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So, do you want to do the introduction to this episode? Do you need to just explain what's going on and what we're going to do?

So, this is just an example.

Okay.

Hello, everyone. This is Luke's English Podcast with his daughter. We are going to talk about would you rather.

Okay, what's would you rather?

Would you rather is like a question and after you need to reply. Right.

Like, an example, would you rather eat candies all the time or eat chocolate all the time? That's quite a good question. So, listeners, I think you get the idea, right? So, hello, welcome back to the podcast. You're listening to me in conversation with my daughter.

She is my co -host in this episode.

Hello.

My name is Ivy. She's decided today that her name is Ivy. That's the name we've gone for this time. So I'm with my host here, my daughter, and we're going to play Would You Rather, which, as you may have gathered, is a conversation game where essentially you pose different ridiculous would you rather questions. I have actually done this on the podcast before. I did an episode quite a long time ago.

It was called Would You Rather, and it was with Amber and Paul.

You know them, don't you?

Yes. So, your listeners know it? My listeners know it? Well, it was a long time ago. It was, you know, about 700 episodes ago or something.

Yes, you want to ask me something?

So, um, so there we go. There we go, exactly. You get the idea of the game. Would you rather, for example, eat candy all the time or eat chocolate all the time?

That's quite a good one.

I would eat chocolate because candy is more sugary than chocolate. This is true. I think if of the two, chocolate is probably slightly less unhealthy. Yeah.

I wouldn't say that it was more healthy or healthier.

I would say it's less unhealthy. Yeah.

Yeah, because what would happen if you ate candy all the time?

Sweets. You would have some problems with your teeth.

That's right.

They would essentially rot away, wouldn't they? Yeah, and then your teeth would fall out. Because the sugar is like an acid which eats into the enamel of your teeth. Let's stop talking about it.

Why, is it too traumatic for you?

No, talk into the microphone.

Well, it's not what you're about to say.

Okay, well you mean we're getting sidetracked? Yeah. We're getting sidetracked, but that's a normal thing on this podcast. I'm always getting sidetracked by things.

really but you maybe you're right maybe you've got more sense than me you know when to stick to the point and not to be caught

up in some ridiculous tangent about your teeth falling out of your head but this episode really is going to be full of sidetracks and tangents and things.

That's kind of the point. But after we will need to stop at a moment. Yeah, eventually we'll need to stop and get back to the point which is to continue playing the game. That's right, just talk into the microphone. So, just a quick question, a couple of little things before we continue. Do you understand?

You want to ask me something?

No, into the microphone.

It's all right, you can do it. Yes, but if we talk not into the microphone, no one hears us. Yeah, but no one wants to hear someone whispering You know, that's when people listen to this podcast, they want to hear everything. They don't want to hear people whispering in the background. yeah so just ask me through the microphone it's fine okay what was it what was the question oh it was just that just that if people if you whisper people don't hear yes but we're not going to whisper because we want everyone to hear yeah everything we're saying so um do you remember the the point of this podcast what's the purpose why do people listen to this do you remember Because they want to learn English.

Right, exactly.

And how do you think people learn English by listening to this? Well, because they know words because of this. Yeah, that's right. that's one of them they they they get to know a lot of words yeah and so by talking about lots of different topics we help them to

discover new words and so with would you rather we're gonna end up talking about all sorts of weird things oh yeah there's gonna be lots of interesting like yeah like the interesting thing about like Poo. Yeah, there is one question which is a bit rude. It's about poo.

We'll see if we actually get time to cover that question.

It's funny, is it?

Poo's funny then, is it?

Well, like, it's guns of poo.

Guns of poo, yes. Like, out of your bum gets poo like this.

Right, yeah.

So, yeah, hopefully people listening to this, this gives them a chance to practice their listening which is something really important for people to do a lot and also they can spot words and phrases which they can then pick up and use themselves when for example talking about firing poo out of your bum you know you never know when you're gonna need to talk about these things so it's obviously very important that people know how to do that in English right?

Yes, but what did I want to say already?

You forgot what you were gonna say didn't you?

Yeah.

it's okay it'll come back to you maybe yeah so what we're going to use today When are we going to start, really, really? Any second now. You are the voice of my listeners, because that's exactly what they were thinking. Like, OK, get on with it. Can you start the game, please?

It says, would you rather in the episode title. So let's do would you rather, please, instead of all this other stuff. People do say that to me sometimes. They just say, get on with it. Just get to the point. So we're going to use a book which is called Richard Herring's Would You Rather.

Richard Herring is a comedian from England. I'm a fan of his podcast and he's written several fun books of questions like this.

This one is called Would You Rather and it's a collection of loads and loads of Would You Rather questions that he's thought of.

They are often very, very silly and very ridiculous. And I am gonna start reading. The book is available, by the way.

It's Richard Herring's Would You Rather for anyone aged 6 to 106.

How old are you? Seven years old. Why did you say it like that? I'm seven years old, don't you know? Don't talk to me like that.

I'm seven years old.

Right, so you want to, yeah, don't whisper, talk. So, yes. Can you speak some French for us? How would you say, oh, what was I going to say? I was going to say something, but I can't remember what I was going to say. Let me think for a moment.

Can you do that in French? Okay, very good. Okay, you see you speak French as well, it's very impressive. Anyway, do you want to get started? Do you want to pick a question? So I've been through the first few pages of the book and I've marked questions that I think we could use with a blue tick.

So anything you find with a blue tick next to it from the beginning, you could ask one of those. So we'll just take turns in asking

each other questions here and we'll both answer and give our reasons.

Listeners, as you listen to this, you could perhaps, one thing you could do is you could pause the podcast after each question, give your answer and explain your reasons and then unpause and listen to what we say and compare your answer to our answer and see if there are any bits of English that we used that you didn't use and that you could have used and that you would definitely use if you had another chance to answer the question, which of course you do because there will be a PDF for this episode with all of the questions listed on it. What's a PDF? A PDF. A PDF is a I don't know what PDF stands for, actually. I'll find out. But it's essentially, it is a PDF is a kind of file.

It's a sort of document file, which you can download from the internet.

What does PDF stand for?

Here we go. But when are we going to start? Any second now. Portable Document Format. That's what PDF stands for.

OK, listeners, so before you start complaining about the long introduction there you learned something PDF means portable document format and there's one person going actually i knew that already right so do you want to start yes go on then would you rather eat a full christmas dinner for every meal every day or eat a medium medium size easter egg every two hours for the rest of your life so basically You've got two options.

Either every meal, that's three meals a day, you eat a full -size Christmas dinner. With the dessert.

With the dessert and everything.

Do you know what a full -size Christmas dinner involves? No.

I mean, you've had a few.

You've had...

many? A granny and granddad! Yeah, you've had something like six of them in your life. Well, maybe less. But that means loads of roast turkey with stuffing, roast potatoes, carrots, what are they called? Brussels sprouts, right?

Sauce, gravy, parsnips.

No, parsnips are good, aren't they? Wait, what are parsnips? Parsnips are a bit like carrots. They're like pale yellow, large carrots.

Anyway.



And dessert, which means Christmas pudding.

Oh, I love Christmas pudding.

Right. It's like bagel tart!

So, it's a full Christmas dinner, which is a very big meal and you feel totally stuffed afterwards.

But you have to eat that every meal of the day, forever. Yeah. Or every two hours you have to eat a medium -sized chocolate egg, Easter egg, every two hours for the rest of your life. I suppose that doesn't include when you're asleep.

So?

Oh, it's me, isn't it, who has to answer this question.

I'd go for the Christmas dinner.

Me too.

Why would you go for Christmas dinner?

Because Easter egg is bad for your teeth and we already talked about it.

mm -hmm well after Christmas put Christmas pudding I love it like bagel tots mm -hmm so it's because to an Easter egg every two hours I mean how many Easter eggs is that a day if if you sleep for about eight hours at night that means you're awake for what 16

hours that means eight Easter eggs a day that's gonna be really bad for you it's also gonna ruin your appetite yeah and like three Well, no, four.

Yeah, four Christmas.

No, three.

No, four. four?

Why four?

What's this?

So, there's breakfast.

Yes.

Then there's, what do you know?

What, lunch?

Lunch.

Yes.

Then there's tea.

Okay. And then there's dinner. Dinner.

Yeah, well, yeah, technically, I don't know about that.

I think most adults just have three meals a day. But you're talking about tea time like gouté in France, a little snack. Yeah. Yeah, I don't know if that counts as a meal exactly. It's like a little break. But let's say it's at least three Christmas dinners.

Yeah.

I think that's a much better idea.

It's definitely a lot of food, but it's a balanced diet. You've got, you know, protein.

There's lots of vegetables.

A tiny bit of sugar.

Where's the sugar in that recipe?

In the sauce, right? Well, yeah. Yes, I think so. Yeah, but like it's a tiny bit, not like with the medium -sized Easter eggs. Eight medium -sized Easter eggs every single day for the rest of your life. Yes, exactly.

So I think we agree then, it's the Christmas dinner. I mean, you're going to feel very full, but at least you're going to have a fairly balanced diet. There's going to be fibre in the diet as well, so, you know. That's probably the best idea.

Right, my question for you then is this.

If you had to be a piece of fruit, what kind of fruit would you rather be?

If you had to be a piece of fruit, what kind of fruit would you rather be?

You know all the different types of fruit there are in the world?  
Yeah.

Yeah, you had to be a piece of one of those types of fruit, which one?

What would you be? It's a difficult one actually, isn't it? Because I mean you think, well, some fruit probably decomposes more quickly than other fruits, right? So we don't want to be that one? We don't want to decompose quickly, you want to have a fast

long life Yeah, but then again all fruit is gonna decompose at roughly the same rate So it's more a question of what you hope to achieve with the time that you have Yeah, and so what kind of piece of fruit is really gonna achieve a lot?

I think I would be a slice of orange. Do you want to know why?

Because traditionally in England Football players I think at halftime would eat slices of orange that's what they would they would run back from the pitch at halftime for 15 minutes and they would there would be a tray of orange slices and the football players would eat from the orange slices they'd eat the orange slices drink loads of water and then go back out and play the second half.

You want to be eaten by the football players?

Yeah at least I'd want to contribute you know maybe I could be a slice of orange on a plate for the English football team or the Lionesses.

Yeah.

And then they would be energised, full of good energy.

Yeah. And then they'd go out and win the game and I would have contributed to England winning the World Cup or something like that.

Yeah.

So I'd be a slice of orange. Me too. You too? You're going to just choose the same as me? Yeah, it's good. Okay.

I'm trying to think if there's another similar use of this and maybe a slice of apple in your lunchbox. But then that would be weird, wouldn't it? Because then you would be a slice of apple eating yourself.

Yeah, that would be weird.

OK.

All right. Shall we have another question?

OK, this is quite a serious one. Would you... No, it's my turn. All right.

Well, it's that question there.

I'm going through them in order.

So would you rather have world peace or 10 ,000 in your personal pocket?

account tax -free.

Wait, wait, wait!

Would you rather have peace or...

Would you rather have world peace? Would you rather have world peace or 10 ,000 in your personal...

Personal?

Account.

So either world peace or 10 ,000 pounds in my personal bank account tax -free. I would have, you know, what?

10 ,000 pounds in your personal bank?

You'd have world peace, wouldn't you? Well, yeah.

Because you're a peaceful creature. Because if you had always money in your bank and also people who would fight for the thing I would have, well... After I would be in a fighting mode and I don't like being a fountain fountain. You don't be a fountain. I don't like being in a fight fighting mode Right.

I like to be peaceful and there we go.

Yeah, I completely agree with you. I think that Obviously, that's the right answer. I mean, how could anyone say otherwise? That's definitely the right answer. That's what we want, is world peace. Only the people who are a lot greedy, like Donald Duck.

Like Scrooge McDuck.

Do you think he would go for the £10 ,000?

He probably would. But you know what? Unfortunately, in the world there are plenty of people who would rather have £10 ,000 in their bank account tax -free than world peace and in fact that might be why wars exist because people think to themselves I don't have £10 ,000 in my bank account and I think I should have £10 ,000 in my bank account and these people over here they think they've got £10 ,000 in their bank account, and they shouldn't have £10 ,000 in their bank account. I should have £10 ,000 in my bank account, so I'm going to go over there, and I'm going to take their £10 ,000 and put it in my bank account, and the other people are going to go, no, I've got £10 ,000 in my bank account, and it's my £10 ,000, and you're not allowed to have it, so I'm going to stop you, and then they have a big fight. And then more people come in and come in and then it makes a big wall.

Exactly.

So we obviously want world peace and that's what we all all dream of, isn't it?

There are some extra questions here.

If you choose £10 ,000, which you didn't choose, so that's fine.

If you choose world peace, how much money would it take to change your answer? For example, if I offered you £500 ,000 in your bank account, would you change your mind?

No.

How about £5 ,000 ,000?

No.

Really?

£50 ,000 ,000 in your bank account?

No.

£500 ,000 ,000?

No.

£1 ,000 ,000 ,000? No.

No?

OK, so there's no money in the world that would change your mind?

Yeah.



That's very admirable of you.

So, like you? Oh, the same, of course. I mean, if it's a choice between world peace and me being stinking rich, then obviously I'm going to go for world peace.

Yeah, but as people who choose being stink...

Stinking rich? Yeah, well, they are a lot more bizarre than other people. Yeah, they are, aren't they?

Like, really, you don't want... do you want the war? No.

So you don't have a lot of money. It's logic.

It's a kind of logic, yes.

I don't know if necessarily having a lot of money causes war.

I don't know if that's true.

A lot, a lot, a lot, a lot. Like a million, like a... Oh, you mean when you have an extraordinary amount of money.

In fact, you've got so much money that most other people almost have nothing.

Yeah.

Then of course, yeah, that's going to cause problems in the world, isn't it?

Yeah. Because everyone else is going to be like, we've got no money. It's going to be a bit like the French Revolution, which is sort of what happened.

Anyway, right, let's move on to the next question, shall we?

Yeah, because...

Let's not talk about such serious things, although there's, you know, it's important to discuss the serious things sometimes, but we are here to have a light -hearted discussion today.

And also have a lot of fun. Yes, that's right, and help people learn English. Right, now, so, ready for the next question?

Yes.

Would you rather have, this is a very silly question, Are you ready for it?

Oh, yes, I remember that one.

No, no, it's not the one we talked about earlier. Yes, I know, I know, but I remember the one.

Would you rather have the ability to produce honey from a special honey stomach, so a little stomach somewhere in your body that produces honey like a bee.

So, would you rather have the ability to produce honey from a special honey stomach or be able to make a pearl in your kidney every 10 years?

You know what a pearl is, don't you?

Well, yeah.

What is it?

Like in the sign of the four. Like in the Sherlock Holmes story, yeah.

A pearl is a little jewel.

Yeah. It's very, very, very...

Expensive.

Expensive.

Valuable.

Yeah, valuable.

They can be very valuable, yes, especially if they're very fine. good quality pearls.

Like, all clean.

Do you know how pearls are actually made? Do you know where they come from? In the sea. Yeah.

From a little shell.

Yeah. Yeah, you know some things, don't you? Exactly, so they... Well, I'm not stupid, I'm... No, you are not. So, pearls are normally made inside an oyster shell.

Yeah.

A little grain of dirt slowly picks up residue from inside the shell, and builds up over time and eventually a perfectly round shiny little... I never saw a real one.

You've seen real pearls.

I'm sure you have. Doesn't your mum have some real pearls?

Anyway, anyway, we're getting sidetracked again.

So you have the ability to produce honey from a little honey stomach. Yeah.

I don't know where it is.

Yeah, like maybe here, maybe here.

Like on your tummy, there's like a little hole and you just squeeze it and honey comes out, right?

And you can just squeeze out like loads of honey every day. Or every day, no, every day, every 10 years, you produce a pearl. It's you, not like people give it to you.

No, you make it with your body and it comes out and you can, I guess, sell it or do something else with it. Yeah.

So what would you rather have? I don't know at all. Well, think about it.

Think about what's better, having a constant supply of honey or...

I love honey. Or a valuable pearl. Yeah, but we don't know what kind of honey. It's good honey. If you make it, it's good.

Okay?

It's like the, it's top quality honey.

It's like the honey I love.

Like the big bot of, um...

You mean the big pots of honey that I buy from the super expensive honey.

Yeah, because there's these pots of honey that I buy in the supermarket. They're French.

We're getting sidetracked.

It's French honey, but it's very pleased with itself on the jar. It's like talking about how wonderful the honey is, but it is good honey. So it's that honey. You can just produce that from yourself. all the time or would you like a lovely beautiful valuable pearl every eight years?

I would love that.

I would love ten years, instead of eight years. Ten years, sorry.

Is there like a little...

Speak into the microphone, please.

Is there like a little, you know...

Sub -question, extra question? Yes, there are, but you've got to make your choice first. I don't know at all.

Right, well, I'll give you the other questions.

So, for the honey, we were wondering where it would come from.

Here's where the honey would come from.

So, you would actually have to sick the honey up. through your mouth, producing one kilogram of honey every day, which you could eat or sell to unsuspecting members of the public. That's a lot. That's about the size of that jar, that big jar of honey.

So you'd have to vomit out that much honey every day, and then you could either eat it again, put it on some toast, you know, put it in your yogurt, or sell it to people.

And I could do it, like, very discreetly when I want to eat something.

Like that?

Yeah, like that, no one knows. Right, so you might, oh, I feel a bit peckish, like just, little snack.

So, there's that.

Does that make any difference to your decision?

I don't know already what's my decision.

What are the advantages of having a kilogram of honey at your disposal every day?

I would have some money but it would make the war. Well, it wouldn't. Just you having a small honey business, a small artisanal honey shop would not contribute to the beginning of World War 3, I'm almost sure. In fact, the opposite.

I think if you're there selling honey at a fair price, that's only going to help.

Oh yeah.

Isn't it?

Yeah. You're going to say, look, cut price, honey. all your honey here brilliant quality honey you can you can try the honey before taking it try before you buy exactly you're very reasonable it's very fair it's a very fair price yeah that's gonna help the world yeah okay or you get a lovely beautiful pearl every 10 years what would be the advantages of having a pearl but can you just well I want you to so okay look you it would be a very valuable item which you could sell for a lot of money I don't know how much pearls go for these days

but it's got to be a few thousand pounds each time yeah every 10 years even if it's 5 ,000 pounds every 10 years I feel like you could make more money selling the honey, to be honest with you. Yeah. If you sell a pot of honey every day for 5 euros, which is a very good price, actually, for that much good honey, then... No, but, like, a pearl is 100..

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A pearl is 5 ,000, let's say, if it's that good. It's a really good one. But you only sell... you only get 5 ,000 every 10 years. So that's not very much money. Yeah, and in one year you can have five thousand. Five hundred.

Five hundred with a pot of honey. And that means that you'd have to sell, like, what, a hundred pots of honey in a year to get the same amount, and you could easily do that.

Yeah.

Anyway, each pearl, you might be wondering where the pearls come from, each pearl would be worth eight thousand pounds. Ah, eight thousand pounds. Okay, that's more. but you would have to pass it with your urine via your urethra.

What's that? I don't know what that means to you.

Okay, because, so your kidney, do you know what your kidneys are?

They're organs in your body that are responsible for cleaning your body and they take out toxins and they go through a small little



pipe, little tube from the kidney into your bladder and then it goes to the toilet and then pee you pee it out and it goes through your urethra which is like a very small little channel a very small channel and you see that some people they develop this problem called a kidney stone which is, I guess, in a similar way to the way that oysters make pearls, that like a little bit of dirt gathers bits over time and gets larger and larger.

A kidney stone is a similar thing, I'm not sure exactly what it's made of, it might be salt, but it's a little thing in your kidney and it grows and grows and grows and becomes a crystal. which no not a good crystal this is a really a bad kind of crystal because the only way to get it out is to pass it through that little tube and to pee it out and it's very very sharp and very big and they say that it's more painful than childbirth childbirth is when a woman pushes a human child out of her own body right passing a kidney stone is said to be as painful, if not more painful than that. So the pearl that you produce every 10 years, you'd actually have to pass it out through your peepee and that would be intensely painful. So... I'd take the honey. Yeah, me too.

Okay, next question.

Okay, this is a simple one.

Do you want to ask me that question?

Yeah, because that's like nearly the second time we do.

Would you rather... Yes? Would you rather be a tennis ball or a tennis racket?

I'd rather be... no, it's your turn first.

Would I rather be a tennis ball or a tennis racket? Okay, interesting question. Now on the face of it, it seems to be a question of would you like to be a tennis racket? or would you like to hit something right that seems to be the question on the face of it yeah but actually when you think about the life of a tennis ball and you think about the life of a tennis racket What are those lives like? So let's start with the tennis racket. Sure, they get used to play tennis but most of the time what happens to tennis rackets is they get bought one summer, they get used a little bit and then they get put in the back of a cupboard and left on a shelf in a garage or something for ages and they just stay there forever.

Right? And maybe occasionally every summer they might get used a little bit, but most of the time they sit on a shelf and just gather dust and don't get used.

Meanwhile...

And some of them get broken. True.

Some of them get broken and thrown away, and they end up on a big pile of rubbish somewhere.

Meanwhile, tennis balls, sure, they get used for tennis, but tennis balls get used for all sorts of other things, too, don't they? Yeah, like dogs. Exactly. Dogs love to catch them, run after them. And kids at school play football with tennis balls. You can just throw them and catch them.

You can throw it against a wall and catch it. So what life would you rather have? I mean, I think I'm leaning towards the tennis, the life of the tennis ball. Even though on the tennis court, it does get smashed around the place quite a lot. Yeah, but is that okay? Sometimes the ball gets shot over the fence of the tennis court and then it's free to just live its life like stickling.

What about you? yeah i would take that the same yeah okay all right do you want what's the next question it's got a blue tick because it's got a blue tick all right then would you rather have constantly wet socks or have 800 keys on a key or key ring and the one you and the one you wait let's firstly do you would you rather have constantly wet socks or have a hundred keys on your key ring a hundred keys on your key ring and yeah but let's say that after okay having a hundred keys on your key ring would certainly be annoying But having wet socks is just one of the worst things. I mean, it's just simply awful.

If you've ever walked into the bathroom with socks on and accidentally stepped in a little puddle of water, and then you've got this condition called wet sock. uh which is where you've got this perpetually wet sock and your foot feels all damp and it's very uncomfortable and awful especially if you then have to put that sock into a shoe and then you've got a wet shoe and you feel like your your feet are going to rot and your toes are going to drop off it's the worst thing um 100 keys on the key ring That is definitely inconvenient, but I guess I would just keep it in a bag.

I'd have a little shoulder bag.

I'd just put the key ring in the shoulder bag. And you might even look important.

If you walk around with a hundred keys on a key ring, people are going to think, who's that with a hundred keys? How does that person have access to all those keys? And they've got like a hundred rooms.

Does that person live in a castle?

Who is this person?

I want to know who this person is. I want to get to know this person.

In fact, I'm going to give this person a hundred pounds just because I think they deserve it for having so many keys and having such a big house.

I think that, you know, and you'd walk around with your hundred keys and people are like, look at there's the guy with a hundred keys.

So I think I'd go with a hundred keys.

Me too.

But condition.

Okay. And the one you need was always be the hundreds of the keys.

you tried. Wait, the one you need. So you've got a hundred keys on the key ring, but the one you need is always the hundredth key that

you try. So you have to stand there trying every single key a hundred times and then eventually the hundredth key is the one that opens the door every single time. Yeah. Right.

That is incredibly inconvenient, isn't it?

Yeah, but it's okay. Why?

Like, when it sucks, it's even more bad. Even worse, you mean?

Yeah.

know honestly having a hundred keys and having to stand there and try a hundred keys in our front door i mean that that's an annoying that's how long is that going to take it's going to take you 10 minutes or something isn't it i think i'm i think because of that condition I'm going to have to go for the wet socks.

I'm just going to have to deal with it.

Yeah, because if you really need to go to the toilet.

Yeah, that's a very good point.

If you step in some water and you've got a wet sock and you need to rush home and change your sock, you'd have to ch -ching, ch -ching, ch -ching, ch -ching.

I'll try a hundred keys.

No, I'm going to go for the wet sock and just live with it.

Me too.

Okay, I'm glad we sorted that.

I was going to do a burp, but I didn't because I'm a professional podcaster.

I want to do another one.

OK, go on then.

What's the next one with a blue tick, please?

Would you rather have a Swiss Army hand or an Inspector Gadget helicopter blade?

I'm going to say that after.

Wait a minute.

So would you rather have a Swiss Army hand or an Inspector Gadget helicopter blade?

Inspector Gadget is also a little...

Cartoon character?

Yeah.

Yeah, exactly.

I love him, he's so genius.

What is it about Inspector Gadget that's clever?

Well, because he has all these gadgets everywhere.

For example?

The helicopter blade.

What is the helicopter blade?

It's a little, it's like you, he like asks his head to open his It's his hat, isn't it? Not his head. Is it his head? No, it's his hat. So he's not a cyborg, is he? What's a cyborg?

A cyborg is like a sort of robot that's half robot, half human.

Well, in real life, he's half robot, half human. Is he? Yes.

I didn't know that. Because his feet can...

Extend.

Yeah.

And his arms can extend. Yeah. Yeah, I never really thought about this before, about Inspector Gadget. Is he a robot? Is he some sort of... Cyborg, like RoboCop?

Yeah.

Okay, I don't know the backstory.

Did he have like a terrible accident and his body was taken to a laboratory?

I don't know. And they're like, you know what we're going to do? We're going to save his life but we're going to use some advanced technology to bring him back and we're going to fuse him with all of this complex robotic technology and he will become Inspector Gadget.

You know, da -da -da -da -da, Inspector Gadget. yeah so it's a big baddie who was it in the cinema you know the episode of the cinema uh no oh it's a very good one OK. We're getting sidetracked again.

One of the things that Inspector Gadget has is these helicopter blades that come out of the top of his hat or head.

Hat. Hat slash head. Hat, you think. And they spin round like the blades of a helicopter and he can fly. So would you rather have that or would you rather have a Swiss Army hand? Now, do you know what a Swiss Army knife is?

Yes.

What is a Swiss Army knife?

Army knife?

You don't have any?



I've got one somewhere but I don't know where it is.

So it's like a knife, but here you don't see actually the blade. It's actually, it folds itself.

And after you can put it back to a normal knife.

You can fold it out and use the knife and clip it back in. But one of the unique things about the Swiss Army Knife is it's not just one blade, that they have a number of different, let's call them, gadgets, I suppose.

So typically, your typical Swiss Army Knife has got a big blade, a small blade.

Medium -sized blade.

Sometimes. A little can opener.

I think that opens a can of beans.

You've got a bottle opener which pop will open a bottle of coke or beer or something. Then there's a little thing, a little spike to get stones out of a horse's hoof. You know the way you always need to, you know, get a stone out of a horse's hoof. Not on the... there's one part you're not allowed to do it on. Really? Yeah, in French it's called la fourchette.

Okay, right.

Because in the middle.

Oh, I didn't know about that. And there's another... You need just to brush it.

I see, okay.

And there's another one which... The stones never come in because it's like here there's the thing where you need to and here there's the thing where you... There's a little sensitive spot on the foot that you shouldn't spike, okay. Yeah, not at all. they can, like, if it's their back foot, they do.

They'll kick. Kick your head in.

There's a Sherlock Holmes story like that, you know, where someone gets kicked by a horse.

Anyway, we'll discover that later, I expect.

So, yeah, all these gadgets. And there's also one which you can use to remove the scales of a fish, if that's important for some reason. Right, so Swiss Army Hand would mean that your hand had all these other gadgets that you could pull out, unfold from it, like a knife, a bottle opener, a can opener, a spoon, you know, things like that. So is that for me, that question? Yes. Obviously, I'd have the Inspector Gadget helicopter blades coming out of my head.

Well, why not?

Because then I'd be able to fly. Yeah, but maybe on your hand, you can have like a little thing that makes you fly.

But Swiss Army knives don't normally have a helicopter attached. They have a lot of things, but a helicopter is not normally one of them. So no, I don't think so. So it's either you get a helicopter out of your head or you get lots of different knives and bottle openers on your hand. I think it's definitely the helicopter. But you see, if you're like in the middle of nowhere, Yes.

And you catch the fish, well you could like fly... Or I could just fly to the nearest McDonald's and eat a fillet of fish sandwich. Oh, McDonald's?

Yeah, that's the right response. I'm very proud of you for having that response because McDonald's is the correct response. Well done.

10 points.

You've just earned 10 points. I'm still going for the helicopter. It's a, it's a flipping helicopter. Yeah, yeah, yeah. Also, also, you see, like, uh, you can cut a fish with the helicopter. Yeah, exactly.

Like, you just, you just throw the helicopter up and chop it up and then you get lots of sliced fish, sushi, right there in your lap. And then you get a carrot and you throw that up. You get some sliced carrot. It's brilliant. You don't need the knife. You got the helicopter blades.

Actually, yeah, yeah, yeah. I'm going to have the, I need the helicopter blades. you want to ask another question yeah okay question master would you rather be most famous and successful person of all time but only after you've died or get two for one

meals at Harvester for the rest of your life. Right, let me just read that one again. So, would you rather be the most successful and famous person of all time but only after you've died? Right, a bit like Van Gogh.

Who's Van Gogh?

He was an artist. He drew, he painted the sunflowers. Have you ever seen that painting? Imagine some sunflowers and imagine a man painting them. That's it. OK.

So anyway, most famous and successful person of all time, but only after you've died. The thing about Van Gogh is he's considered to be one of the greatest artists of all time.

His paintings are sold for millions of pounds.

But when he was alive, no one knew who he was and no one cared. He only became successful after he died. So he never actually saw his own success. Sad story, isn't it, that?

but then later people realized how great his work was and then he became held up as this fantastic brilliant artist but at the time he was alive he didn't know yeah so it's kind of sad isn't it really so you can have that or you can get two -for -one meals at Harvester for the rest of your life.

Harvester is a kind of restaurant in England.

It's not a very good restaurant, really, in my opinion.

It's a family restaurant but it's a sort of like... Like McDonald's? No, it's a bit better than McDonald's.

In France, it's equivalent to something like Hippopotamus.

Do you know that?

It's a place where you can get burgers and stuff.

Or Flam's. It's a bit like that. A family restaurant. Do you know what I'm talking about?

Yeah. Yeah.

So, two -for -one meals, that's where you buy one meal, you get one free. So, I could take you there and you would eat for free.

So, two -for -one meals.

It's not bad.

Yeah.

For the rest of your life, it's pretty good. Yeah. You're guaranteed food half price at a harvester restaurant where you can get like a chicken, a roast chicken lunch or something like that. Or you become the most famous and successful person of all time but only after you've died. So your legacy would be cast in stone or two -for -one meals at Harvester. Go ahead, I'd like you to answer that one.

No, you first.

No, no, please.

I'm scared, I don't know what to do.

Just say what's in your heart.

Very famous and celebrated but only after you've died.

What's more important to you? And knowing, what's more important to you, like knowing that when you die suddenly everyone will celebrate you and think you're brilliant and they'll remember you forever or cheap food forever.

I don't know.

I don't know at all.

How important is the food option?

I mean, do you think...

It's not really important.

No, you've got... you can afford to eat every day.

Yeah.

But it's not bad to have as a baseline safety net where you just think, okay, I've always got that.

I've always got, like, I can always go to Harvester.

I can always take a friend to Harvester. We can eat

at a reasonable price or you get the other thing the fame and success but after you die I think I'm going to go for the Harvester to be honest because when you're dead you're not going to care are you if people know or remember you yeah why does it matter yeah when you're dead you're just dead no you don't care anymore do you it's not like you're gonna be dead going haha you see everyone loves me now this is fantastic I love being dead No.

When you're dead, you're not going to care, I think. Yeah. How are you doing?

I'm doing fine.

Yeah? You enjoying this? Yeah. How do you think this is for the listeners? Fantastic, right? Yeah.

Do you want a drink of water? Okay. Okay. My dad who's struggling to open a bottle of water. Oh, God.

That was a difficult one.

Yeah. But still, my dad is very, um... Very strong, right? Yeah. The strongest man in all these islands. Not true.

Well, we're not in any islands, are we? We're on continental Europe. We're on the continent. Sometimes my dad is bizarre. I think they know. I'll be editing that comment out.

All right, come on then. Right, do you want to carry on? This is good. Who's winning?

It's me, isn't it?

No, who's winning? No one's winning. This is not that kind of thing. Would you rather be able to correctly answer any general knowledge question that you've that you're ever asked. Hey it's my turn! No it's not.

Would you rather be able to correctly answer any general knowledge question that you're ever asked or have everyone think you're cool?

So everyone's like, oh, you know, Ivy?

Yeah, she's the cool girl, right? Ivy Thompson? Yeah, she's so cool.

Have you seen her?

She's just coolest girl in school.

So cool.

So you want people to think you're cool, or you can answer any general knowledge quiz question. So if I say, for example, in what year did Edward Monk paint his famous scream painting and it was 1927 congratulations 10 points to Ivy Thompson so which one answer any question on general knowledge like any quiz question you could beat any quiz that you go to or everyone thinks you're super super cool I'm super super cool is this important is it no my



maybe it is it's that important for people to think you're you're very cool I don't know. I mean, you know, you're seven.

You'll be a teenager in a matter of years.

And I think for teenagers, they consider that sort of thing to be important. To be thought of as cool is considered to be very valuable. But I just want you to tell me why it's important. I just don't know why it's important. But there is that sense that it is important though, right? I mean, I know.

I mean, I don't need to worry about it because everyone already thinks I'm very cool.

Why are you laughing?

I don't understand why you're laughing about that.

It's just serious. Really? It's serious?

Yeah, seriously, yeah.

Everyone thinks I'm very cool. Have you not noticed? No.

You know the other day when that guy...

Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Maybe he's listening to you.

That guy in the street. Do you want to tell the story? Well, there's a guy in the street that was just like walking, blah, blah, blah. the

street yeah there go and then we were walking the street yes and then the ball the person this guy this very cool -looking guy yeah very important looking cool guy don't pull that cable yeah well he said yeah and then when it was an evening you know that when it was the evening and it was the evening before that he said hello and I said hi like that and then your mum turned to me and said did he just say hello to you and I said yeah and she said who was that and I said I've got no idea and then in the evening he he sent a message and he sent an email to me yeah and he said on the email um so hi Luke um i was walking down the street and i saw you so i said hello i don't know why i didn't say other nice things um i'm one of your listeners right Maybe the person is listening to us. Maybe he is. But I don't remember why we're telling this story.

It's because people see me in the street and they say hello to me because they know how cool I am, right?

But anyway, it does seem important to be thought of as cool.

We like to have a reputation. Like hip, like I know how to do. Like you know how to do cool hip hop dancing.

Like this.

Yeah, she's doing some hip hop dancing now.

So anyway, sit down.

So what's more important, being thought of as cool or having general knowledge? What are I cool?

You're thought of as cool, that's your answer.

I think that, I don't know, I understand that it's important for people to...

Talk to the microphone.

Science and everything.

Yes.

But I love being cool, it's hard this one. I think that I'm going to, because I'm now nearly 50, I think I'm going to go for the general knowledge, because that's going to serve me better.

I don't know, maybe, but being a cool 50 -year -old is quite great, isn't it?

It's like, he looks cool.

How old is he? He's 50.

He's so cool.

Look at him in his sunglasses and his jacket. Like, we never saw a person who's 50 years old and he's so, so cool.

He's like cooler than Tom Cruise and Mick Jagger and someone out there, Brad Pitt, all mixed in together.

Combine them.

They're still not cooler than this guy in a jacket here.

Who's still 50 years old.

Yeah. Wow. I know. But I think that the general knowledge is the thing that might bring me more joy.

Yeah. Because it's a wonderful thing knowing a lot of trivia.

Yeah.

It is a fantastic thing.

What's this thing? That's a clip on the chair that you're sitting on, and if you pull it, the chair will explode. so I wouldn't pull on that thank you okay so you'd like to be cool I'd like to know stuff we could combine forces and do something amazing couldn't we okay next question for you talking of Tom Cruise You know who he is, right?

Yeah.

It's my turn, please. No, no. It's like in Mission Impossible.

Yes.

So he's an actor. Yeah. In a lot of film franchises, including the Mission Impossible series.

Have you ever seen a Mission Impossible film?

No.

No.

I'm too young. You are. We'll watch one one of these days. There's a lot of films that we're going to watch together.

That's Tom Cruise.

So, would you rather...

But Daddy, I got in Grizzly Bear, like, there's someone with a hat who goes like this, down, and he's doing like a dance.

Can I remove my headphones just to show you?

You don't need to show me because this is an audio podcast, so people won't understand.

It is, but I just want to say it to you.

My daughter is talking about a show that she watches on Netflix called Grizzly Bear and the Lemmings.

You might have seen it yourself, listeners.

It's about a grizzly bear who lives in a wooden shack, a wooden cabin and there are these little blue lemmings that are desperate to get into the cabin.

No, no, it's also their home.

They live there too and they fight. It's like Tom and Jerry but one's a big bear, the other one is a group of lemmings. It's a brilliant show.

And they have like powers sometimes.

They have random powers.

They always end up flying down a hill or falling through the air or something like that.

It's very ridiculous.

maybe their home sometimes explodes yeah and they go flying out into space and stuff like that and they sometimes they get bigger and bigger and then they turn into space and then they see oh they throw their thing away and and then this like the earth is so little and they're so heavy or the earth goes I guess yeah turns round and they fall off yeah Right, or they bump their head on the moon or something like that.

Anyway, so in this show, Grizzly Bear and the Lemmings, there was a guy with a hat and he pulled the hat down and he did a funny dance. No, but can I just show you? Go on then if you need to show me.

So she's taking her headphones off and she's getting up from her seat and she's now going to do the dance for me and I'll try and explain it.

So it's a very cool dance where she's holding her head down, she's sort of shifting her shoulders, doing a cool funky dance move

with her hips. and holding her hand over her face like she's holding a hat down is a sort of a Michael Jackson

Yeah, there we go, Michael Jackson.

It's Michael Jackson, is it? Yeah, but like... Sit down in front of the microphone, please. The creepy, um... Well, yeah, he is quite creepy.

No, but the creepy person, um...

Like what? I don't know. Well, Michael Jackson, that's who you mean. Yeah, but the creepy... The creepy person... No, it's not Michael Jackson, but it's Michael Jackson who's doing it, but...

In the thriller music video?

Can you just...

Wait, can you show me the person?

It's close to midnight. Can you show me the person? You're talking about getting sidetracked. We're getting hugely sidetracked here. I'm not sure this is going to make it into the final episode, I have to say. I'm sorry we went a lot sidetracked a lot.

Got very sidetracked. Right, so would you rather go on a cruise with Tom Cruise or go on a walking holiday with Christopher Walken? Who's Christopher Walken?

Christopher Walken is an actor who speaks kind of like this and it's very strange the way he talks in a very unique way.

Um, that's Christopher Walken.

He's a famous actor from Hollywood.

He plays sort of gangsters and other interesting characters. And he has a very unique way of talking like this. Wow. You're certainly very verbose. That's Christopher Walken. And Tom Cruise, you know.

So would you rather go on a cruise with Tom Cruise or a walking holiday? You know what a cruise is. It's one of those ridiculously big ships that goes to different places. A cruise with Tom Cruise. Why? Oh, Tom Cruise goes on a lot of cruises, which is called Tom Cruise.

Yeah, the whole idea of the cruise was invented by Tom Cruise.

Did you not know?

He was like, I've got an idea.

I've got a great idea.

Crazy idea. Crazy idea.

He laughs a lot, sort of randomly.

He's got a big grin on his face. Imagine a short guy, very handsome. I've got a good idea. He's very intense.

I've got a good idea, yeah.



He's not laughing all the time exclusively, but he's very intense.

And he's like, uh, Ivy, your name's Ivy, right?

I've got a great idea.

It's crazy.

It's a crazy idea, but it's a great idea.

That's what Tom Cruise is like. He's very intense.

And Christopher Walken is very wordy and speaks with outrageous intonation like that. People who know Christopher Walken will be now going, that is an extraordinary Christopher Walken impression. I'm surprised that I've never heard it before.

But anyway, so, cruise with Tom Cruise or go for a walk with Christopher Walken?

Cruise with Tom Cruise or go for a walk with Christopher Walken?

Tom Cruise is a very interesting character.

The most famous person in the world. He is, maybe, one of the most famous people in the world.

Plus, going on a cruise would be good fun, wouldn't it? Yeah, like going in the swimming pool. Yeah, exactly.

OK, right, next question.

Do you want to ask me this one? Yeah. Don't you want to put your headphones back on? No, not now.

OK, well, make sure you speak into the microphone.

Would you rather be the most beautiful person in the world or the... Cleverest. Or the smartest. cleverest person in the world hmm okay I think the answer is clear for me I think I'd rather I'd rather be the cleverest person in the world why well because like if you he tells you like I'm I'm just plus 100 to Oh, you mean you'd just be able to answer any question, yeah? Yeah, I guess. And also, if there's like a plant that's dying, you would know all the time what to do.

In fact, you'd know what to do for everything. Not just if there's a plant that's dying, but any situation you would be able to solve. In fact, you might even be able to solve big problems.

Yeah, like huge problems. Like what? Like if someone was going to fall out of a, like, of a roof, you would know exactly what to do. Yeah, you'd be a kind of superhero.

All I need to do already.

What's that? Put a lot of soft things. like cushions yeah yeah like or trampoline or things with a trampoline though they'll fall off the building land on the trampoline and just being go straight back up again and then smash crash down on the floor so you need to put loads of trampolines down bounce from one to the other see you've got to use your head in situations like this so i think i would be the smartest cleverest person because like you said you'd be able to solve all the problems but also if you were the most

beautiful person in the world people would be People would be strange with you. Can you imagine? Because they would desire you so much. They would think you're so beautiful.

They would want to have you.

Do you know what I mean?

Everyone would like to kiss you.

All the boys would want to kiss you.

Yeah, you wouldn't be able to have a normal relationship with anyone.

Everyone would be incredibly weird and creepy with you all the time.

It would be awful.

Yes.

You know, there's only... Like all the boys would do... all the boys would be trying to talk to you all the time and you'd be like can you just leave me alone i'm trying to leave a sandwich.

Can I just eat my sandwich in peace?

I'm like, that's a fantastic sandwich. I just love the way you eat that sandwich.

Oh God, it would be terrible.

In the microphone. They would like kiss you. They would try to. And you'd be like, get off me.

Did I say you could do that?

No, I didn't. It would be terrible.

Right, so next question.

Would you rather be imprisoned for a murder that you didn't commit or for a murder that you did commit?

Would you rather be imprisoned for a murder that you didn't commit, or a murder that you did commit?

I'm actually gonna throw the question back to you.

Would you rather be imprisoned, so put in prison, for a murder that you didn't commit? So it's like, you'll go to jail for 25 years, but I didn't do it! Jail! Or, go to jail for 25 years, okay, I did it, I murdered someone. So, which one? Well, the second one, of course.

Sorry, what?

Murdered someone.

You wanna murder someone? No, I don't!

Ah!

Don't fiddle with the microphone.

I don't want to but like you see, I don't want to but like it's worse if you're going to prison.

Is it? So you're thinking if I'm going to prison I might as well murder someone. Yeah.

I'm going to prison anyway you know so free pass so I could I'm gonna spend 25 years to life in prison so I might as well kill someone for it rather than go in there for nothing yeah no I don't agree yeah yeah yeah because it's bad to do it yeah you forgot it's bad to murder someone

Who would you murder?

Who would you murder? It's like, you're going to go to prison for 25 years.

Wait a minute. Wait a minute. Let me just murder someone first. Who is it? Who are you going to murder?

Persons who are in prison. One of the other prisoners?

No, they don't deserve that, do they?

They're already in prison. I don't know if anyone deserves to be killed, to be honest.

Yeah.

Yeah, I don't think so. Listeners, you can send us your suggestions.

Actually, don't. Don't. Because that would be inappropriate, wouldn't it? So, like, send us your kill lists to luketeacher at hotmail . com.

Actually, yes.

Send us. No, don't. Don't.

I don't want that in my inbox.

It's going to look very weird.

Plus, I don't want to know who everyone wants to kill.

Yeah, but no killing or singing.

I'd like to murder my next -door neighbour, because he keeps...

I don't know what. His apple tree keeps dropping apples into my garden, and he refuses to prune the branches of the tree, so I'd like to murder him.

That's from John Smith on King Road in Norbury, England.

That's the sort of email we'd end up getting.

Not that John Smith listens to this podcast, but, you know, you never know, because everyone listens to this.

I would rather be imprisoned... Not every... everyone. Oh, yeah.

Oh, yeah, yeah.

Even the people who are in Norway? Even the people who are in... even Norwegians. All of them. There's even one who doesn't listen? No, I'm just joking. Yeah.

I don't have many listeners in Norway. Only one, maybe. I don't know.

I haven't checked.

Maybe zero.

I have some, but their English is so good, isn't it, that they're like, I do not need to listen to Luke's English podcast.

I think you might do, because you need to learn how to pronounce podcast.

very good at English so I would rather be imprisoned for not killing someone yeah than killing if you know it's just because it's just a reminder for you as a seven -year -old you need to be reminded these things killing someone is wrong very very bad right next question from me to you would you rather Hey, would you rather have to turn 10 kilometres right...

Would you rather have to run 10 kilometres?

Go on.

Would you rather have to run 10 kilometres right and out without stopping or not? Well, no, not. What?

Ask the question again, please.

Would you rather have to turn 10 kilometres to run 10..

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Start again. Would you rather have to run 10 kilometers right now without stopping or not? That's a tough question, but I think I'm gonna go not. Me too. Not. Who would choose to do that anyway right now?

Yeah.

I mean some people run 10 kilometers a day without stopping. They get up in the morning, they get their sneakers on and other clothes presumably. Yeah. And off they go and they run 10 kilometers and they don't stop and then they come back and then they start their day. Crazy people basically. There are crazy people in the world then they're so mighty they are mighty and strong and better than everyone else no I think it's probably very healthy thing to do yeah and it probably makes you feel fantastic doesn't it if you do that but no not for me thanks yeah I'm not sorry so would you rather

have the legs of a dog or the face of a turkey?

Wait a minute.

The legs of a dog or the face of a turkey?

Yeah. Well... The legs of the dog because dogs can jump very high and dogs can go very fastly. Fast. Yeah, fast. Yeah, this is true.



And also, have you seen the face of a turkey? They look bloody awful. Yes. Let me tell you.

Actually, yes, I saw that they look bloody awful.

They've got the legs of a dog who are bloody beautiful. We shouldn't say this bloody word too much. It's just a bit of a joke really. Yeah. They're absolutely beautiful.

That's what some dogs have got beautiful legs. Have they really?

Okay. Wait. Obviously your arms would be dog legs too. Oh.

But at least you wouldn't have to face the face of a turkey. Yeah.

You wouldn't be able to walk on all floors. All fours. All fours without your dog legs. But you would have to do your best to totter around on the back too and you clearly wouldn't have hands. Okay so the point is there that you not only do you have back legs which are dogs legs but your arms are also dogs legs and you wouldn't be able to he says you wouldn't be able to walk around on all fours like a dog you'd have to try to stand up on your hind legs and totter around like a human but you're on dog legs and you wouldn't have hands so it's not great is it but it's still better than having the face of a turkey yeah because i mean i'd still be able to probably be on Luke's English podcast i just have to keep my arms down i'd find a way to like press record on my computer and then I just hold my arms down and you'd still be able to see my head and face.

I just zoom the camera in a little bit more so you can't see my arms and it would just be business as usual. But if I had the face of a turkey, that would be hideous, wouldn't it? Right, okay.

Yeah, but can you change your face on the podcast?

Yeah, well yeah, you can.

You can create like a weird digital avatar but no one wants to see that. They want to see my beautiful face, don't they?

Yeah.

Would you rather have a conversation with a dolphin or an elephant? A dolphin.

Why?

Because they're so cute. Yeah, but, I mean, are they going to make good conversation? Is that a dolphin?

Yes.

Dolphins are like...

Aren't they?

So, dolphin or elephant?

Dolphin because they're cute.

But there's got to be more to it than that. They're cute and they're... They're quite intelligent, aren't they? Yeah. The dolphins are known for being some of the most intelligent animal species.

So you think to yourself, what stories do they have to tell us of the deep ocean?

What mysteries of the undersea? You'd say to it, dolphin, please tell me of the mysteries of the deep ocean. What stories do you have for me? And the dolphin would go, and you'd go, wow, that's wonderful. I mean, it doesn't mean that the dolphin can speak English.

Daddy, daddy, daddy, I want just... yeah but yeah but after you could take your phone and and just make it like this record it record yeah and then tell them put it on your other tool to know what it means on the speaker speech to text yeah sort of yeah maybe use AI or something like that yeah but yeah I think probably I would have a conversation with a dolphin yes they've got such a different experience different life um, a leff, uh, um, a lello... A what? An elephant.

Yeah, yeah.

Um, uh, well, well, they, uh, they, maybe they can't see us, and also they can...

What, they've got a big trunk?

Yeah, and also they can...

Let's simulate that, okay? You're you, and I'm an elephant. Let's have a little conversation. Go on. Hello, elephant. Hello, I'm an elephant.

Um, what, what I, what do elephants do? Oh well, we walk around and touch things with our noses, our trunks and investigate things and we live a very long, long time and we like to spend time with our families and move a few logs around if you want me to and that's about it really. We never forget things But then again, we don't have a lot of very interesting things to remember. There's a lot of walking and moving logs and... Oh, hmm. That's more or less it, I think, yes.

Do you have any other questions, or...? Is your life boring? Not really for me to say, I think. I don't know. It's perfectly fine as far as I'm concerned. I don't know.

A human like you might find it boring, but not particularly boring as far as I'm concerned.

What do you think? OK.

Right, now I'm a dolphin.

Hello, dolphin.

I don't speak English.

you are so so cute oh okay well let's see i do speak english now yeah oh that's nice uh you got anything any questions for me uh what's what's like um mysterious things and the sea oh uh well i saw a shipwreck once that was pretty good yeah a big shipwreck

and uh lots of treasure as well loads of treasure just tons of it just wow all sorts of treasure everywhere loads just nothing but treasure, all on the floor. And I saw, oh, a big spaceship under the water. Yeah, that's right. Just floating around. Aliens inside. Yeah, absolutely fascinating.

And also a big door on the floor of the sea. And you just open the door and it's like it goes into a big room in the middle of the earth.

It's all hollow.

Yeah. See, what you didn't realize is that dolphins are liars.

They just lie all the time.

So it's So either you're going to have a very boring conversation with an elephant, or you're going to have a very frustrating conversation with a dolphin who's just lying compulsively all the time. So, which one?

I think the dolphin still.

Yeah, still. Because it's good to have their little stories. Yeah, exactly.

It's like, well, this is going to be fun.

At least it's not boring.

Okay. I'm also elephant -side.

It takes like a million days. That's true. Right then, this might be the last question. I'm asking...

No, I wanted to do it.

Don't go into whinge mode. I'm asking you this question. This is the last question, probably, of the podcast. And we've finally got to it. Are you ready? Would you rather...

Oh, yes. Would you rather have an extra thumb on each hand, so each hand's got two thumbs, or be able to shoot poo out of your bum like a cannon? Well? Have an extra thumb. Extra thumb. OK, could you explain your answer?

Well, because, you see, well, poo is disgusting. Into the microphone, please. Not poo.

Speak into the microphone.

Well, poo is very, very, very, very disgusting. Yes.

People would... be like, go just further away from us and never be our friends.

But I mean, it could be used as quite an effective weapon against enemies, couldn't it? Yeah, but if your friends are coming around... I mean, I'm assuming that you can control it, that you decide when and where and in which direction you shoot the poo out, like a cannon. Right?

I mean, you could probably control it.

I'm assuming, but you'd rather have the thumbs, the extra thumbs. Can you imagine how that would be useful? Well, because, like, if one of the thumbs is injured, I can use the other one.

You've got a backup thumb, a substitute thumb in reserve.

Mm -hmm, that's true.

But also, I mean, the thumb is one of the useful parts of our body in fact the thumb is what marks us out the opposable thumb is a thing that marks us out from so many other species of animal that this single thing the fact we have this thumb that can help us close our fist around something, help us hold something, allows us to manipulate objects in such sophisticated ways. There aren't that many other animals, especially mammals, that have that ability.

There are obviously the apes and so on, who have a similar level of you know, control as us. But it makes a huge difference to the things we can do. That we are way more powerful with the opposable thumbs.

So if we had two, who knows what we could achieve? Yeah. Right? We could achieve all sorts of incredible things with our double thumbs. Yeah. So I think it would be the advantage.

But then again, firing poo out of your bum like a cannon. There's more information. Would you like the extra information? Yes. the thumbs would be on the opposite side of your hands to your original thumbs. So your thumb, your two thumbs would not be next to each other.

You'd have a thumb on one side and a thumb on the other side, which I think is extra useful. And this would give you all kinds of advantages when it comes to opening or manipulating objects. You can actually purchase mechanical extra thumbs that you operate with your feet. And he's serious, actually. You actually can buy mechanical thumbs that you operate with your feet. I suppose these are to replace your real thumbs if they got lost.

You can replace them with mechanical ones. These ones that he's talking about here would be actual extra thumbs. You could hitchhike in two different directions with just one hand. Imagine that. You increase your chances of being picked up by a car while hitchhiking by 100 % because you'd have...

What's hitchhiking? Hitchhiking is when you put your thumb out. We saw people doing it in Norway. Oh yeah, yeah. You stick your thumb out, you stand by the side of the road because you want someone to pick you up and take you somewhere. Yeah.

That's hitchhiking. And if you've got double thumbs, you've got more chance of being picked up, right? It's just a joke. It's just a joke. Hilarious. The poo cannon, you would not be able to cause any destruction with the poo cannon.

So that sort of wipes out one of the only advantages I could imagine. But if someone was hit with the poo, they would get poo on them. Yeah, well, yeah, of course. But it would also be fun as a sort of scatological firework show, or maybe a tribute at a funeral. I don't know what kind of tribute that would be. Wait, what's a funeral?



A funeral is when someone has died. there's like a sort of ceremony in a church and the person is in the coffin and then they're buried in the ground or they're cremated. It's like using their poo. Exactly. I mean sometimes there are different tributes to people. For example they have these gun salutes like people, soldiers fire guns into the air as a tribute or maybe other things are done other forms of tribute are done.

Oh, so that means they could fire a person. You could, you know, bend over, pull down your pants and fire a... do a special tribute to your father. Yeah, but the person next to you would be like, what is he doing? What is Luke Thompson doing? What is Ivy Thompson doing? Well, it's what her father wanted.

He requested it specifically in his will. So I think we all agree that the extra thumbs would be the better option in that case. So this was our podcast. Thank you very much for listening everyone and for getting all the way to this to this point. We would love to know your thoughts and your responses to some of those questions. We would love to know.

So pick any question that you want that you've heard in the episode and leave your considered comment in the comment section. Think really carefully about your answer, because obviously this is very serious business that we're dealing with here. We'd like to know your answers, so do write them in the comment section. And to prove that you got all the way to this point, I'd like you to use the word tribute in your comment. So that means that listeners, when they leave a comment, if they use the word tribute, It shows that they have listened all the way until the end of the episode, you see. So, you know, there's a variety of ways you could use the word tribute.

You could do something as a tribute to someone. This episode is a tribute to something. It's a tribute to your sense of humour or something. I suppose people could choose to write that comment or anything else that comes to mind. That would be great. Did you learn anything from doing this?

Well, I don't really know. I think you did. I think you gained a lot of wisdom from me today. Yes, I think. This has been a very, very educational experience for you, I suppose. Not to mention the confidence that you've gained from this experience.

Thank you very much for your contribution. I really hope that people enjoyed listening to this. Me too. And that they learnt a thing or two. and I will speak to you on the podcast very soon. Do you want to say bye -bye to the Lepsters?

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