





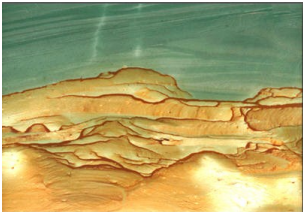





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"Rockzette" Tea Tree Gully Gem & Mineral Club News

President's Report	General Interest	Club Activities / Fees						
<p>Greetings All, A huge "Thankyou" to the 13 members who turned up for the Working Bee on Saturday the 20th. John, Doug, Claudia, Wendy, Peter, Alan, Ken, Chris, Mel, Janet, Tom & Augie all helped to give the rooms and exterior a much-needed Spring Clean. The place looks great now, & we plan on having a clean-up every 6 months to keep it in good order. Well done, & a big thanks to everyone who turned up!</p> <p>At the completion of work, a sausage sizzle was enjoyed by all, thanks to the culinary efforts of Claudia and Janet, plus an early visit from the Easter Bunny.</p> <p>Monthly meetings are now back on, as of last month, and classes are in full swing again and well attended.</p> <p>I hope to see a few more members at the general meetings – the first Thursday of the month. If you have any suggestions for guest speakers, please let me or John Hill know.</p> <p>Cheers, Ian</p>	<p>Pages 3 to 6: Some of Augie's Facebook Shares...</p>  <p>Page 7: Ian's April 2021 Agate Collection Selections...</p>  <p>Page 8 and 9: Ian's April 2021 Quartz Collection Selections...</p>  <p>Pages 10 to 19: General Interest, humour, etc...</p>    <p>Page 20: Members' Noticeboard and Links...</p> <p style="text-align: center;">***</p>	<p>Meetings Club meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month except there is no meetings in January. Committee meetings start at 7.30pm. General meetings start at 8 pm.</p> <p>Library Librarian - Augie Gray There is a 2-month limit on borrowed items. When borrowing from the lending library, fill out the card at the back of the item, then place the card in the box on the shelf. When returning items, fill in the return date on the card, then place the card at the back of the item.</p> <p>Tuesday Faceting/Cabbing Tuesdays - 10 am to 2 pm. All are welcome. Supervised by Doug Walker (7120 2221).</p> <p>Wednesday Silversmithing Wednesdays - 7 pm to 9 pm. All are welcome. Supervised by Jean Hickman (0419 837 886).</p> <p>Thursday Cabbing Thursdays - 10 am to 2 pm. All are welcome. Supervised by Augie Gray (8265 4815 / 0433 571 887).</p> <p>Friday Silversmithing Fridays - 9 am to 12 noon. All are welcome. Supervised by John Hill (8251 1118).</p> <p>Faceting/Cabbing/Silversmithing Fees: A standard fee of \$3.00 per session applies – to be paid to the session supervisor.</p> <p>In the interest of providing a safe working environment, it is necessary to ensure everyone using the workshops follow the rules set out in <i>Policy No. 1 - 20/11/2006</i>.</p> <p>It is necessary that <i>Health and Safety</i> regulations are adhered to always.</p> <p>Everyone using the workshop must ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that all club equipment (e.g. magnifying head pieces, faceting equipment, tools, etc.) used during the session, is cleaned, and returned to the workshop after usage. • that all workstations are left in a clean and tidy state. • that all rubbish is removed and placed in the appropriate bin. • and where applicable, machines are cleaned and oiled or dried. <p>NOTE: The Tea Tree Gully Gem & Mineral Club Inc. will not be held responsible or liable for any person injured while using the club machinery or equipment.</p> <p>Club Subscriptions:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td>\$25.00 Family</td> <td>\$20.00 Family Pensioner</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$15.00 Single</td> <td>\$12.50 Single Pensioner</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$10.00 Joining Fee</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	\$25.00 Family	\$20.00 Family Pensioner	\$15.00 Single	\$12.50 Single Pensioner	\$10.00 Joining Fee	
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Augie's April 2021 Jasper selections...

Succor Creek Picture Jasper

Succor Creek is another Picture Jasper from the famed Owyhee Mountains of Oregon. The creek itself is situated near the town of Vale.

This Jasper, with its tans and blues is similar in appearance to Wildhorse Picture Jasper.



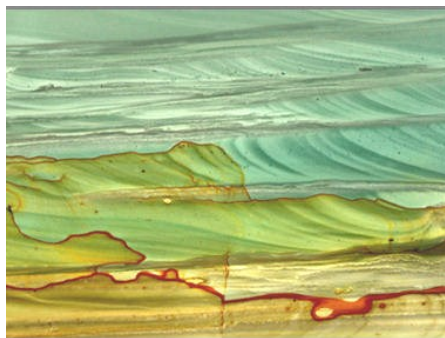
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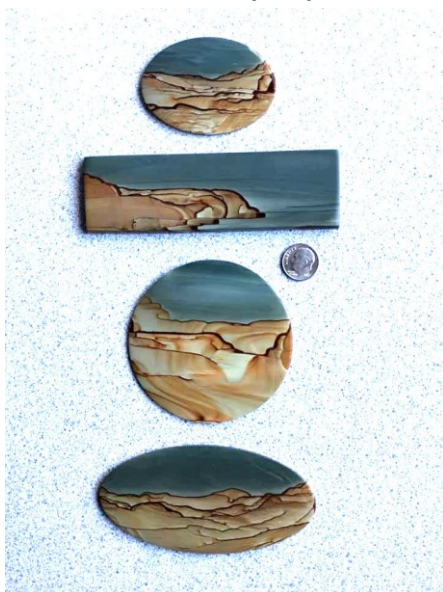
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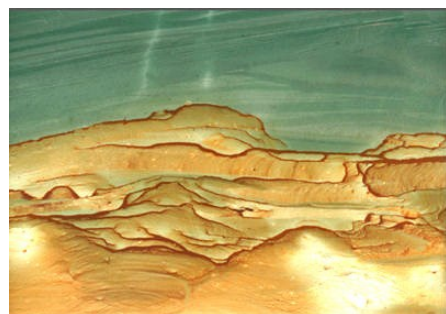
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Contributed by Augie Gray...

Moldavite is currently the “flavour of the month”, thanks to TikTok, with every man and his dog wanting to own a piece. This has seen a meteoric (no pun intended) rise in the price of average grade specimens to around \$A40 a gram.

This article is reproduced from the GIA (Gemological Institute of America). It dates back a number of years but the information is still accurate.

Moldavites: Natural or Fake?

Jaroslav Hyršl



Figure 1. Glass in a silver brooch, hallmark from 1866. Private collection. Photo by Jaroslav Hyršl.

Tektites are members of a large group of impact glasses, formed by the collision of a meteorite on the Earth’s surface and the subsequent melting of surrounding rocks. The most famous tektites used as gemstones are Moldavites from southern Bohemia in the Czech Republic. These were formed by a meteorite’s impact in the Ries crater in southern Germany 14.7 million years ago, about 500 km from their occurrence (V. Bouška, *Moldavites: The Czech Tektites*, Stylizace, Prague, 1994). Moldavites are popular for their pleasant green colour, enigmatic origin, and interesting etched texture. They are used in jewellery, in either faceted or natural form. The price of Moldavite has risen in the last few years, and as a logical consequence imitations have become more widespread.

In fact, Moldavite imitations are nothing new. Faceted Moldavites were very popular in Czech jewellery during the second half of the 19th century, often with Czech garnets (chrome pyropes) or small river pearls. Their use diminished in the beginning of the 20th century when imitations made from green bottle glass began to appear. Nevertheless, the author’s recent study of five Moldavite sets (bracelet, brooch, and earrings) from the second half of the 19th century in the collection of the Museum of Decorative Arts in Prague revealed an unexpected result. Only one set contained Moldavites - a donation to the museum by Olga Havlova, the first wife of Vaclav Havel, the late Czech author and statesman. All of the stones in the other four sets proved to be glass imitations. This means that glass imitations have been around decades longer than previously thought (figure 1).

Fortunately, the identification of faceted Moldavite is simple. Besides their flow texture and abundant bubbles (almost always much more abundant than in an artificial glass), Moldavites contain “wires” of lechatelierite, a high-temperature form of SiO₂. Lechatelierite

is very easy to see with a loupe due to its lower RI.

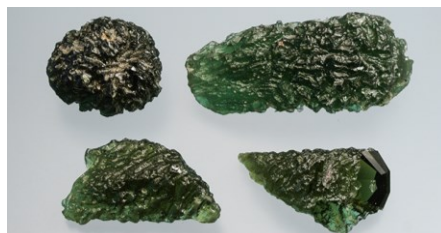


Figure 2. Two moldavites from southern Bohemia, Czech Republic (top row) and two recent imitations from China (bottom row). The natural specimen on the top right measures 44 mm across. Photo by Jaroslav Hyršl.



Figure 3. One of two huge Moldavite fakes seen in Hanoi. Photo by Jaroslav Hyršl.

The identification of Moldavite with a natural-looking surface is much more difficult. Rumours of Moldavite imitations from China have been circulating among Czech dealers for many years, but only recently has the author been able to study some examples (see figure 2). Two large Moldavite imitations were seen in a high-end jewellery shop in Hanoi during the 2013 International Gemmological Conference (figure 3). Their size was astonishing, because very few real Moldavites weigh more than 100 g. Their shape was also too perfect, making them easy to recognize.

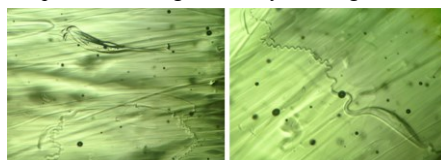


Figure 4. Typical bubbles and inclusions of lechatelierite in natural moldavite; image width 5 mm. Photomicrograph by Jaroslav Hyršl.

Chinese producers are now manufacturing small stones weighing just a few grams that are very realistic. The surface feature of natural moldavite is caused by natural etching, and an almost identical feature can be created artificially, likely in hydrofluoric acid. If the stone in question has a polished surface, the presence or lack of lechatelierite “wires” (figure 4, top and bottom) is the best diagnostic tool, along with refractive index (table 1). For rough, immersion in water or especially oil with a similar RI is very helpful to reveal lechatelierite. Imitation moldavite also has a different density, UV-Vis absorption spectrum (figure 5), and fluorescence (again, see Table 1). The colour of natural moldavites is caused by very low concentration of iron; all other tektites are more Fe-rich and therefore black. Fluorescence is particularly helpful because it may be used on large mixed lots. Some imitations are not fluorescent, however. One imitation seen by the author several years ago was not fluorescent, but its very high specific gravity of 3.60 immediately ruled out natural Moldavite. (See Table 1 next column >>>)

TABLE 1. Characteristics of natural and imitation moldavite...

	Moldavite
Color	Light green to brown
RI	1.490 (1.480–1.510)
Density	2.35 (2.27–2.46)
Fluorescence	Inert in UV
Absorption spectrum	Minimum at 550 nm

	Chinese imitations
Color	Light green
RI	1.520
Density	2.52–2.53
Fluorescence	Chalky in short-wave UV
Absorption spectrum	Maxima at 460 and 640

	19th-century glass imitations
Color	Light green
RI	1.545–1.580
Density	n.a.
Fluorescence	Inert in UV
Absorption spectrum	n.a.

Contributed by Augie Gray...

Some of My Facebook Shares.



How is this for a Kunzite (Lavender Spodumene) crystal. From the Oceanview Mine in Pala, California.



A stunning raw Ametrine from the Anahi Mine, Bolivia. Credit – Spirifer Minerals.

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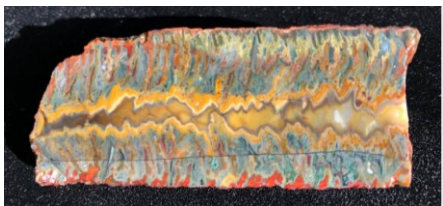
A lovely, cabbed example of Turkish Stick Agate.
Credit – Nesim Ezer.



Interesting Moroccan Agate. Credit – Said Kandoussi.



4 new Agate Creek beauties. Credit – Henk Jacobs.



A stunning seam Agate from central Idaho. Credit – Casey Santee.



A gorgeous Malawi Agate from the Alimajo deposit.
Credit – Joshua Le Cram Ritter.



Agate from Agouim area, High Atlas Mountains, Morocco.
Credit – Dietrich Mayer.



A stunning pair of Coyamito Agates. Credit – Jerry Rosenthal.



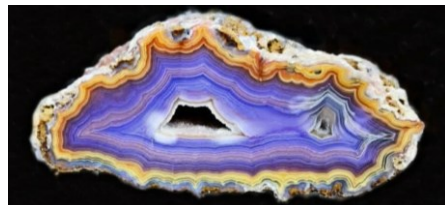
A super group of Turkish (North Sea) Agates.
Credit – Halil Ibrahim cakmak.



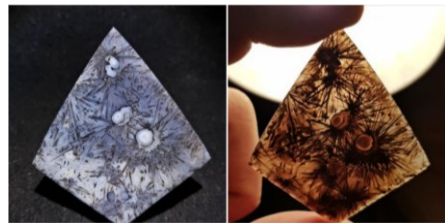
A nice example of Agate 'plume'. This is Friday Plume Agate from Oregon.



Some beautiful Indonesian River Jasper. Credit – Egi Chandra.



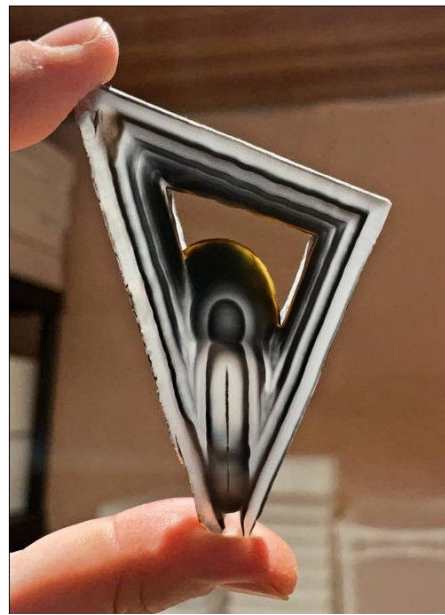
A spectacular purple Coyamito Agate. Credit – Andres Ca.



Beautiful Turkish Stick/Tube Agate cabochon by Nesim Ezer.



A very nice specimen from Doubravice, Czech Republic.
Credit - Radek Votava.



An extremely rare form of Polyhedroid Agate.
Credit - Hendrik Hess.

Some of My Facebook Shares – Continued...



A super Agate from Zlatnice, Czech Republic.
Credit - Radek Votava.



Polished Marra Mamba slab. This is from a 4-ton block!
Credit – Australian Outback Mining.



Petrified tree in Arizona’s Petrified Forest National Park.



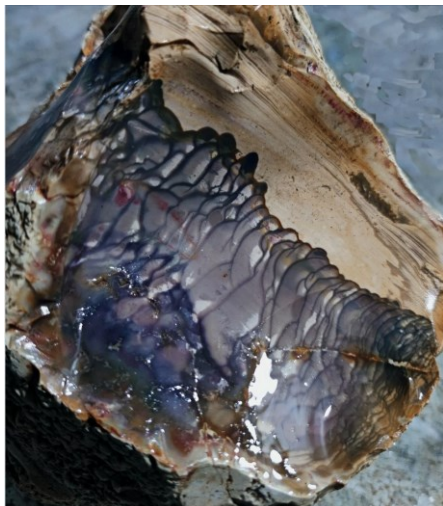
Charoite in situ.



Marra Mamba Tigereye by David Williamson.



A couple of slabs of the iconic Morgan Hill Poppy Jasper.
Photo Credit – Paul Forsyth.



Yet another new Indo. Jasper. Credit - Angga Rahayu.



It does not get any better than this - the iconic Morgan Hill Poppy Jasper. Credit - Edgar Smith.



A stunning example of Royal Imperial Jasper cut by an outstanding young cutter named Ben Kaniuth. Ben’s father, Russ, is also a top cutter, so the talent is obviously genetic. A beautiful stone, Ben!



Unusual multicoloured specimen of Peanut Wood.



A fine example of Mexican Imperial Jasper.
Credit - Holger Quellmalz.



A stunning slab of Dendritic Agate. Origin unknown.
Credit – Jerry Worrell.



A magnificent dodecahedral Spessartite from Pakistan.



Dendritic White Mookaite from W.A.
Credit – Australian Outback Mining.

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Gemstone mosaic tables, which used to be favoured in the Medici’s Court, are still made by Scarpelli Mosaic Masters in Florence in the traditional way.



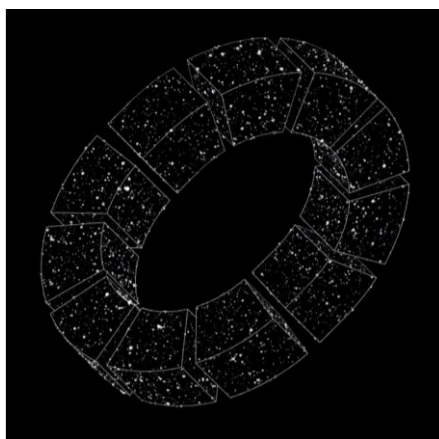
A gorgeous Agate from Pujiang, China. Credit - Son Jack.



Fluorescent Sodalite, known as ‘Yoopelite’, which is found only on the shores of Lake Superior in Michigan.



A stunning Turkish thunderegg half. Credit - Gary Wiersena.



Mind Play (Watch and it will change position).

**I HATE IT WHEN YOU CAN'T
FIGURE OUT HOW TO OPERATE
THE IPAD AND THE RESIDENT
TECH EXPERT IS ASLEEP.**

BECAUSE HE'S 5.

AND IT'S PAST HIS BEDTIME.

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A satisfied life is better than successful life. Because our success is measured by others, but our satisfaction is measured by our own *soul, mind and heart.*



A memory from 3 years ago.

**A net is just a bunch of holes
tied together with cord.**



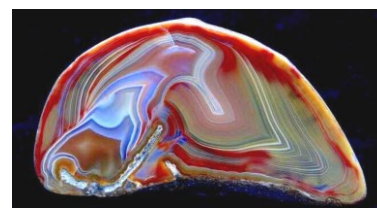
Shattuckite on Malachite. Kaokoveld, Namibia. 6cm wide. Fabian Wildfang collection. Credit - Jeffrey Scovil.



A super group of Turkish (North Sea) Agates. Credit - Halil Ibrahim çakmak.



Beautiful photo of a male Emu and his chicks on Lake Gairdner, South Australia.



One of the most colourful Agate Creek Agates I've ever seen. Credit - Rob Burns.

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My Agate Creek Agate Finds.



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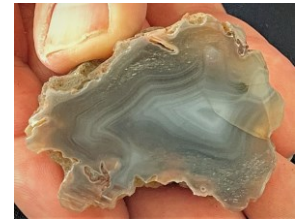
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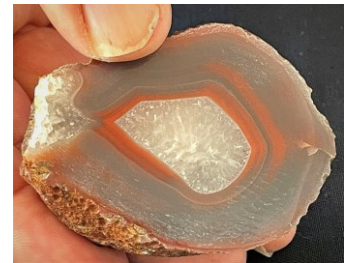
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0316 Quartz, White Rock Quarry, Magill, South Australia.



1048 Quartz, White Rock Quarry, Magill, South Australia.



1189 Quartz, Crystal Mountain, Mt Isa Area, Queensland.



1375 Quartz and Molybdenite, Wolfram Camp, Queensland.



1980 Quartz, White Rock Quarry, Magill, South Australia.



1965 Quartz, White Rock Quarry, Magill, South Australia.



2856 Quartz, White Rock Quarry, Magill, South Australia.



2428 Quartz, Wolfram Camp, Queensland.



2151 Calcite on Quartz, Mahodari Nasik District, Maharashtra, India.



2152 Quartz, Durdidwarrah near Meredith, Victoria.



2162 Quartz, Wolfram Camp, Queensland.



2161 Quartz, Wolfram Camp, Queensland.



2200 Siderite on Quartz, Luima, Tasmania.



2201 Quartz, Mega Xhorio, Serifos, Greece.



Contributed by Augie Gray...

The World of "Healy-Feely"

"Metaphysical" is often ascribing non-scientific, unprovable "magical" qualities to low grade stones in order to get a higher price for them. I laugh when I see stones advertised as "protection". Against what? Muggers? Really? Added to which, if you look for stones which will cure arthritis, headaches, insomnia, alopecia, gout, somnambulism, bed-wetting, erectile dysfunction...they are all out there.

As an example - "Super Seven" (a name which has apparently been trademarked by a practitioner of all things metaphysical) also known as "Melody Stone" and "Sacred Stone", is described as "extremely rare", and is a variety of Quartz which most mineral collectors and lapidaries call "dirty Amethyst" - material with unwanted inclusions. It is claimed to contain 6 other "mineral varieties", namely - Amethyst, Cacoenite, Goethite, Lepidocrocite, Rutile and Smoky Quartz. (Note here that Amethyst and Smoky Quartz are themselves varieties of Quartz, so do not count as separate entities.)

"Super Seven" is itself promoted as an "extremely rare mineral", which by definition is wrong - a mineral being a single inorganic substance. If it contains all these other things it becomes a rock.

The interesting part here is that you can buy specimens of "Super Seven" which do not include all 6 other inclusions as described above. Apparently if the specimen only contains 2, 3 or 4 of them, it still wields the same degree of "power" as one which contains all 6 (and is, of course still sold at the same price as one containing all 6.) Go figure.

Of course, there is no guarantee on any of them. If they do not work, it is your fault, not the stone's, and the seller will not give you your money back. New Age 'Ripoffery'. 100% unsupported by any geologist, mineralogist, or gemmologist - people who have spent years and thousands of dollars on SCIENTIFIC qualifications, versus people who have NO qualifications, NO scientific backing, NO provable evidence that what they're spruiking actually works, and can set themselves up with zero knowledge or experience. This would not work, or be legal, in ANY other business enterprise!



Contributed by Doug Hughes...

My Age Group

I JUST discovered my age group!

I am a 'Senior teenager'! I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 55-60 years later.

I do not have to go to school or work.

I get an allowance every month.

I have my own laptop.

I do not have a curfew.

I have a driver's license and my own car.

I have ID that gets me into bars and the wine store. I like the wine store best.

The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant, they are not scared of anything, they have been blessed to live this long, why be scared?

And I do not have acne.

Life is Good!

Also, you will feel much more intelligent after reading this if you are a 'Seenager'.

Brains of older people are slow because they know so much. People do not decline mentally with age; it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have so much more information in their brains to sift through.

Scientists believe this also makes you hard of hearing as it puts more pressure on your inner ear.

Also, older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for. It is NOT a memory problem; it is nature's way of making older people do more exercise.

SO THERE!



What U get when U trust people!



Contributed by Doug Walker...

Inner Peace - This Is Amazing

If you can start the day without caffeine,

If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,

If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,

If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,

If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,

If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,

If you can conquer tension without medical help,

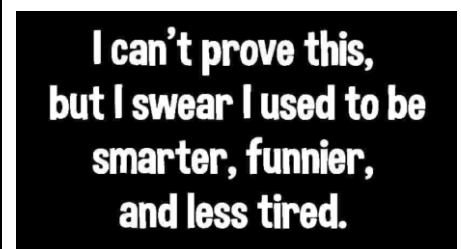
If you can relax without alcohol,

If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,
Then You Are Probably the Family Dog.

And you thought I was going to get all spiritual...

Handle every Stressful situation like a dog.

If you cannot eat it or play with it, wee on it, and walk away.



Contributed by Allan Rudd...

Smiles for Today



Gang violence must stop!

A blonde woman visits her husband in prison. Before leaving, she tells a correction officer:

"You shouldn't make my husband work like that. He's exhausted!"

The officer laughs and says, "Are you kidding? He just eats and sleeps and stays in his cell!"

The wife replies: "Bullshit! He just told me he's been digging a tunnel for months!"



Explorer Gives Talk in Seaside Town

A famous British explorer was invited to a seaside town to give a talk about his adventures in the African jungle.

"Can you imagine a people so primitive that they love to eat the embryos of a certain bird and slices of the belly of a certain animal?" the explorer asked the assembled audience.

Its members gasped and looked around at each other in horror.

"They also grind up grass seed, make it into a paste, burn it over a fire, then smear the result with a greasy mess that is extracted from the mammary fluid of certain other animals.", the explorer continued.

"Utterly barbaric! How can people live like that?", said a shocked individual.

All I have described is a breakfast bacon, eggs and buttered toast, sir!", retorted the explorer.

Moral of the story --- Do not be so quick to judge other cultures before you understand your own.

There are three things that cannot be easily hidden: The Sun, the Moon, and the Simple Truth.

Simple Truth 1:

Lovers help each other undress before sex. However, after sex, they always dress on their own.

Moral of the story --- In life, no one helps you once you are screwed.

Simple Truth 2:

When a woman is pregnant, all her friends touch her stomach and say, "Congratulations." But none go up to the man, touch his penis and say, "Good Job."

Moral of the story --- Hard work is rarely appreciated.

Five Rules to Remember in Life:

1. Money cannot buy happiness --- but it is far more comfortable to cry in a Porsche than on a bicycle.
2. Forgive your enemy --- but remember the asshole's name.
3. If you help someone when they are in trouble --- they are sure to remember you when they are in trouble again.
4. Alcohol does not solve any problems --- but then, neither does milk.
5. Many people are alive only because it is illegal to shoot them.

Bonus Rules:

1. Condoms do not guarantee safe sex! A friend of mine was wearing one when he was shot by the woman's husband.
2. I think all politicians should wear uniforms. You know, like NASCAR drivers, so we could identify their corporate sponsors.
3. Also, all politicians should serve only two terms -- one in office and one in prison.

WHAT DO YOU CALL AN ALLIGATOR IN A VEST?



AN INVESTIGATOR.



The Ocean: ALL You Need to Know! (Children Writing About the Ocean)



- 1) This is a picture of an octopus. It has eight testicles. (Kelly, age 6).
- 2) Oysters' balls are called pearls. (Jerry, age 6).
- 3) If you are surrounded by ocean, you are an island. If you don't have ocean all round you, you are incontinent. (Mike, age 7).
- 4) Sharks are ugly and mean, and have big teeth, just like Emily Richardson. She's not my friend anymore. (Kylie, age 6).
- 5) A dolphin breathes through an asshole on the top of its head. (Billy, age 8).
- 6) My uncle goes out in his boat with 2 other men and a woman and pots and comes back with crabs. (Millie, age 6).
- 7) When ships had sails, they used to use the trade winds to cross the ocean. Sometimes when the wind didn't blow the sailors would whistle to make the wind come. My brother said they would have been better off eating beans. (William, age 7).
- 8) Mermaids live in the ocean. I like mermaids. They are beautiful and I like their shiny tails, but how on earth do mermaids get pregnant? Like, really? (Helen, age 6)
- 9) I am not going to write about the ocean. My baby brother is always crying, my Dad keeps yelling at my Mom, and my big sister has just got pregnant, so I cannot think what to write. (Amy, age 6).
- 10) Some fish are dangerous. Jellyfish can sting. Electric eels can give you a shock. They must live in caves under the sea where I think they have to plug themselves in to chargers. (Christopher, age 7).
- 11) When you go swimming in the ocean, it is very cold, and it makes my willy small. (Kevin, age 6).
- 12) Divers have to be safe when they go under the water. Divers can't go down alone, so they have to go down on each other. (Becky, age 8).
- 13) On vacation my Mom went water skiing. She fell off when she was going very fast. She says she won't do it again because water fired right up her big fat ass. (Julie, age 7).
- 14) The ocean is made up of water and fish. Why the fish don't drown I don't know. (Bobby, age 6).
- 15) My dad was a sailor on the ocean. He knows all about the ocean. What he does not know is why he quit being a sailor and married my mom. (James, age 7).

If you did not smile at one of these, you need to find a better sense of humour.

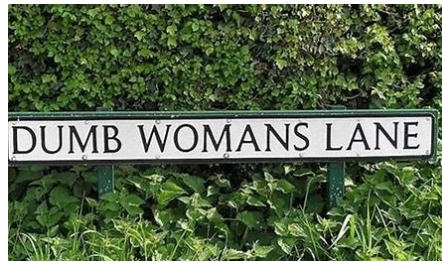
General Interest/Humour.

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Towns and Lanes in England



Sandyballs.



The UK's Oddest Place Names

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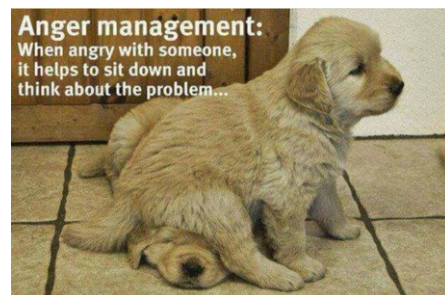


'Photograph of the Year'? - *We Love Ireland.*

A murmuration of starlings took on a perfect formation of what looks like a giant bird over Lough Ennell in Co Westmeath.

Her: "He's probably thinking about other Women"...

Him: "I wonder if anyone in Australia has actually ever hit a Bull with their Bullbar"?



Can you find 'Fire and Ice' ?

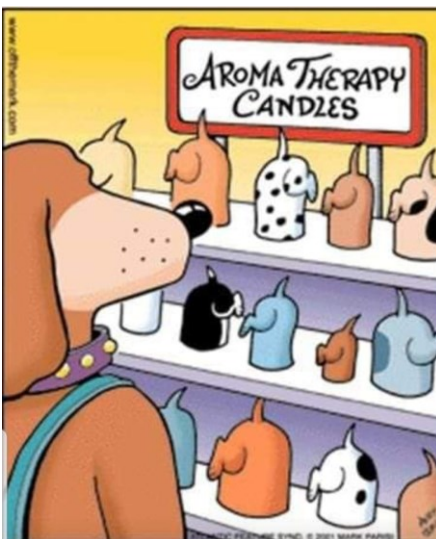


The awkward moment when your husband finds all your Hobby Lobby purchases hiding in the guest bedroom, and now you have some explaining to do...



Allan Rudd - One Liners...

- What does the man in the moon do when his hair gets too long? Eclipse it.
- The past, present, and future walk into a bar...it was tense!
- The stationary store moved.



Allan Rudd - One Liners...

- Two atoms are walking down the street, one says to the other: "I think I just lost an electron." "Are you sure?" "I'm positive."

Contributed by Doug Walker...

Six Little Stories

{1} One day all the villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella.

That is faith.

{2} When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them.

That is trust.

{3} Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up.

That is hope.

{4} We plan big things for tomorrow despite zero knowledge of the future.

That is confidence.

{5} We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children.

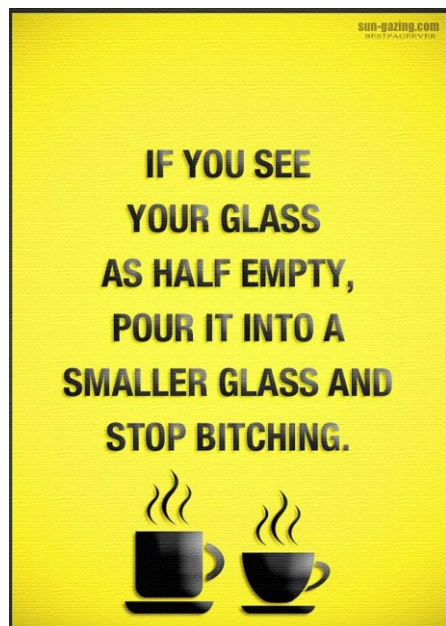
That is love.

{6} On an old man's shirt was written a sentence 'I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience.'

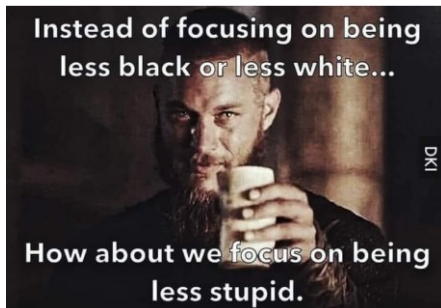
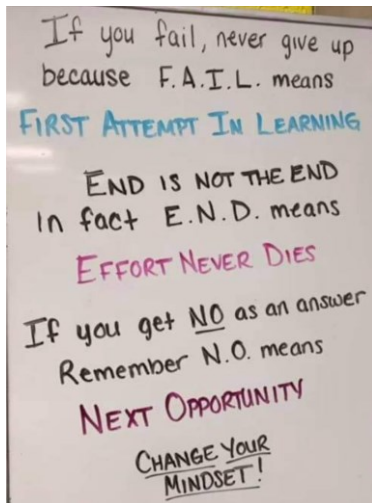
That is attitude.

Have a happy day and live your life like the six stories.

"Good friends are the rare jewels of life. Difficult to find and almost impossible to replace!"



Kids getting thrown off right and left. Total carnage. Wails of anguish. Not one adult gave a single shit about it.



Contributed by Doug Walker...

Best Senior Reply Ever

Two obnoxious businessmen in a new shopping mall were sitting down for a break in their soon-to-be new shop.

Yet, the shop was not ready, with only a few shelves set up. One said to the other, "I bet any minute now some senior pensioner is going to walk by, put their face to the window, and ask what we're selling."

No sooner were the words out of his mouth when, sure enough, a curious old woman walked to the window, had a peek, and in a soft voice asked, "What are you selling here?"

One of the men replied sarcastically, "We're selling ass-holes."

Without skipping a beat, the old dear said, "Must be doing well... Only two left."

High school reunion

Have you ever been guilty of looking at someone your own age and thinking, "Surely I can't look that old?" You'll love this one.

My name is Alice Smith and I was sitting in the waiting room for my first appointment with a new dentist. I noticed his DDS diploma, which showed his full name.

Suddenly, I remembered a tall, handsome, dark-haired boy with the same name who had been in my high school class some 40-odd years ago. Could this be the same guy that I had a secret crush on, way back then?

Upon seeing him,

however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, gray-haired man with the deeply lined face was way too old to have been my classmate.

After he examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended Morgan Park High School.

"Yes. Yes, I did. I'm a Mustang," he beamed with pride.

"When did you graduate?" I asked.

He answered, "In 1959. Why do you ask?"

"You were in my class!" I exclaimed.

He looked at me closely. Then, that ugly, old, bald wrinkled, fat, gray, decrepit son-of-a-gun asked, "What did you teach?"

Contributed by Augie Gray...

My Job Search

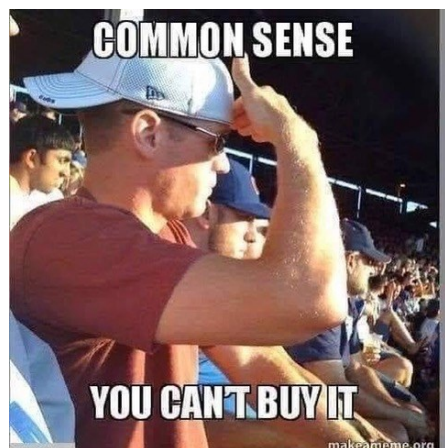
- 1) My first job was working in an Orange Juice factory, but I got canned. Could not concentrate.
- 2) Then I worked in the woods as a Lumberjack, but just could not hack it, so they gave me the axe.
- 3) After that, I tried being a Tailor, but was not suited for it, mainly because it was a sew-sew job.
- 4) Next, I tried working in a Muffler Factory, but that was too exhausting.
- 5) Then, tried being a Chef - figured it would add a little spice to my life, but just did not have the thyme.
- 6) Next, I attempted being a Deli Worker, but any way I sliced it...I could not cut the mustard.
- 7) My best job was as a Musician, but eventually found I was not noteworthy.
- 8) I studied a long time to become a Doctor but did not have any patience.
- 9) Next, was a job in a Shoe Factory. Tried hard but just did not fit in.
- 10) I became a Professional Fisher but discovered I could not live on my net income.
- 11) Managed to get a good job working for a Pool Maintenance Company but the work was just too draining.
- 12) So, then I got a job in a Workout Centre, but they said I was not fit for the job.
- 13) After many years of trying to find steady work, I finally got a job as a Historian - until I realized there was no future in it.
- 14) My last job was working in Starbucks but had to quit because it was always the same old grind.

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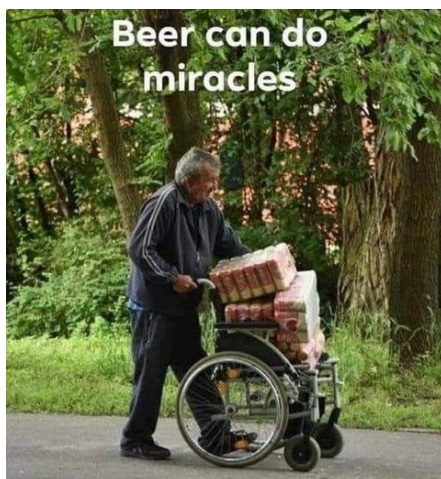
Smiles for Today...



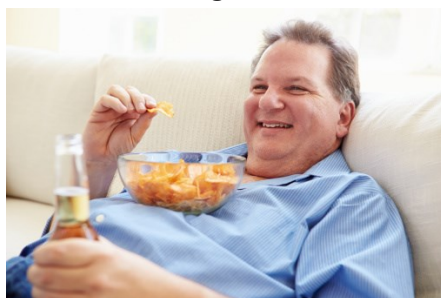
After 10years a wife started to think their child looks kinda strange so she did a DNA test and found out the child is not theirs, she told her husband what she found out, the husband replied, u don't remember do you?? When we were leaving the hospital the baby pooped and u told me go and change him so I went inside got a clean one and left the dirty one there. The wife fainted.... 😂😂😂😂😂😂



Guess who kept everyone awake last night?

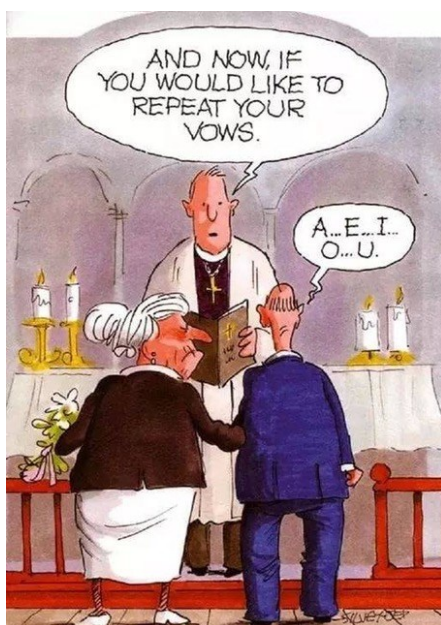


How Life Changes Over 25 Years



I'm now married 25 years, when I looked at my wife one day and said, "Honey, 25 years ago, we had a cheap apartment, a cheap car, slept on a sofa bed and watched a 10-inch black and white TV, but I got to sleep every night with a hot 25-year-old blonde. Now, we have a nice house, nice car, big bed, and plasma screen TV, but I am sleeping with a 50-year-old woman. It seems to me that you are not holding up your side of things!"

My wife, a very reasonable woman, replied, "Go, go out and find a hot 25-year-old blonde and I will make sure that you will once again be living in a cheap apartment, driving a cheap car, and sleeping on a sofa bed!"



The Italian Fidelity Test



I was an incredibly happy man. My wonderful Italian girlfriend and I had been dating for over a year, and so we decided to get married.

There was only one little thing bothering me. It was her beautiful younger sister. My prospective sister-in-law was twenty-two, wore very tight miniskirts, and generally was bra-less. She would regularly bend down when she was near me, and I always got more than a nice view. It had to be deliberate because she never did it when she was near anyone else.

One day her 'little' sister called and asked me to come over to check the wedding invitations. She was alone when I arrived, and she whispered to me that she had feelings and desires for me that she could not overcome. She told me that she wanted me just once before I got married and committed my life to her sister. Well, I was in total shock, and could not say a word.

She said, "I'm going upstairs to my bedroom, and if you want one last wild fling, just come up and get me."

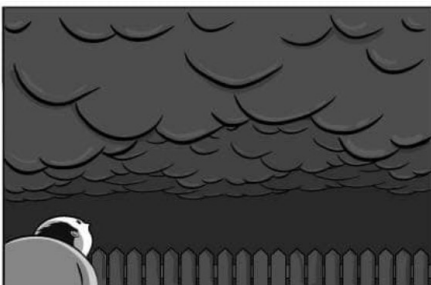
I was stunned and frozen in shock as I watched her go up the stairs. I stood there for a moment, then turned and made a beeline straight to the front door. I opened the door and headed straight towards my car.

Lo and behold, my entire future family was standing outside, all clapping! With tears in his eyes, my father-in-law to be put down his shotgun, and hugged me and said, "We are happy that you have passed our little test. We could not ask for a better man for our daughter. Welcome to the family."

The moral of this story: *Always keep your condoms in your car!*

Decided to go for a walk on the beach and got freaked out when I thought I ran into a KKK meeting...turns out they're just closed beach umbrellas







Do women still like it



when men open doors for them, take them out on dates, and surprise them with gifts?

DID YOU KNOW...

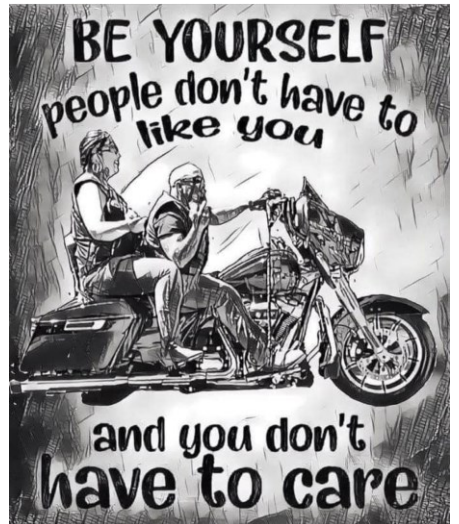
YOU ACTIVATE 14 MUSCLES WHEN OPENING A BOTTLE OF WINE

FITNESS IS MY PASSION

Having a teenage daughter is like living in a haunted house. Every now and then you'll see a figure in the corner of your eye, followed by a moaning sound and then a door will slam shut.

A bottle of wine is the perfect amount for two people, provided one of them is not drinking any.

Drink about that



A DOG IS ABLE TO LEARN UP TO 250 WORDS AND GESTURES. A DOG CAN COUNT UP TO FIVE AND CAN PERFORM SIMPLE MATH.

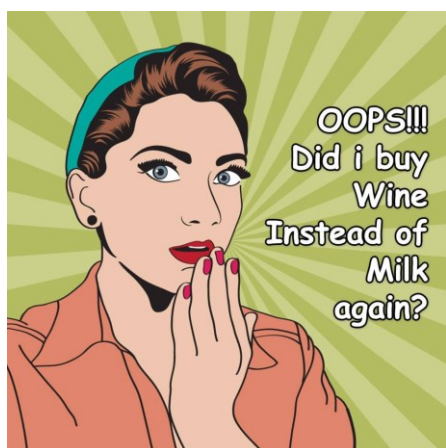


EQUIVALENT HUMAN AGE: 3
A CAT DOESN'T GIVE A FUCK, AND IS SICK OF YOUR SHIT.



EQUIVALENT HUMAN AGE: 42

DON'T JUDGE MY STORY BY THE CHAPTER YOU WALKED IN ON



I am in competition with no one.
I have no desire to play the game of being better than anyone. I am simply trying to be better than the person I was yesterday.



What's brown and sticky?
A stick.

I'm worried about crime, so I asked a friend from Texas what I needed to defend my home. He said a 9mm, a couple clips, and a box of shells. I put it together pretty quickly. Still not sure how it's suppose to work, though...



Mum's Clothes Line Rules

The clothes line must be wiped before hanging clothes.

Socks must be hung by their toes.

Hang sheets and towels on the outside line so you can hide your 'unmentionables'.

Clothes must hang in order - whites with whites and hung first.

Shirts must always hang by the tail - never the shoulders.

Lining up the clothes so that each item shares one of the clothes pegs with another item.

It doesn't matter if it is sub-zero outside, the clothes will go out and just freeze.

Pegs must be gathered up when taking down clothes - never leave them on the line.



I miss the good old days...
When you could actually have an opinion without Offending somebody.



Whoever invented knock knock jokes should get a no bell prize.

I am one step away from being rich, all I need now is Money.



I'M NOT A SMARTASS...
I AM A SKILLED, TRAINED PROFESSIONAL IN POINTING OUT THE OBVIOUS AND I SPEAK FLUENT SARCASM.



So if a redhead goes crazy, Is it called Ginger snaps?



How many times can you subtract 10 from 100?
Once. The next time you would be subtracting 10 from 90.

I used to THINK drinking wine was bad for me ...



SO I gave up thinking!

Everything you do is based on the choices you make. It's not your parents, your past relationships, your job, the economy, the weather, an argument or your age that is to blame. You and only you are responsible for every decision and choice you make. Period.

-Wayne Dyer

There will always be someone who twists everything you say to make themselves look so innocent. When really they are the most vile, bitter human being you know.

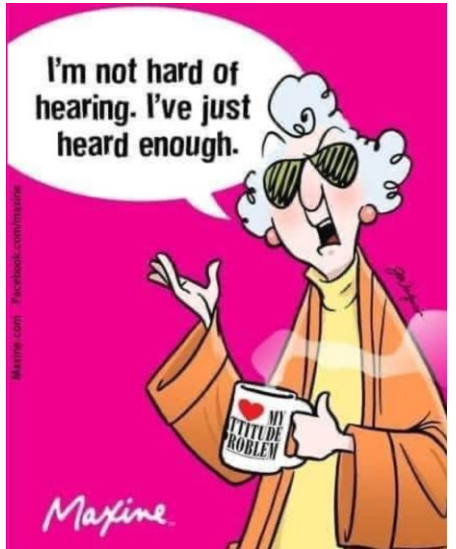
One day, you are going to hug your last hug, kiss your last kiss and hear someone's voice for the last time, but you never know when the last time will be, so live everyday as if it were the last time you will be with the person you love.

FOLLOW ME FOR MORE RECIPES

"HOW WAS YOUR FIRST FLIGHT SON?"



"GREAT! EVERYONE WAS CLAPPING FOR ME!"



I'm not hard of hearing. I've just heard enough.

Maxine

School playground equipment in the year 1900.



Apparently in 1900 only the strong survived recess

A PESSIMIST sees a dark tunnel
An OPTIMIST sees light at the end of the tunnel

A REALIST sees a freight train

The TRAIN driver sees 3 idiots standing on the tracks.



Three guys are on a boat with four cigarettes but no lighters or matches or anything to light them with. What do they do?

DumrADay.com



Throw one cigarette overboard and the whole boat becomes a cigarette lighter.

Where does the sheep get his hair cut?
The baa baa shop!



LISTEN TO MOM CALLING US SO NICELY... DOESN'T SHE KNOW BY NOW THAT WE WONT RESPOND UNTIL SHE'S SCREAMING LIKE A PSYCHO?

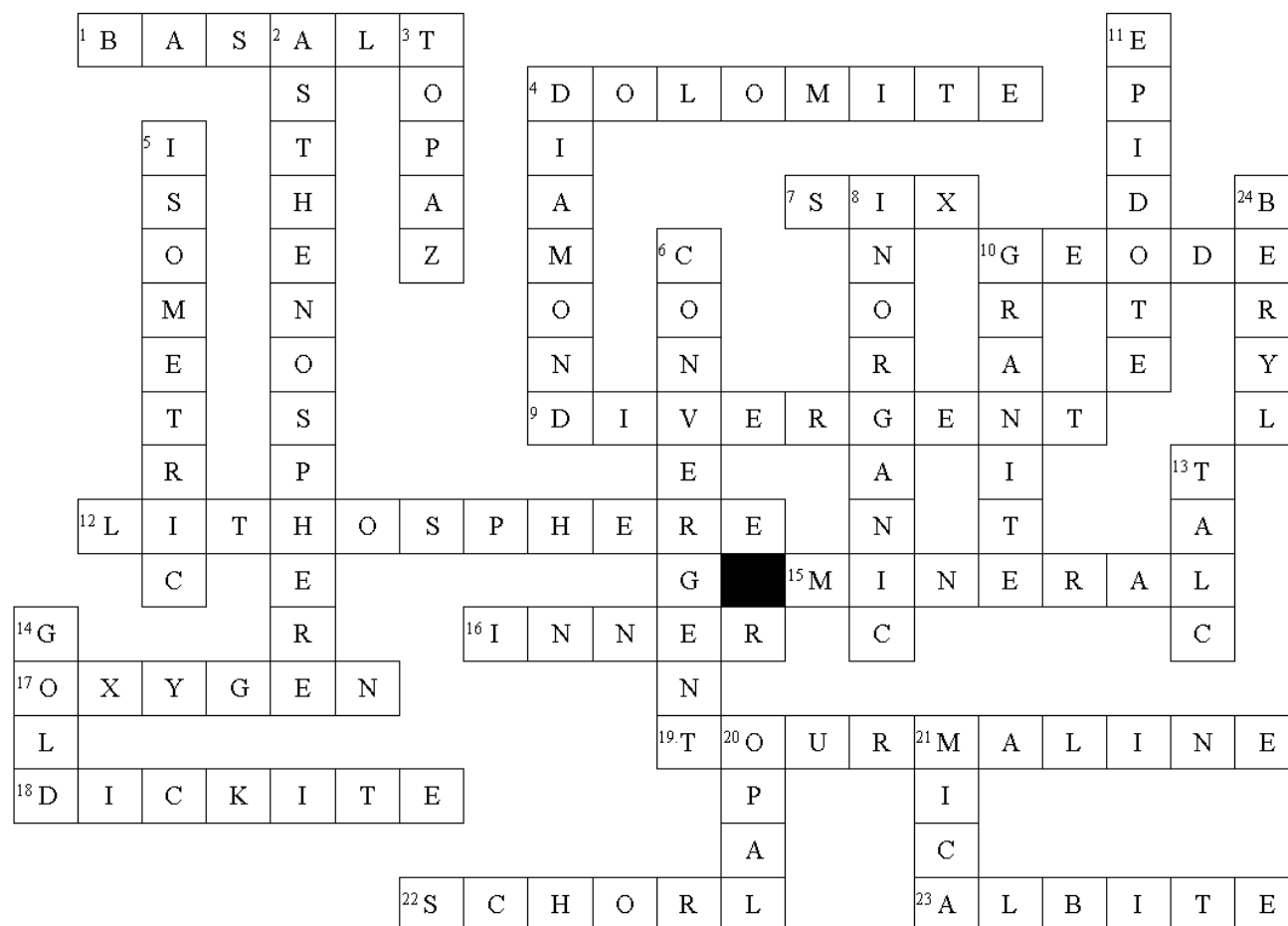
MOMSGOTINK



YOU'RE DOING IT WRONG.



Answers to the 'Minerals' crossword in the March 2021 newsletter.



Across:

1. Igneous rock commonly found in oceanic crust.
4. Mineral found in the Ardrossan district, SA.
7. Number of mineral groups.
9. Boundary where plates move away from each other.
10. Rock with a crystal surprise.
12. The part of the earth that contains the plates.
15. Naturally occurring, inorganic, solid.
16. The core which is solid.
17. The most abundant element in the earth's crust.
18. Associated with Allan Dick.
19. Mineral found in the Disputed Mine, Harts Range, NT.
22. Mineral found in the Disputed Mine, Harts Range, NT.
23. Mineral found in the Disputed Mine, Harts Range, NT.

Down:

2. The plastic portion of the earth's crust and mantle.
3. Popular gem quality mineral found at O'Briens Creek, Qld.
4. The hardest mineral.
5. Halite crystal system.
6. Boundary where plates move towards each other.
8. Never alive or a product of a live thing.
10. An igneous rock common on the continents.
11. Dark green translucent crystal found in Harts Range, NT.
13. The softest mineral.
14. A native element.
20. Popular South Australian mineral.
21. Mineral found in the Disputed Mine, Harts Range, NT.
24. Mineral found in the Disputed Mine, Harts Range, NT.

Mineral boxes and flats for sale

Mineral box sizes

Sold in bundles of (10 or 100

3.5 x 3.3cm.....	(\$1.50)	\$12.00
4 x 4cm.....	(\$1.50)	\$13.00
5 x 5.2cm.....	(\$2.00)	\$15.00
6.2 x 7.5cm.....	(\$2.50)	\$18.00
7 x 7cm.....	(\$2.50)	\$19.00
7 x 9.5cm.....	(\$2.50)	\$20.00
8.5 x 9.5cm.....	(\$3.00)	\$22.00
9.5 x 9.5cm.....	(\$3.50)	\$23.00
13 x 9.5cm.....	(\$4.00)	\$25.00
13 x 12.5cm.....	(\$4.50)	\$30.00

Flats sizes

395 x 265 x 50mm....	\$2.50
400 x 270 x 75mm....	\$3.50 NEW SIZE
398 x 290 x 98mm....	\$4.00

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all boxes and flats are folded together, no staples required
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