

MY COUSIN FROM TEXAS

An English farmer is visiting his American cousin, who is also a farmer, in Texas. The Texan farmer is boasting about his farm. "My farm is so big that it takes me a whole day to drive around it," he says. The Englishman looks at his cousin and replies: "Yes, I know what you mean. I used to have a car like that too."

boast: prahlen

I used to have...: Früher hatte ich...

reply: entgegnen

BAD BUSINESS

"How is business?" one salesman asked another.
"Terrible. Even the people who never pay have stopped buying."

salesman: Kaufmann

even: sogar

WRONG NUMBER

A teenage girl had been talking on the phone for about half an hour, and then she hung up.

"Wow!" said her father, "That was short. You usually talk for two hours. What happened?"

"Wrong number," replied the girl.

hang up: einhängen, Telefongespräch beenden

usually: gewöhnlich, üblicherweise
happen: geschehen



WRONG DIRECTION

A little boy asks a driver: "Could you give me a ride, please? I'm late for school."

"But I'm heading in the opposite direction, son."

"Even better!"

give s.o. a ride: jem. mit dem Auto mitnehmen

to head: Richtung nehmen auf

opposite direction: die andere Richtung

ANOTHER STAMP

Johnny walks into a post office to send a package to his friend. The postmaster says: "This package is too heavy, you'll need another stamp." Johnny wonders: "And that would make it lighter?"

another: eine weitere
stamp: Briefmarke

package: Paket
heavy: schwer

light: leicht

A GIFT FOR THE BOSS

They bought their boss a gift for his birthday. Before opening the gift, the boss shook it slightly. He noticed that it was wet in the corner. Touching his finger to the wet spot and tasting it, he asked: "A bottle of wine perhaps?" His employees replied: "No." Again, he touched to the box and tasted the liquid. "A bottle of scotch?", he asked. His employees replied again: "No." Finally the boss sighed: "I give up. What is it?" His employees smiled and said: "A puppy."

buy, bought, bought: kaufen
gift: Gabe, Geschenk
shake, shook, shaken: schütteln
slightly: sanft
wet: nass
to touch: berühren

spot: Fleck
perhaps: vielleicht
employees: Angestellte
to reply: entgegnen
to taste: versuchen, probieren
liquid: Flüssigkeit

scotch: Whisky
finally: schlussendlich
to sigh: seufzen
puppy: Welpen, junger Hund