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Competition Results

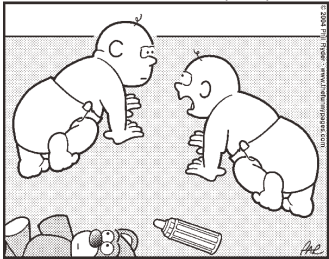
June's competition to write a limerick with the words 'Gringo' and 'Times' attracted 55126 entries. But then someone demanded a recount, and we calculated there were 73874 entries. We couldn't be bothered to recount a third time, so we thought we'd read a few so we could pick one. Unfortunately the editor disappeared down the beach just as the deadline was approaching - typical! so one of the monkeys picked out the winner. Thankfully, the winner was chosen seconds before a freak gust of wind blew all the entries out the window, and a bolt of lightning blew the computer up

The winner of June's competition to write a limerick with the words 'Gringo' and 'Times' is Virginia Owen in Sosua. Well done Virginia, and enjoy your night out!

"There once was a girl feeling blue,
As at TIMES she had nothing to do,
She was only a GRINGO,
Who can't speak the lingo,
So would relish an evening for two!"

(Ok, we'll ignore the fact that SHE should be a GRINGA!)
Thanks to all who sent in a limeric - we had some chuckles!!

THE JOKE'S ON YOU by Phil Ryder & YOU



"I can't help myself! I go on the wagon for an hour or two; then suddenly, I'm hitting the bottle again!"
- Dorothy Hill • Sedalia, MO

One of the main causes of dust is janitors.

We do not raise silk worms in the United States, because we get our silk from rayon. He is a larger worm and gives more silk.

Dodgy Dave's Guide to Spanish

Dave has kindly agreed to offer us the benefit of his linguistic skills (again) with some really useful phrases which you can learn. Try to practice saying them out loud to strangers you meet - it's a great way to make new friends and impress people!

Dave does stress, that it is crucially important to practice these regularly in public so that you can easily recall them at will. It never looks good having to resort to your phrase book.

When when the customs officer stops you at Puerto Plata airport, any one of the following is bound to ease your passage.

Have you been to the Dominican before?
Has estado en la Republica Dominicana antes?

Chewie here tells me you're lookin' for passage to the Alderaan system?
Chewie aqui me dice que estas buscando un pasadizo al sistema Alderaan?

Aren't you a little short for a stormtrooper?
No eres un poco pequeno para el stormtrooper?

Have you got any bigger condoms?
No tienes cualquier condon mas pequeno?

So easy a caveman could do it.

Tan facil que un cavernicola puede hacerlo.

What's up Doc?
Que pasa viejo?

I have plenty of money - if you could just point me in the right direction?

Yo tengo mucho dinero - si tu solamente me puedes dirigir a la direccion correcta?

I'm Luke Skywalker. I'm here to rescue you.

Yo soy Luke Skywalker. Yo no estoy aqui para rescatarte

I find your lack of faith disturbing.

Yo encuentro tu poca fe perturbante.

Do you know what's going on?

Sabes tu que esta pasando?

Don't call me a mindless philosopher, you overweight glob of grease.

No me llames un filosofo corto de mente, tu eres un globo de grasa inflado.

What're you lookin' at? I know what I'm doin'.
Que tu miras? Yo se lo que hago.

Everybody loves Raymond
Todo el mundo odia a Raymond.

The Force is strong with this one.

La Fuerza es fuerte con este.

Please note: Dave is not a qualified Spanish tutor (yet), and the Gringo Times cannot be held liable for any altercations you may get into using Dave's phrases.

Syntax is all the money collected at the church from sinners.

A monologue is a conversation between two people, such as husband and wife.