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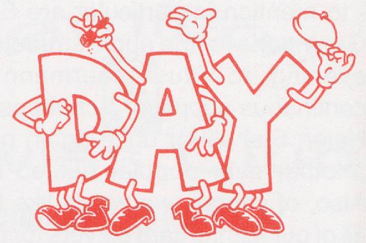
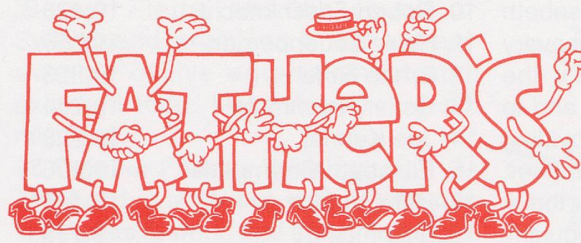
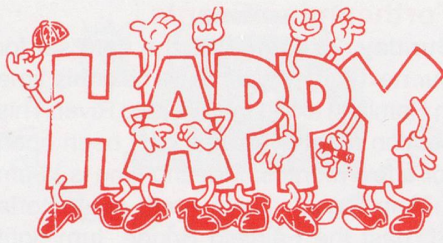
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## A message to Dad ...

What can you say to someone who has always been one of the most essential parts of your world, someone who took you by the hand when you were little and helped to show the way.

What do you say to someone who stood by to help you grow, providing love, strength and support so you could become the person you are today?

What can you say to let him know that he's the best there is, and that you hope you've inherited some of his wisdom and his strength?

What words would you say if you ever got the chance?

Maybe you just say "I love you, Dad ..." and hope he understands.

Andrew Tawney



## To Preserve a Husband

Be careful in your selection. Do not choose too young. When once selected, give your entire thoughts to preparation for domestic use. Some insist on keeping them in a pickle, others are constantly getting them in hot water. This may make them sour, hard and sometimes bitter. Even poor varieties may be made sweet, tender and good by garnishing them with patience, well sweetened with love and seasoned with kisses. Wrap them in a mantle of charity. Keep warm with a steady fire of domestic devotion and serve with peaches and cream. Thus prepared, they will keep for years!!!

## What Women Want In A Man

### Original List (age 22)

1. Handsome
2. Charming
3. Financially successful
4. A caring listener
5. Witty
6. In good shape
7. Dresses with style
8. Appreciates finer things
9. Full of thoughtful surprises
10. An imaginative, romantic lover

### Revised List (age 32)

1. Nice looking (prefer hair on his head)
2. Opens car doors, holds chairs
3. Has enough money for a nice dinner
4. Listens more than talks
5. Laughs at my jokes
6. Carries bags of groceries with ease
7. Owns at least one tie
8. Appreciates a good home-cooked meal
9. Remembers birthdays and anniversaries
10. Seeks romance at least once a week

### Revised List (age 42)

1. Not too ugly (bald head OK)
2. Doesn't drive off until I'm in the car
3. Works steady - splurges on dinner out occasionally
4. Nods head when I'm talking
5. Usually remembers punch lines of jokes
6. Is in good enough shape to rearrange the furniture

7. Wears a shirt that covers his stomach
8. Knows not to buy champagne with screw-top lids
9. Remembers to put the toilet seat down
10. Shaves most weekends

### Revised List (52)

1. Keeps hair in nose and ears trimmed
2. Doesn't belch or scratch in public
3. Doesn't borrow money too often
4. Doesn't nod off to sleep when I'm venting
5. Doesn't re-tell the same joke too many times
6. Is in good enough shape to get off couch on weekends
7. Usually wears matching socks and fresh underwear
8. Appreciates a good TV dinner
9. Remembers my name on occasion
10. Shaves some weekends

### Revised List (62)

1. Doesn't scare small children
2. Remembers where bathroom is
3. Doesn't require much money for upkeep
4. Only snores lightly when asleep
5. Remembers why he's laughing
6. Is in good enough shape to stand up by himself
7. Usually wears clothes
8. Likes soft foods
9. Remembers where he left his teeth
10. Remembers that it's the weekend

## A guy who has been stranded on a desert island for 10 years.

A guy who has been stranded on a desert island for ten years sees an unusual speck on the horizon. "It's not a ship", he thinks to himself. As the speck gets closer and closer he begins to rule out the possibilities of a small boat, then even a raft.

In a few minutes a drop-dead gorgeous blonde woman emerges from the surf wearing a wet suit and scuba gear.

She approaches the shocked guy and says, "Tell me, how long has it been since you've had a cigarette?" "Ten years", he replies. With that, she reaches over and unzips a waterproof pocket on her left sleeve and pulls out a pack, he takes one, lights it and takes a long drag. "Man oh man!!! Is that ever good!!!"

"And how long has it been since you've had a shot of whiskey?" she asks. Trembling, he replies "Ten years!" She reaches over and unzips a pocket on her right sleeve and pulls out a flask and hands it to him. He opens the flask, takes a long swig and exclaims "That's absolutely fantastic!"

At this point she begins to slowly undo the long zipper that runs down the front of her wet suit, looks at him seductively and asks, "How long has it been since you've played around?" With tears in his eyes the guy falls to his knees and cries ... "Oh sweet Jesus! Don't tell me you've got golf clubs in there too!!!"

Contributed by Josie Gillbanks