

CATCH THE BUS

A woman rushed into a shop and said, “Can I have a mouse trap, please?”

And will you be quick – I have got to catch a bus.”

“Sorry, Madam,” said the assistant, “we don’t sell them that big.”

rush
trap

eilen, stürzen
Falle

assistant
catch

Verkäufer
fangen

catch the bus den Bus erwischen

HE MADE THE SAME MISTAKE TWICE

Paddy and Tom were watching a Wild West film on television.

In one scene John Wayne was riding furiously towards a cliff.

“I bet you £10 that he falls over the cliff,” said Paddy.

“Done,” said Tom.

John Wayne rode straight over the cliff.

As Tom handed over his £ 10, Paddy said, “I feel a bit guilty about this. I’ve seen the film before.”

“So have I,” said Tom, “but I didn’t think he’d be fool enough to make the same mistake twice.”

furious
towards
cliff

wütend
gegen
Klippe

bet
guilty
fool

wetten
schuldig
Narr

enough genug



CLOSE YOUR EYES

Roger took a friend driving in the mountains. After a while the friend

said, “Every time you go round one of those sharp curves, I get frightened.”

“Then why don’t you do what I do?” Roger answered. “Close your eyes.”

frightened

sich fürchten

close

schließen

A STRANGE COW

“What a strange-looking cow,” said the young girl from the city. “Why doesn’t it have horns?”

“Well,” answered the farmer, “some cows are born without horns, some shed their horns, some are dehorned, while some breeds don’t have horns at all. So you see, there are lots of reasons why cows might not have horns. The reason why that particular animal hasn’t got horns is because it isn’t a cow – it’s a horse!”

strange
born

fremd, eigenartig
geboren

shed
breed

verlieren (z.B. Blätter)
Rasse, Zucht

lots of reasons
particular

viele Gründe
besonder(e)

A SHORT LEG

“The patient here limps because one leg is shorter than the other”, remarked the professor to a group of medical students. Turning to one of them, he asked, “What would you do in a case like this?”

The student thought for a moment before replying, “I think that under those circumstances, I would probably limp too.”

limp
case

hinken
Fall

reply
circumstances

erwidern
Umstände