**Understanding - Funnies**

**I can't understand why a person will take a year or two to write a novel when he can easily buy one for a few dollars. *(Fred Allen, American comedian)***

**In Florida, we saw a live alligator exhibit. The trainer got into a glass room and took turns handling each of the gators. However, there was one alligator the trainer did not touch. So during the question period, someone asked, “What about the one in the corner?” “Let's just say we have an understanding,” the trainer replied. “I understand not to touch him, and he understands I'm not dinner.” *(Wendy Thompson, in Reader's Digest)***

**I firmly believe kids don't want your understanding. They want your trust, your compassion, your blinding love, and your car keys, but try to understand them and you're in big trouble. *(Erma Bombeck)***

**Charlie Brown: “Why would they ban Miss Sweetstory's book from the school library?” Linus: “I can't believe it. I just can't believe it!” Charlie Brown: “Maybe there are some things in her book that we don't understand.” Linus: “In that case, they should also ban my math book!” *(Charles Schulz, in Peanuts comic  strip)***

**One thing is clear: being understood by me is not very high on the world's agenda. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Charlie Brown: “You have to understand I’m not complaining.” Snoopy: “I understand.” Charlie Brown: “I simply learned that we shouldn’t always expect to get everything we ask for.” Snoopy: “That’s called ‘preaching to the converted’!” *(Charles M. Schulz, in Peanuts comic strip)***

**Woman to marriage counselor: “It was a dating computer that was responsible for our marriage. I'll never understand what the machine saw in him!” *(Lichty, North America Syndicate)***

**Grandpa: “What’s that you’re doing, Nelson?” Nelson: “The computer was running slow so I’ve disabled a bunch of programs in the system configuration utility, defragmented the hard drive and now I’m deleting all the cookies in the temporary piles cache.” Grandpa: “If you can’t explain what you’re doing to someone over sixty then either you don’t understand it very well or else it’s not very important.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**Al: “This crossword puzzle is beyond human understanding.” Axel: “Don’t you mean it’s beyond your understanding, Al?” Al: “Same thing.” *(J. C. Duffy, in The Fusco Brothers comic strip)***

**Our daughter was filling us in on her date the night before. They had driven to a neighboring city for dinner and a show. When her father asked her where the restaurant was located, she said, “You know, I really can't tell you. I was enjoying the ride, the company and the scenery, and all of a sudden we were there.” “I understand perfectly,” her father said. “That's exactly how your mother and I arrived at middle age!” *(Bernice Maddux, in Reader's Digest)***

**While eating in a restaurant, I reprimanded my four-year-old son for speaking with his mouth full. “Mump umn kmpfhm,” was all I heard. “Drew,” I scolded, “no one can understand a word you're saying.” “He says he wants some ketchup,” my husband said calmly. A woman sitting nearby leaned over and asked, “How in the world did you understand him?” “I'm a dentist,” my husband explained. *(Julia Denton, in Reader's Digest)***

**As we understand doctors, you can live longer if you quit everything that makes you want to. *(The Chateau Chatter)***

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**The wife of Albert Einstein was once asked whether she understood everything her famous husband wrote.  “I understand the words,” she replied, “but not the sentences.” *(Bits & Pieces)***

**The hardest thing in the world to understand is the income tax. *(Albert Einstein)***

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**Dad: “Well, I can’t figure out why the Internet is down. Do you have any ideas, Jeremy?” Jeremy: “Why would I have any ideas?” Dad: “You’re a teenager, aren’t you?” Jeremy: “So? There are teenagers who understand this stuff, and there are those of us who have moved on to the next level of technology?” Dad: “What level is that?” Jeremy: “The one where we expect other people to understand it for us.” *(Jerry Scott & Jim Borgman, in Zits comic strip)***

**Man says to woman: “I’m going to have several more martinis and then phone my girlfriend, after which I hope to be able to truthfully tell you that she doesn’t understand me.” *(J. C. Duffy, in The Fusco Brothers comic strip)***

**Woman says to flight attendant: “I don’t think you understand! I said, ‘The pacifier fell out somewhere back in the airport!’ Tell the pilot to turn the plane around – now.” *(John McPherson, in Close To Home comic strip)***

**Overheard: “My wife and I have perfect understanding. I don’t try to run her life, and I don’t try to run mine.” *(Orben’s Current Comedy)***

**Girl says to Mom: “Dad says piano lessons will make me a better shortstop. We can add that to the list of things I’ll understand when I’m older.” *(Tom Milner, in Able County comic strip)***

**Angry son says: “I can’t understand why people think throwing playing cards is difficult.” Dad: “You’re supposed to take them out of the box first!” *(Bill Amend, in Foxtrot comic strip)***

**Drabble: “Wanna go for a walk, Wally? How come he understands ‘Go for a walk,’ but he never understands ‘Hey, stop that!’?” *(Kevin Fagan, in Drabble comic strip)***

**If you understand only 70 percent of what you hear, you are just about average. Or so says a professor who studies mental matters. But the brain, he says, automatically fills in the gaps. His brain, maybe. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Hagar: “My wife doesn't understand me.” Woman: “What's to understand? You drink too much, you eat too much, and you fight and gamble too much!” Hagar: “Who  asked you?” *(Dik Browne, in Hagar the Horrible comic strip)***

**Show me a man who understands women, and I'll show you a man who is in for a big surprise. *(The Chateau Chatter)***

**Ziggy: “I wonder if one of the reasons women think men get lost trying to understand them is ‘cause they say men never stop to ask for directions!” *(Tom  Wilson, in Ziggy comic  strip)***

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