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# Name the bird

1. Two under par at golf
2. Heard on time.
3. Silly as a \_.
4. What you do at meal times.
5. Lots of pigs.
6. A study in black and white.
7. A story teller.
8. A grass cutter.
9. A songster.
10. What a hen cannot do.
11. A bit of fun.
12. What you do at a roundabout.
13. A Spanish dance.
14. A Ford car.
15. A lady sailor in the Navy.
16. A tall walker.
17. A high lifter.
18. Nickname for a nun.
19. Name of a book publisher.
20. Found in a pear tree.
21. Symbol of peace.
22. Brand of tea.
23. Disease of the mouth.
24. A country in Asia.
25. The darkest of birds.
26. Baby carrier.
27. Red light district activity.
28. Used for barbecuing meat.

*Answers on back page*

# Winter is here!!!

What I remember about winter in Switzerland.

I think that the nicest things about winter are the falling of snowflakes, the bending of tree branches under the weight of snow and the winter evenings when we would go with our sledges down the hilly roads of our village. It was great fun, but that is impossible today with the density of traffic on the roads. I am not that old, but in those days girls didn't wear trousers!!! Can you imagine us on sledges in stockings, skirts and big coats?!!!! We used to go home completely frozen!!! To warm us up, Grandma had 'gluewein' (hot red wine with cinnamon, raisins etc) ready for us before going to bed. In the oven of the wood burner were warm stones we could take to bed as hot water bottles. The first hot water bottles were tin ones ... just wonderful to burn your feet!!!

Eighteen months ago we returned to Switzerland in winter for the first time. It was so very different from here in New Zealand where everything is green and we have flowers in the middle of winter. In February everything is dormant in Switzerland ... no leaves on the trees and hedges around gardens look dead. All the flower beds are covered with straw and branches of pine trees.

I wonder if the moods of people are lower in winter in Switzerland than here in New Zealand!!!

LB

## So you think you have troubles...

We were talking to a farmer the other day, when he told us his troubles, "It all started back in 1967 when they changed from pounds to dollars and me overdraft doubled."

"I was just getting used to this when they brought in the kilogram instead of pounds and me flamin' wool clip dropped by 'arf'."

"Then they changed rain to millimetres and we haven't had an inch of rain since."

So what do they do? They bring in a thing called Celsius and the temperatures

usually 20 degrees, less than freezing no wonder me wheat don't grow"

"This wasn't enough, they had to change us over from acres to hectares and I end up with 'arf the flamin' land I had."

"So one day I sat down and had a think. I reckon that with daylight savin' I was working seven extra hours a week for nothin', so I decided to sell out. But to cap it all off, I'd just got the place in the agent's hands when they changed miles to kilometres and now I find I'm too flamin' far out of town for anyone to buy the bloomin' place."



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halfway up one you don't!!

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### For all you chocoholics out there

Chocolate is a vegetable!!!

Chocolate is derived from cocoa beans.

Beans = vegetable.

Sugar is derived from either sugar cane or sugar BEETS.

Both of them are plants, in the vegetable category.

Thus, chocolate is a vegetable.

To go one step further, chocolate candy bars also contain milk,  
which is dairy.

So candy bars are a health food.

Chocolate-covered raisins, cherries, orange slices and strawberries  
all count as fruit, so eat as many as you want.

**Remember:**

**'STRESSED'** spelled backward is **'DESSERTS'**

### I Remember

I remember the cheese of my childhood  
and the bread that we cut with a knife  
When the children helped with housework  
And the men went to work - not  
the wife

The cheese never needed an icebox  
The bread was so crusty and hot  
The children were seldom unhappy  
And the wife was content with her lot

I remember the milk in the billy  
With yummy rich cream on the top  
Our dinner came from the oven  
Not from the fridge or the shop  
The kids were a lot more contented  
They didn't need money for kicks  
But a game with their mates in the  
paddock

And sometimes the Saturday flicks  
I remember the shop on the corner  
Where a pennyworth of lollies were  
sold

Do you think I'm a bit too nostalgic  
Or is it I'm just getting old?



### I am fine thank you

There is nothing the matter with me

I am as healthy as I can be.

I have arthritis in both my knees

And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze.

My pulse is weak, and my blood is thin,  
But I am awfully well for the shape I am in.

Arch supports I have for my feet

Or I wouldn't be able to be on the street.

Sleep is denied me night after night.

But every morning I find I am all right.

My memory is failing, my head's in a spin  
But I am awfully well for the shape I am in.

The moral is this as my tale I unfold

That for you and me who are growing old,

It's better to say "I am fine" with a grin

Than to let folks know the shape I am in.

How do I know that my youth is all spent?

Well my "Get up and go" has got up and went  
But I really don't mind when I think with a grin  
Of all the grand places my "Get up has bin!!"

Old age is golden I've heard it said.

But sometimes I wonder as I get into bed  
with my ears in the drawer, my teeth in a cup,  
my eyes on the table, until I wake up.

When sleep overtakes me, I say to myself  
"Is there anything else I could lay on the shelf?"

When I was young my slippers were red

I could kick my heels over my head.

When I was older my slippers were blue  
But still I could dance the whole night through.

Now I am old my slippers are black,  
I walk to the store and puff my way back.

I get up each morning and dust off my Wits  
and pick up the paper and read the "obits".  
If my name is still missing I know I am not dead,  
So I have a good breakfast and go back to bed!!!

### Answers to names of birds

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|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1. Eagle.      | 2. Cuckoo.     | 3. Chook.        |
| 4. Swallow.    | 5. Morepork.   | 6. Magpie.       |
| 7. Liar.       | 8. Moa.        | 9. Humming Bird. |
| 10. Crow.      | 11. Lark.      | 12. Tem.         |
| 13. Flamingo.  | 14. Falcon.    | 15. Wren.        |
| 16. Stilt.     | 17. Crane.     | 18. Penguin.     |
| 19. Pelican.   | 20. Partridge. | 21. Dove.        |
| 22. Bellbird.  | 23. Thrush.    | 24. Turkey.      |
| 25. Blackbird. | 26. Stork.     | 27. Shag.        |
| 28. Skewer     |                |                  |