



Cryptic Companion

*Almost 700 cryptic questions
on the words in the book*

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Bless the Buccaneer with Barbecued Blood
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Welcome to the Cryptic Companion to Bless the Buccaneer with Barbecued Blood!

Bless the Buccaneer with Barbecued Blood is a unique take on the study of word origins. What it aims to do is to take a rather irreverent, and for you, the reader (I hope), humorous and entertaining, yet informative, approach to the wonderful and endlessly intriguing topic of English etymology. It examines over 900 words and their origins and histories, imagining what might be the result if the old meanings were still current, or if the modern meanings had existed in the past.

The histories of the words themselves are fascinating: Why is a killer termed an *assassin*, when the original activity he indulged in would have rendered him incapable of holding a weapon, let alone using it? If you wanted to *pool* your resources, how would farmyard fowl come into it? Why would the English and the Greeks be at great variance when talking about essentially the same period of time? If you want to know the answers to these questions and many more, then get Bless the Buccaneer with Barbecued Blood!

This Cryptic Companion has almost 700 questions, the answers to which can all be found in the book. While you may guess some of the answers, most of them can only be found by locating the relevant word or words in the book (some of the questions are associated with more than one related word). The questions are organised randomly so that you won't be able to find the answers by simply reading the questions one after another and following the book entries alphabetically. You could simply work through the questions in numerical order, deduce the answers and check them, or you could find and check the easier ones first - it's entirely up to you.

The words in Bless the Buccaneer with Barbecued Blood will not always be direct answers to the questions pertaining to them, but they will have a strong enough connection so as not to be associated with any other questions. As a result, you can be sure of the answer when you find it.

If you have not yet bought the book, visit the website <http://www.blessthebuccaneer.com>, where you can find the latest information on where to buy it. There are also samples from the book on the site so that you can try out your etymological skills before you buy it. Be sure to tell your friends and family about the book. Why not challenge them to see who can find the answers first? Whatever you do, I hope you enjoy it; and look out for the second volume, which will be announced on the website in due course.

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1. How can the struggle for victory be the victory itself?
2. Why would a wizard need to master the alphabet?
3. What's the best weapon for removing an elephant's nose?
4. Why is it best to check a travel document's validity through a knight's protective eyepiece?
5. Why might you drop off in a break in proceedings?
6. What is the intrinsic reason for wild, debauched parties to remain hush-hush?
7. Why do arachnids never marry?
8. How can your father give you the gift of the gab?
9. How could a ploughshare help power your household appliances?
10. Why would you have someone odd to officiate at a sporting event?
11. Why might you mistakenly wrap spring flowers round your head?
12. How does coffee spur you on?
13. Why should a believer in Jesus be a poor fellow?
14. Why would you hate those you denounce?
15. Why would you tell someone with different convictions to yours to go to hell?
16. When is a witch linked to pleasures of the flesh?
17. Why should you beware of planting little devils in your garden?
18. What kind of remark can be used to dig a ditch?
19. Why might you pay extra for your dinner to be brought to you by a man in shackles?
20. In what way is a donkey indispensable to the artist?
21. Why are there really only three ethnic groups even though there are thousands?
22. Why is an aviary the best place for a ceremonial opening?
23. How can you open the door to someone's heart?
24. Why is it profitable for a man to be brave and haughty, and for a woman to be modest and demure?
25. Why would you run after something with cash in your hand?
26. Why can an ape never stick its nose into your business?
27. Which bird breaks wind when it takes to the wing?
28. Which two places could you use to keep criminal canaries?
29. Why is Ruritania the best place to buy designer clothes?
30. What might you be speaking if you have a paw control of language?
31. Why are daily climatic conditions only genuine if it's blowing a gale?

32. What would you play between plays?
33. Why would the mob scratch around to get a firearm?
34. Why is the mask for a man of God different from everyone else's?
35. What animal has the most sneering attitude to everything?
36. How can you chastise recalcitrant children and also prepare grain to be ground?
37. What's the best way to keep deception out of sight?
38. Why should a taxi bleat?
39. What's the best way to get cut price goods?
40. Which town could you make your trousers from?
41. When are politicians whiter than white?
42. Why might your travel bag have a quiff?
43. Why would an animal be mad to be grey?
44. In what manner of speaking is an informal negotiation similar to a legislative body?
45. How might you lose your way if you exceed your bounds?
46. Why would the act of sitting make you dirty?
47. Why is the head of the ward the best candidate for marriage?
48. How can bones connect to create sweet music?
49. Why did William Blake choose the wrong cat?
50. Why would you expect to take any opportunity which falls to you?
51. What can wobble even though it's frozen solid?
52. Where can you go to sleep and never wake up?
53. Why can't this big sparrow fly?
54. Why would your leg fit in a six-sided socket?
55. When is a lion on the ground not a lion on the ground?
56. Why might you be able to avoid a war by settling a bill?
57. Why would you call someone to your house to take up a challenge?
58. Which island can form the best electrical circuit?
59. Why is your destiny inevitably strange?
60. Why is there a limit to what you can get likewise in your shopping basket?
61. Why should retribution hurt?
62. Which would show your mood better, your face, your horn or your brain?
63. Why might you end up crushed to the ground for illegally occupying a house?
64. How might a gang member end up effeminate?

65. Why should English people be careful when flying through dull weather?
66. How can avoiding the bottle alleviate anger?
67. How can you add a colour by removing it?
68. What would a Manx cat do for a tail?
69. Why can't you really use bricks to build a protective barrier round your property?
70. What kind of stage should always be round?
71. Why might the person addressing you from the public platform be the most undesirable animal of all?
72. Why should Cupid be careful of how he tips his arrows?
73. Why would fear drive you to take the utmost care about doing what you do?
74. Why is going round in circles the best way to see the sights?
75. Why does something very small in Scotland have some weight?
76. Why is it a fine line between being silly and skilled?
77. How can a meal of rotting meat freshen up your house?
78. Why would you swear when filling out a form?
79. Which day would give you the greatest reason to cower under the table in fear?
80. When is it worth being a delight?
81. When would you have a Balkan round your neck?
82. If you speak the truth, why might it still be overturned?
83. What kind of fruity affair would you have in central Greece?
84. How far can you travel in a day?
85. What utensil can you use to turn eggs into flooring?
86. What type of person would treat you well both in England and Rome?
87. Why would a bit of a cow keep you healthy?
88. How can you turn a defeat into a symbol of victory and put it on your mantelpiece?
89. Which swell animal can you find down on the farm?
90. How can a vulture help you get that slim figure you've always wanted?
91. How can ploughing a field help diagnose malaria?
92. What kind of things can your nose remember?
93. Which animal is the truest prince of the sea?
94. Why might a plan not survive?
95. How does a horse carry its oats?
96. Why is a dog on a lead bound to its master in more ways than one?

97. Why are you bound to enter into a relationship that will leave you counting the cost?
98. What would you constitute when playing craps in the middle of the road?
99. Why would you get the grapes in with an old car?
100. What in the end is the difference between an ennobled woman and a mare in foal?
101. Why might you accept a condiment as part of your pay?
102. How might a swollen neck affect your vocal delivery?
103. Why are birthing mothers no different to poisonous snakes?
104. How would Daisy put in a call to Buttercup?
105. Why is it better to change colour in the dark?
106. Why should swearing and disorderly behaviour be erased?
107. What's a hideous serpent in Greece and a loveable mammal in England?
108. Why might you use a needle to deliver paroxysms of mirth?
109. Why would anyone roll dice on the back of a horse?
110. Which furniture do you smash when you have no money?
111. If you can talk a lot, how much can you actually roll out?
112. Why should you beware of a bear when drinking a beer?
113. Why might a piece of magic turn out to be an act of betrayal?
114. Why would interference in another's business lead to a brawl?
115. For what purpose would you welcome a politician into your abode?
116. Why is trying to organise all the aspects of your life a bit of a joke?
117. How can you give a sly look with your ear?
118. Why would you need horns to play around like this?
119. Why might you need a special permit to relax after work?
120. What is the likely result if you eat up all of your food?
121. How can the food that you eat and the place where you eat it be in total disorder, but still be excellent?
122. What animal could fly out of the sea and devastate Roman crops?
123. Why would a beast from hell be happy chewing a lettuce leaf?
124. Why would you put your money together for the sake of a chicken?
125. When would a young officer become a scoundrel?
126. How would being true to your friend keep you on the right side of the law?
127. Why is it Dutch nonsense to put together what goes in one end and comes out of the other end?

128. Which politicians are truly thieves and scoundrels?
129. What evil might you call down if you strike a match?
130. Why would stripy cats come from Iraq?
131. Why would a pleasant scent make your blood boil?
132. How would fate establish who were men and who were boys?
133. What might happen to a film if the producer doesn't get the right star line-up?
134. Why is a lack of strength lamentable?
135. How can you make words crackle and flash?
136. Why might you bequeath your gonads?
137. What is the colour of crushed worms?
138. How can you deliver your knowledge as amusing one-liners?
139. How might your words become bullets?
140. Why might your papers be on your back?
141. Why is it unhygienic to swim in the Baltic sea off the coast of Latvia or to stand in the drizzle in Iceland?
142. How might a little chat help with your irritable nature?
143. How can a greater official be both greater and lesser than a lesser official?
144. Which object shrank in size and status after 1066?
145. How can weaving help to direct a boat?
146. Which animals can best predict the future?
147. Why might you line your bathroom wall with Roman cloth?
148. What kind of advertising would Sir Lancelot use?
149. How can a good telling-off improve your social status?
150. Why is a boat the only way to reach your destination?
151. Why would a cloak make a suitable roof?
152. Why should you beware of fire-breathing dragons when digging your garden?
153. Why do all bodies resemble each other?
154. How can you get what you deserve when you are attracted to the cheap and gaudy?
155. Why should you only get concerned when hands close round your throat?
156. When is a cock no longer cocky?
157. Why would a serving president take things lying down?
158. Why can you only have a sleep in the day at 12.00 and no later?

159. Why would you make a song and dance if someone took away your hamburger?
160. What's the most valuable store of words that you can dig up?
161. Which writing material is the best for mathematical formulae?
162. Why would something cheap be by nature disgusting?
163. Why should a knock-out competition be most suited to flinging things?
164. What time of year is so cold that it rains all the time?
165. How would a small cloth bag become indispensable if you're caught short and need to relieve yourself?
166. Why might this be the cause of a thumping headache?
167. How can you go twelve rounds in Parliament?
168. How might you trouble a breakwater?
169. What kind of food would have a heart but no blood?
170. Which way do you look to become malicious?
171. Why are you stupid to fall so deeply in love?
172. How might a good stretch help you to improve the qualities of your singing voice?
173. In what way might it be awkward to be a communist?
174. Which apple is not an apple from a country which is not its country?
175. Why would you put gravel in your coffee?
176. Why would reaching a forest clearing cheer you up?
177. Why might a farmer use railway carriages to plough a field?
178. How could you be certain in France that you're safe in Rome?
179. What English one do you climb to reach the Greek one at the top?
180. Why would trainee priests help your garden grow?
181. Why is a drink-sodden song the perfect accompaniment to a victory?
182. How would your location determine your conduct?
183. Why might he be a tramp and she a slacker?
184. How might flying first class be described as torture?
185. Why is speed of the essence for a bird of prey?
186. Why would soldiers be especially lewd when launching an attack?
187. Which worthy piece of earth might you add to your cooking?
188. When is it worth stooping so low?
189. Why is it customary to sell out your country?

190. How can a man simultaneously groom himself and lay waste to whole cities?
191. How is it easy to confuse something you stand on to speak, with something you sit at to write?
192. What would a cryptic block of wood say?
193. How can the study of art help society to advance materially?
194. How can something which started out as a German revolt come to resemble a rising tone from a big cat?
195. In what way is a slap on the back truly a sign of approval?
196. What can you drink, smoke or mock in equal measure?
197. Why should the government increase duty on poor sartorial judgement?
198. How could you make a car move using just what you were born with?
199. How did the hedgehog give rise to a ragged child?
200. Why would throwing apples be the best way to beat someone into submission?
201. Which liquids are best at flying?
202. Why should you nod to something only if you mean it?
203. How could a busy lifestyle consume you?
204. How can holding forth about something truly build bridges?
205. When might you throw your mum's best crockery?
206. Why do you place your cup of tea on the wrong receptacle?
207. How might doing a complete job bring you intense joy?
208. Why might your second in command embody a variety of evils?
209. What do you call someone who steals your golf clubs?
210. Why might both the goose and the gander both develop high blood pressure?
211. Why should a castle prison be made of logs?
212. Why might a lamb start a game of chess with a prance?
213. What kind of code is intrinsically designed to hurt?
214. How can the month stop women from doing what comes naturally?
215. How could a deep cut enhance your personality?
216. Why was Van Gogh literally determined to take action on his ear?
217. Why might you rather take on a shirt in battle than the Gordian knot?
218. Why might you place great emphasis on making a great effort?
219. Why would a potato stay awake all night?
220. How do cats and dogs play pool?

221. Why might you feel all shook up after long negotiations?
222. What kind of planning can only be done by an army commander?
223. How would you free furniture from a van?
224. Why would red paint cause an object to shrink?
225. Why might your skills allow you to be poured into any job?
226. When might education just be an empty symbol?
227. Why would you write about what a woman might sell of herself?
228. Why would you play down the time when you were fooled?
229. Which bone in your body digs you the most?
230. How can being cut-off purify you?
231. Why might a hard-working man keep an eye on his wife?
232. Which little animal might change your disposition from vicious to clever over time?
233. Why should a general be careful when laying out banners and troops?
234. What does a nun wear as a rule?
235. Which legal expert really shows the most concern?
236. How could a carrot move with such energy?
237. How can a good stomping promote learning?
238. Which organ might experience the greatest sensation of joy?
239. Why might Dracula and Frankenstein have no effect on bald men?
240. Why might you use a net to keep safe from bad air?
241. Why do vacuous statements have no effect on mountains?
242. Why would a bark be as good as a sneer?
243. Why are folded qualifications the only ones to have?
244. What little sheath has so much flavour?
245. If you wanted to be carried away, which would be better, football or ballet?
246. Why might you crush something that's already cut up?
247. Why might Athens be a good place in the long run?
248. Why would a perfect example sharpen you up?
249. Why do the cruel show no regret?
250. Why might you not believe someone who has chest pains?
251. How can we know King Alfred enjoyed his sleep?
252. How might a dog suffer doubly from its master's absence?

253. Why is it no longer a friendly act to repay in kind?
254. Why should presidents and rulers be careful about who they get stoned with?
255. Why might bees among others view modern preserves as inauthentic?
256. In what way is the gingerbread man truly a product of the imagination?
257. How would you use your speaking capacity to guarantee someone's credentials?
258. Why would women be grateful that they got a piece of cloth and not a wooden plug?
259. Why would you station your military guard in the attic?
260. How did the English manage to get 8760 times as much time as the Greeks?
261. How could the same thing be broad in Greece and thin in Rome?
262. How does this word symbolise the descent of manhood from valour to corpulence?
263. How can a young man be the boss when he is still subject to the will of the boss?
264. Why would raindrops hurtling to earth smash their heads?
265. Why would you need to knead to produce something in English?
266. Why might an optician have to be careful when cooking legumes?
267. What's the best room if you have a job to do?
268. In what way does jam take part in making a Swiss roll?
269. How might justice be better served on a flat service?
270. Why are these animals defined as mothers and not fathers?
271. Why might this be a lubricant for heavy metal?
272. How could a young lady, often in trouble, grow up to be a mare in foal?
273. How could you sit and do nothing with so much energetic activity?
274. How much can you write in a day?
275. Why might you want to paint a lovely landscape on your tent?
276. In what way might a bag, a whale or a young bull be blown all out of proportion in ancient Greek art?
277. How would a financial agent get drunk?
278. How would criminals be caught in the act with politicians who are after your vote?
279. What kind of outcome might you bounce back into?
280. Where might you find a jewel of a word?
281. Why should the regimental goat wear make-up?

282. Where do English speakers speak gibberish?
283. Why might a previous incumbent be a good runner?
284. Why might Superman find it supremely difficult to extricate himself from Northern Greece?
285. Why can a German shopkeeper give you greater quality assurance than either of the French ones?
286. Why might you not recognise the team dog?
287. Which goddess is revered by snakes?
288. Why might you go in circles to hurl something?
289. Which of your pointers are you most likely to stub?
290. If your stomach could speak, what sort of act would it be?
291. In what way is make-up a complete pretence?
292. Why might a lifetime of wandering make your thoughts indistinct?
293. How can the act of sawing split a beam of light?
294. What made Attila the Hun go about his business in a cheerful frame of mind?
295. Why are the slut and the monarch two sides of the same coin?
296. Why should this sheath never be used for a sword?
297. How can you transform the gloom with a little water?
298. What exactly is the time to eat?
299. Why would a street procession keep stopping?
300. What kind of trick might help you escape capture?
301. What kind of person would you have to pay to have your life spared?
302. Which woodsman is not really a man?
303. Why is nowhere an unattainable dream?
304. Who rose from mucking out pigs to looking after a ship's provisions?
305. Why should classical musicians only really play ballet music for themselves to dance?
306. Why would an amphibian vote with its head?
307. Why should kids not be kids but little horses?
308. What makes vultures more likely to produce cutting comments than other savannah-dwellers?
309. Why is it always a wonder to look at your own face?
310. How can a newborn baby signify its misfortune?
311. Who goes ahead to find a billet for his soldiers?

312. Why is it manly to be almost real, but not quite the real thing?
313. What's the difference between coming over the fields and through them?
314. Why might your girth be regulated by law?
315. Why would you look back in admiration?
316. When might a printed document be rejected as inauthentic?
317. What kind of infection can you be mired in?
318. When is a handshake as good as a thump on the head?
319. How might a walk along the seafront bring clarity to everything?
320. How might a little dye either enhance or spoil what it's added to?
321. What kind of substance can truly define your level of courage?
322. Why should the lord of the manor never be allowed to rule the country?
323. Why might a legal expert walk the streets at night?
324. Why would you mark out where the heathens and rustic folk live?
325. Why might minuscule particles of matter cause a lot of trouble?
326. Why are you doing wrong if you fall asleep at the bus stop?
327. In what way might a myth be wonderful?
328. How can you have just a bit of a biting wit?
329. How do you run away from a tent?
330. What happens to your mind when those little snakes eat away at you?
331. Which piece of France is present in every American city?
332. Why can you count on pebbles to produce results?
333. How sad is it when a lion's claw pierces your heart?
334. How could humiliation bring about your demise?
335. Why would you take a stick to someone for making false accusations?
336. Why would a pig prance around to save its bacon?
337. Why might this person steer with the foot?
338. Why would rushing around stop you from making a considered choice?
339. Why is the world truly upside down?
340. If your property moos, how many heads does it have?
341. How could you best describe a beautiful neck?
342. What kind of smell would you expect to arrive on time?
343. Why might someone be easily persuaded by a hammer?
344. When might you welcome yourself into your own home as an unwelcome

visitor?

345. Which skirt only appears when you sit down?
346. Which small coin is really a little devil?
347. Why might German schoolboys and English weightlifters be found naked together?
348. Would you prefer to find her in a large building or in your head?
349. Why would your children's constant demands tie up your hands and legs?
350. Which fish is especially good when tossed in a pan?
351. Where might a witch and a nun be one and the same?
352. Why might a young girl inevitably become a loose woman?
353. Why might a thief take your bathroom attire?
354. Which ancient tribe ended up eschewing high art?
355. Why might you feed this a mouse and then shoot with it?
356. Why might people born in the same country share the same character?
357. Why would you feel afraid in England, be in danger in Italy and steal treasure in Greece?
358. Why might standing in a raging river with your mouth open not bring you satisfaction?
359. Why might a big tent be a useful defence on the border?
360. How many cows would you pay for a cow?
361. How can you make a tree out of your hand?
362. Who will give you a coat and help change your tyre?
363. Why should you not let your underlings anywhere near your ice cream?
364. Why might you entrust the care of your little children to a prostitute?
365. How is it harmful to use an eraser?
366. Why is this little male more often than not a model female?
367. Why would it be perfectly normal to sit on complete disorganisation in your kitchen?
368. What animal body parts might you grow if you slander someone?
369. In what way would you be able to rob a bank with impunity but not swear at a vicar?
370. What exudes from the front end in Rome and from the back end in Iceland?
371. What can you wag in English to produce words in Latin?
372. What started at three based on six and moved to twelve, but is essentially nine?

373. How sexy would a man find a stick with flax on it?
374. How might you be seized by a lack of feeling?
375. Why is that big, clumsy fellow no longer out with the fairies?
376. Why would you lay into someone with your fists to get your money back?
377. Why might excessive worry put you in dire circumstances?
378. How is a falling tree perilous in the truest sense?
379. What substance is marriage actually made from?
380. How might you easily engage in petting and beating your cat at the same time?
381. Why might chopping bits off a tree induce good behaviour in your children?
382. Which directions point to a rise and fall?
383. If bread was on the menu for all the people, how would they end up eating themselves?
384. Why do you get the same thing, if you agree to pillage and plunder, that you get if you refuse to do it?
385. Why would members of a political group wear the same style of clothes?
386. How can you light a fire by emptying the contents of your nose onto it?
387. Why might it happen that you run up against something?
388. Why might you feel put out in heaven?
389. Why would a reduced crew on a boat be dying of thirst?
390. When is it perfectly good to pay a penalty?
391. Why might you be born yesterday regardless of when you were actually born?
392. What kind of shop can you conduct negotiations in?
393. How can your legs contribute to trigonometry?
394. Which fruit can you press to extract its name from it?
395. Why might you use a giant bow to launch a two-way vehicle into space?
396. How can you have more than two little grandfathers?
397. How long should a contagious disease be isolated?
398. Why would shield-bearing Anglo-Saxon warriors be useful in the rain?
399. In what way can machinery be said to have hands?
400. Why are rural dwellers so against everything?
401. Why would skyward motion have so many alternative actions?
402. When does extending time become theft?

403. What can you sprinkle to sanctify?
404. Why would you shut away an object for removing unwanted hair?
405. What's the most harrowing judgement that you may undergo?
406. What threads can help you last out a marathon?
407. What kind of make-up would Mrs ET wear?
408. How stupid is vinegar?
409. Why should you wave if you have more than you need?
410. Why is a dance floor a good place to hunt?
411. How can you have the power to assemble a group of deputies?
412. Why might you not be sure that you are actually looking at yourself?
413. How might you have enough of witty ridicule?
414. Why would someone pay you to amuse you?
415. Why would a self-respecting Roman wear clothes made of English straw?
416. Why do people only get vicious in a forest?
417. Why would getting in the flow of things put you in a sick bed?
418. How can you sit at something in Germany and eat off the same thing in England?
419. How attentive to detail should a flying fist be?
420. Why can't you trust a French quack?
421. How would you term a place of learning for lazy layabouts?
422. How would God drive a car?
423. Why would you want to engage in illicit sex in a steel mill?
424. Why might a wealthy businessman wear a kimono?
425. Why would you threaten to drive cattle along the seafront and to the school dance?
426. What kind of foreigner can an Englishman crack open?
427. How might you be perplexed by a lot of fluff?
428. Why might you throw something back if you don't want it?
429. How can bees contribute to your beautiful voice?
430. Why are Latin books more harmful to trees than English ones?
431. Why would you struggle to show little enthusiasm for doing something?
432. In what way would the most precious thing to you cost nothing?
433. Which is the best part of the body to hang praise on?
434. Why is law enforcement inextricably linked to city affairs?

435. Why were cuttlefish good photographers in the 19th century?
436. Why might something firmly fixed in your mind eat away at you?
437. Why might wisdom first corrupt you and then make you a more complex person?
438. Which part of your body can you use to deny an assertion?
439. Which animal just goes round and round in accordance with its name?
440. Why can't you sleep on a watchtower?
441. What would you weave onto paper and then onto bones?
442. Why should you carry out all the preparatory work before entering a house?
443. Why would women lose their heads when men remain calm?
444. Why might a duckling turn out to be a dragon?
445. How might your partner's underwater breathing apparatus keep you awake at night?
446. Why would an old herdsman live by a church?
447. What rock is as good as the hair of a dog?
448. Why would sailcloth be useful at a wedding?
449. Why should the masses produce only children?
450. Why might stories from the Italian capital always end happily ever after?
451. How do calories help you in your job in a very real way?
452. Why should sorrowful ceremonies only take place in the shade?
453. How could a walk round the threshing floor make you a saint?
454. How can a backward glance gain you a bit of relief?
455. How fast can you stretch you legs?
456. When might money be a product of your imagination?
457. Why would food go into something jutting out?
458. Why might you have to save every penny to buy a plate of seafood?
459. Why should Mowgli really have been living in the desert?
460. What would a snake use to make a deer its dinner?
461. Why would you give your word to make a mess?
462. Which is the only hill fit for kings and emperors to build their abodes on?
463. Why might small people be up for a fight?
464. Why is the spring holiday in reality not the only day to help anyone?
465. Where can you put your sandwiches when you go cycling?

466. Why would one of your client kings be the best person to clean your car?
467. Which is easier to sully – clothes or a good name?
468. How might a dog react to a hallucination?
469. How might small stones ensure a high degree of morality?
470. What is said again and again in Italian?
471. How is it plain that there are no clothes?
472. What kind of mark would you use on someone's lips to ensure secrecy?
473. What's the only place to lie in wait?
474. What would a woman take with her to get married?
475. Why would you show no interest in staying warm?
476. What kind of butterfly is big enough to shelter you?
477. What kind of government employee makes a song and dance about his/her work?
478. When might becoming a father be akin committing a criminal act?
479. Why does looking down bring green to you eyes?
480. Which type of flat cake is most certainly unpalatable when it comes out of the "oven"?
481. Why do vagabonds need to go back to school at once?
482. Why would this person steal your car as soon as clean it?
483. Why would an all-girl party sing so sweetly?
484. Which bird is constantly under attack from gun and tongue?
485. What greeting can enslave you?
486. How can you be eaten up with worry?
487. Why might snow turn black when it settles?
488. How might a cow express pure joy?
489. Why would you store your savings on the sea bed?
490. How easily can a lament follow on from a strike?
491. Why might you give special emphasis to packing down straw in a contract?
492. If we don't know we don't know, what does that make us?
493. If you pushed your foot into the ground, how green would it become?
494. Where do cows run round and round?
495. Why might there be stern rules about sailing through a narrow stretch of water?
496. Why might your dinner be brought by a hero or a wretch?

497. How can you rip and mend at the same time?
498. When does the weather have a dark face?
499. Why is the eldest child never the weediest?
500. How can you make a mess of a comparison?
501. What kinds of vehicles have a beautiful woman on board belting out songs?
502. How does a witch know what will kill you and what will make you fall in love?
503. Why is a boat the only place to be truly sick?
504. Why might a medieval taxidermist be interested in working with armour?
505. Why is it the most natural thing for an earthling male to get married?
506. How can a blow on the head make you amazingly foolish?
507. Why are the leaders of some countries only truly in office when they sit before the people?
508. Who would you share your sandwiches with?
509. Why is it OK to spill wine on a gramophone record?
510. What would King Arthur use in his office?
511. How can something thrown before you either cause trouble or make plans?
512. Who needs to mind their wooden leg when cooking sausages?
513. Why can you swear in front of a church but not in it?
514. What kind of clothes would an attendant wear?
515. How might a flat tyre be at the sharp end of things?
516. Where in the kitchen can you not store fruit and vegetables?
517. Why would you blow a ram's horn after twenty five years?
518. Why might the bottom of a boat swallow more water than a whale?
519. Why might your usual daily schedule be constantly broken by its very nature?
520. Why might the rising sea bring you news?
521. Which is the most appropriate language to use when buying a hat?
522. How does information breed?
523. Who would a duck buy its ointment from?
524. Which fruit may be the best way to induce puberty in boys?
525. Why would facing west in ancient times make you feel uneasy?
526. Who would literally turn tail?
527. What kind of palm would you hold in your hand to hit the ball?
528. How would you look flushed with no sugar?

529. Which is the longest word of all?
530. Which language is certainly not spoken by birds despite appearances?
531. What would babies find both rough and white?
532. If the wing is screwed, how can you fly?
533. How can something look good but sound empty?
534. What kind of draw would have a gun as a prize?
535. When does an orchestra literally grow?
536. What might be in relation to the face?
537. What might you write in, burn, or use as a speedometer?
538. What can shade a meaning?
539. Why might a deep gorge be attractive when you're absolutely famished?
540. Why would you give your daughter a talking cloak?
541. Which little animal is always in a shadow of its own making?
542. Which one is twelve long and sixteen heavy?
543. Why might you take an assignment to sample food and drink?
544. Why might metal fasteners, pillars, execution blocks, candles, markets and towers provide you with all the nutrition you need?
545. Why is it the government that is most likely to swindle you out of your property?
546. Why might an ecstatic trance lead to sexual violation?
547. Which is the city of dried writing hide?
548. Where can you stroll through a battle?
549. Why is it most apt to have water not just on all sides but over your head as well?
550. Why might you feel blissful about being blown out?
551. Why might the prospect of standing on the public platform gnaw at you?
552. If an ambassador is too big to post, how could you reduce his size?
553. What's so special about a gangster movie?
554. Why might disobedient children make your shins hurt?
555. What would a pirate who suffers from severe headaches display on his flag?
556. Why would a bridle help keep someone's behaviour in check?
557. How might perfectly drinkable water become lethal?
558. Why might a one-year-old be able to retire?
559. Why are things always for sale in public life?

560. How can a pouch help you economise?
561. Why would biting back give you a guilty conscience?
562. When you wake up, do you go for a gun or a knife?
563. Which musical instrument might suggest you play it up a tree?
564. Why might going back on your promise leave you in denial again?
565. Why would you lock away from unwelcome visitors your food rather than your valuables?
566. How can your shirt drive you mad?
567. What should you take if you want to cook?
568. In what way can you be transported by one of your parents but not by the other?
569. Why might a law suffer the same fate as an unwanted fringe?
570. Who is the saint at the bottom of the sea?
571. How can you live forever by not signing your last document?
572. How might you bounce back in the face of adversity?
573. In what way do androids truly have no parents?
574. Why might you weary of being totally committed to halting the flow of blood?
575. Which planet might be a source of deer meat?
576. Which sweetmeat may turn out to be a severed finger?
577. How might a scent cause a stink?
578. Which bird would be useful to take on a pillaging raid?
579. Why might you run away instead of taking back what you said?
580. How can someone deceive you by bending double?
581. What's the best way to torture someone with food and drink?
582. What's the best vessel for hunting marine wildlife?
583. Why might your bed be strewn with puppies?
584. How can you be without vision in Greece, without sound in England and in the dark in Ireland at the same time?
585. Why is the king always wealthy?
586. Why is it enough to be lugubrious?
587. Why might the part you play be filled with cheese and salad?
588. Would you prefer something to do or someone to do?
589. Who might stand in a woman's way when the waters break?
590. Why would you have to break your journey regardless of the road you take?

591. Which dogs literally go to ground?
592. Why would tying your laces tightly ensure that you did your work properly?
593. What kind of water would you prefer to get drunk on?
594. Why would a meeting automatically lead to conflict?
595. How could a gonad be presented as evidence in a case?
596. How might it be possible for bread to grow on trees in spring?
597. Why are highlands such a great threat?
598. Which planet is the most revered?
599. Why might joining the army make you grow again?
600. How can a bit of neck-twisting call down a curse?
601. Which clothes would you prefer to show off?
602. Why would you be itching for sex?
603. Why wouldn't you have a break between ramparts?
604. Why might raising your glass to a pretty young lady lead to a passionate affair?
605. Why would you pray on the beach?
606. Why would it be offensive to be up for a fight?
607. Why is timidity the best quality for twisting things?
608. How can the dregs from the bottom of a barrel turn your clothes whiter than white?
609. How could huffing and puffing make you stupid?
610. Why would you turn red if you were out of practice?
611. Why is a running German the epitome of idleness?
612. Why must you leave the crowd to behave outrageously?
613. How can you best enter into an agreement to earn money?
614. Who only truly fights for money?
615. How might pushing someone out of the front door result in their death?
616. How can astronomy help you make a decision?
617. Why is it your right to be a law unto yourself?
618. How can life on the beach be devoid of meaning?
619. What started out being either grey or white and wet, and then added blue and dry to its repertoire?
620. What kind of injury would really drive you crazy?
621. Who cheats you out of your money and then spins off?

622. Which thief can only steal from castles?
623. What colour do you get when you get bigger?
624. What can you dig with in England, fight with in Greece and play poker with in Italy?
625. How could a formal letter reference complement your sword?
626. Why is something on your face a sign of vacuity?
627. Which appendage can be simultaneously sexy and sketchy long after it was wagged?
628. Why would you swear to deliver someone from evil?
629. Why is it essential not to back off?
630. Why might the ebb and flow of the sea put everything in order?
631. In what way can audience appreciation go down a bomb?
632. How many years must you wait before your year off?
633. Why is it coarse and impolite to be an ordinary person?
634. Which bird knows how never to get hit on the head?
635. Why should a group of relatives all be servants?
636. Why is it obvious that something is jumping out?
637. Why might your wages end up as an ingredient for cured meat?
638. Why should you cross your arms if you want a certain savoury snack?
639. How many beings do you need to go through before you find the truest one?
640. How might a cutting comment reduce you to a skeleton?
641. How do you get a wooden voice?
642. Why might this bird's feather be found at the top of a mountain?
643. In what way can a great act be an accepted truth?
644. If your heart is overflowing with love, would you really need it?
645. Why would you jump on someone to hurt their feelings?
646. Whose extinction was caused by sheer stupidity?
647. How do you define a grumpy knight?
648. What's your social status if you're born in a barn?
649. Why might the dawn chorus consist of smoker's cough?
650. When is the right time to add herbs to the dish you're cooking?
651. What kind of breakfast would you eat under a quarter moon?
652. Why is killing a deer not such a serious sin?

653. Why would a shorter short period of time always follow a longer short period of time?
654. Why has the new boy in the company still got mud on his shoes?
655. How can you fight alongside someone and still be against them?
656. Why should a merchant ship be green and angry?
657. If you were neither one nor the other, would you rather be sexless or disinterested?
658. What kind of chaos can all the devils create together?
659. Why might the supply run out if things are too expensive?
660. Why might a godfather make a good husband?
661. How might a group of gigantic beings get together to go to war?
662. Which would you rather be interviewed by – a piece of cloth or a piece of wood?
663. Why does wickedness literally come from down below?
664. How might a slave end up bellowing orders at army recruits?
665. Why is the best location on even ground?
666. How could a highland warrior clan contribute to an advertising campaign?
667. Why is an Englishman only truly anthropic when he's about to get married?
668. What kind of grip might domesticated animals have on their owner's business?
669. How could a rugby game in atrocious conditions severely affect your judgement?
670. When do oxen know they've been well and truly conquered?
671. Why should the 400m basket-weaving be an Olympic event?
672. What kind of meal might a small group of soldiers eat?
673. Why should feminists beware of burning more than their bras?
674. When is it time to put out the fire?
675. Why might Greeks have three of these while cows allegedly have four?
676. Why might a good, healthy state of being turn you into a tree?
677. How might a poke with a sharp stick change the way you dress?
678. Why is a superhero the best person to make a getaway?
679. When is your working future literally hanging by a thread?
680. Which is the only substance that can remove dirt?
681. Why would you bring a ghost home?
682. Why would you be unlikely to leave this kind of conference in a sober state?

683. Which servant has a lot of bottle?
684. What kind of people might be obsessively devoted to banqueting?
685. Which instrument is just a big softie?
686. Why would you propel your mount down a thoroughfare to launch a surprise attack?
687. What is essentially a dental grip?
688. Why would a casual walk not help anyone in distress?
689. What kind of feeling might a privateer induce in you?
690. How would you describe strange livestock?
691. How can a rake help you to prepare for your opening night on the stage?
692. If you discovered this, why might you preserve it, burn it or lay it on a road?
693. Why were cows the first animals to be produced by the Big Bang?
694. What might start by causing you pain, then improve your IQ, and finally improve your dress sense?