

You think English is easy???

Let's face it - English is a crazy language See what you make of these examples!!!!

- The bandage was wound around the wound.
- The farm was used to produce produce.
- The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- We must polish the Polish furniture.
- He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- I did not object to the object.
- The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row
- They were too close to the door to close it.
- To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
- The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
- Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
- I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
- How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

And it gets better!!!!

- ❖ There is no egg in eggplant
 - ❖ nor ham in hamburger
- ❖ neither apple nor pine in pineapple;
- ❖ English muffins weren't invented in England
 - ❖ or French fries in France
 - ❖ Sweetmeats are candies
- ❖ while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat

We take English for granted but if we explore its paradoxes, we find that.....

- ❖ quicksand can work slowly
 - ❖ boxing rings are square
- ❖ and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea
 - ❖ nor is it a pig

And why is it that

- writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham?
- If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth?
- One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese?
- One index, 2 indices?
- Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend?
- If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?
- If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught?
- If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?
- In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital?
- Ship by truck and send cargo by ship?
- Have noses that run and feet that smell?
- How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which

- ❖ your house can burn up as it burns down
 - ❖ you fill in a form by filling it out
 - ❖ an alarm goes off by going on

And finally.....

Can you explain why it is that

- * when the stars are out, they are visible, *
- * but when the lights are out, they are invisible *