie because they generally travel 'on the road' with the band*).

Make fun of



C. make fun of: to ridicule or tease someone in an unkind, or even playful way. >> *he made fun of the kid for making a mistake.*

D. how that saying goes: a 'saying' is an expression which usually has a moral, or an inspiring message.

A common English saying:
Don't put all your eggs in one basket.

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Pot = Marijuana



Pronunciation

1. You got him a tutor?:
you goh-dima-too-der?

Eyedrops

2. I want him to: I-wan-im-duh



3. Don't make fun of him:
doan-make-fun-uv-im,

4. Have you been: ha-view-bin,

5. Come on in: cah-moh-nin,

References

I. Just say no to drugs: this is a popular saying from an anti-drugs campaign in the US.

Note: Eyedrops are used a lot by pot smokers because their eyes get really red.



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Vocabulary

Anti drug campaign

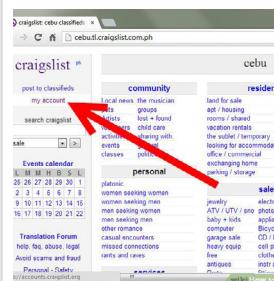


This was a famous comercial using an egg frying to say this is what happens to your brain with drugs.

to feel high



Craigslist



Hot Pockets



Pronunciation

1. How about a:

how-bow-dah

References

I. Hot Pocket: a popular microwave snack in the US, generally filled with cheese, meat, or vegetables.

ALAN: A terrible thing to waste.

STU: Yeah that's it. **This is their brain on drugs, and this is an egg^{PIC}.**

ALAN: Got it. Um, uh, Charlie, this is uh Jake's tutor, Stu.

CHARLIE: Hey.

STU: I'm not **high^A**, man, it's my cat.

CHARLIE: Relax, Stu. We're not **cops^B**.

STU: Oh, really? He sure looks like **the heat^C**.

ALAN: Ahh please, make yourself comfortable. Jake your tutor's here!

CHARLIE: Where did you find **this clown^D**?

ALAN: Craigslist^E, his ad says he has a **PHD^F**.

CHARLIE: Big deal^G, I have an **ad^H** on Craigslist that says I have a private plane and a 12 inch penis.

STU: Guys I got bananas, are you hungry?

ALAN and CHARLIE: Ahh not thanks, I'm good.

STU: How about a^I **Hot Pocket^I**, actually this isn't hot anymore.

ALAN and CHARLIE: Ahh no, **I'll pass^I**.



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Vocabulary

STU: Pita bread^A? Hummus^B?

ALAN: Again, no thank you.

CHARLIE: You got anymore pot?

STU: Not for 9 dollars an hour I don't. I mean, **I don't know what your talking about¹**.

JAKE: Hey

ALAN: Oh Jake, Jake, here let me² introduce you to Stu. He's going to help you³ get ready for finals^C.

STU: Hey little dude, are you ready to have some math fun?

JAKE: No, but I'll take a Hot Pocket.

STU: Oh alright. If three Hot Pockets minus X equals 1 Hot Pocket, what does X equal?

CHARLIE: In my experience X^D usually equals an all night party followed by a headache and self loathing^{IE}.

STU: Hey man, I can't do my job if you're going to⁴ give away^F the answers.

A. pita bread: a flat piece of bread originating in the middle east.

Pita bread



B. hummus: a thick paste or spread made from ground chickpeas and sesame seeds, olive oil, lemon, and garlic, made originally in the Middle East.

Hummus



C. finals: the end of year, or semester tests in highschool and college.

D. X: even though Stu is referring to a math equation, X can also be another name for ecstasy.

Ecstacy

E. self loathing: the feeling of hating yourself, and feeling depressed.



F. give something away: to reveal a surprise or an answer while someone is still trying to discover it.

Pronunciation

1. I don't know what you're talking about:

I-dunno wuh-yer talking about

the munchies



2. Let me:

lemme

3. He's going to help you:

he's gonna-hell-pya-geh-redy,

4. If you're going to:

fya-gonna

Note: to have 'the munchies' is when you get really hungry from smoking pot. It seems Stu is experiencing this with all his food.

References

I. followed by a headache and self loathing: Charlie is talking about the after effects of taking ecstasy.



English with TV Series

Transcript

ELF: Santa...

SANTA: Hey, hey! Ho ho ho!

ELF: Santa, it's me **buddy^A**! It's me!

SANTA: Hey, buddy, **How you doing¹?**

ELF: It's me!

SANTA: Are you ready to see Santa?

ELF: **Who the heck^B** are you?

SANTA: **What are you talking about²?**

I'm Santa Claus.

ELF: No, you're not.

SANTA: Uh, WH-why, of course I am!
Ho ho ho ho ho!

ELF: Well, if you're Santa... What song did I sing for you on your birthday this year?

SANTA: Uh, happy birthday of course!
Ho ho ho ho ho! Uh, so, how old are you, son?

PAUL: Four.

SANTA: You're a big boy, what's your name?

ELF: Paul.

SANTA: And, uh, **what can I get you³** for Christmas?

ELF: Paul... **don't tell him what you want.⁴**

Vocabulary

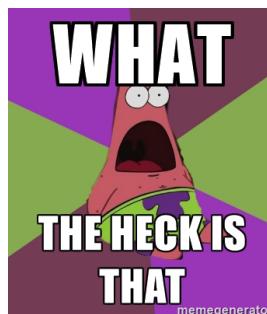
A. buddy: a synonym for friend, but is often used to talk to people you don't know. >> *Hey buddy, do you have the time?*

B. the heck: exclamation used to emphasize a question.

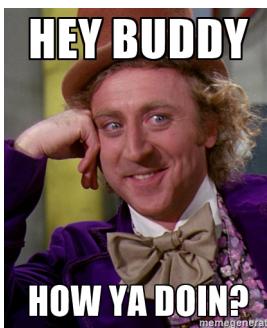
Examples with question words:

- *Who the heck are you?*
- *Where the heck is this place?*
- *How the heck can I do that?*
- *What the heck is happening?*

what the heck?



best buddies



Pronunciation

1. **How you doing?:**

how-ya-doo-wen

2. **What are you talking about:**

wuh-duh-ya-taw-kin-a-bowt

3. **What can I get you?:**

wha-kin-l-geh-ya

4. **Don't tell him what you want:**

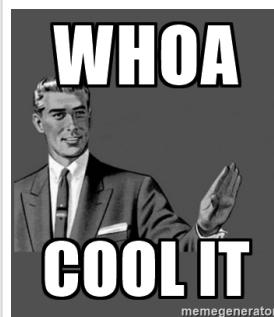
doan-tell-im-wha-choo-wan^(t)



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Vocabulary

cool it



throne



you stink!



Pronunciation

1. let the: leh-duh

2. how would you like to:
how-ju-like-tah-be

3. I think you are going to have a:
yur-gonna-hava

References

I. how can you live with yourself: This expression is used when someone acts with very low morals, and does a really bad thing.

II. you sit on a throne of lies: This sounds like a royal conspiracy, like he has stolen Santa's throne as someone would a king.

ELF: He's a liar.

SANTA: Let the¹ kid talk.

ELF: You disgust me. How can you live with yourself¹?

SANTA: Just cool it^A, zippy^B.

WOMAN: Smile.

ELF: You sit on a throne^C of lies^H.

SANTA: Look, I'm not kidding.

ELF: You're a fake^D.

SANTA: I'm a fake?

ELF: Yes.

SANTA: How would you like to² be dead, huh?

ELF: Fake.

SANTA: No, he's kidding.

ELF: You stink^E.

SANTA: I think you're gonna have a³ good Christmas, all right?

ELF: You smell like beef and cheese, you don't smell like Santa.

SANTA: Okay.

ELF: He's an imposter^F! He's not Santa! He's a fake! He's a fake!

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