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The Year 1907

This will boggle your mind, I know it did mine! The year is 1907. One hundred years ago. What a difference a century makes! Here are some statistics for the Year 1907:

- * The average life expectancy was 47 years.
- * Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.
- * Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.
- * There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads.
- * The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.
- * The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower!
- * The average wage in 1906 was 22 cents per hour.
- * The average worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.
- * A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year, a dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.
- * More than 95 percent of all births took place at *HOME*.
- * Ninety percent of all doctors had *NO COLLEGE EDUCATION!*
- * Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press AND the government as "sub-standard."
- * Sugar cost four cents a pound.
- * Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.
- * Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.
- * Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo.
- * Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.
- * Five leading causes of death were 1-Pneumonia and Influenza, 2-Tuberculosis, 3-Diarrhea, 4-Heart disease, 5-Stroke
- * The American flag had 45 stars.

- * The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was only 30!!!
- * Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and ice tea hadn't been invented yet.
- * There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.
- * Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write.
- * Only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.
- * Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at the local corner drugstores. Back then pharmacists said, "*Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health.*" (Shocking? DUH!)
- * Eighteen percent of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help.
- * There were about 230 reported murders in the *ENTIRE U.S.A.*



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Did you hear about the Texas teacher who was helping one of her kindergarten students put on his cowboy boots?

He asked for help and she could see why. Even with her pulling and him pushing, the little boots still didn't want to go on. By the time they got the second boot on, she had worked up a sweat. She almost cried when the little boy said, "Teacher, They're on the wrong feet." She looked, and sure enough, they were. It wasn't any easier pulling the boots off than it was putting them on. She managed to keep her cool as together they worked to get the boots back on, this time on the right feet.

He then announced, "These aren't my boots." She bit her tongue rather than get right in his face and scream, "Why didn't you say so?", like she wanted to. Once again, she struggled to help him pull the ill-fitting boots off his little feet. No sooner had they gotten the boots off when he said,

"They're my brother's boots. My Mom made me wear'em."

Now she didn't know if she should laugh or cry. But, she mustered up what grace and courage she had left to wrestle the boots on his feet again. Helping him into his coat, she asked, "Now, where are your Mittens?" He said, "I stuffed 'em in the toes of my boots."

She will be eligible for parole in three years.

Top Jokes of 2006

Two guys are hunting in the forest and they run across a bear. They both take off running, after a while one guy stops and takes off his backpack and takes out a pair of running shoes. The other guy sees this and is wondering what is going on, so he stops, runs back to the guy and asks "Why are you putting on your running shoes, do you really think you are going to be able to out run that bear with those?" the other guy said "I don't have to out run the bear, I just have to out run YOU!"

An old couple were watching television one evening. The wife said "I am going to get a dish of ice cream". The husband said "I will get you some ice cream". "I'll write it down so you don't forget" she said. "I won't forget" he said. "But I want chocolate syrup and nuts on it so I'll write it down" she said. "I will get you the ice cream don't you worry" he said. A few minutes later he returned with bacon and eggs and she said "I should have written it down because you forgot the toast."



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Some Points to Ponder

For Those Who Take Life Way Too Seriously:

- * A day without sunshine is like...night.
- * On the other hand, you have different fingers.
- * 7 percent of all statistics are made up on the spot.
- * 99 percent of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
- * Remember, half the people you know are below average.
- * He who laughs last thinks slowest.
- * Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
- * The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese in the trap.
- * Support bacteria. They're the only culture some people have.
- * A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
- * Change is inevitable, except from vending machines.
- * If you think nobody cares, try missing a couple of payments.
- * How many of you believe in psycho-kinesis? Raise my hand.
- * OK, so what's the speed of dark?
- * When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- * Hard work pays off in the future. Laziness pays off now.
- * Every one has a photographic memory. Some just don't have film.
- * How much deeper would the ocean be without sponges?
- * Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.
- * What happens if you get scared half to death twice?
- * I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder.
- * Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?
- * Light travels faster than sound. That's why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- * Life isn't like a box of chocolates.. it's more like a jar of jalapenos. What you do today, might burn you tomorrow.
- * Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
- * Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.
- * The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.
- * If you lined up all the cars in the world end to end, someone would be stupid enough to try to pass them, five or six at a time, on a hill, in the fog.
- * If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.
- * The things that come to those who wait will be the things left by those who got there first.
- * The shin bone is a device for finding furniture in a dark room.
- * A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
- * When you go into court, you are putting yourself into the hands of 12 people who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.