To Arrest Motion

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seeing the sign
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rotund Cousin Irv
the old sailor
optometrist
orthopedist
Granddad defining

bake sale (I)
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on her résumé
on his résumé
film buff describing

Day of Atonement
Aunt Miriam (I)
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ophthalmologist
police detective
the freshman asking
Have you a real job?
Uncle Sid describing
Uncle Stu describing
young Lee Gilbert

It Isn’t Rocket Science

AC repairman
career criminals
teenaged boy asking
losing at tennis
the second grader

Author’s Note
To Arrest Motion
The aim of every artist is to arrest motion, which is life, by artificial means and hold it fixed so that a hundred years later, when a stranger looks at it, it moves again since it is life.

William Faulkner
Knowledgeable

In response to her young,
unmarried, male co-worker
who queried *Who on earth
doesn’t love the summer?*,
The mother of four girls
aged eight, six, five, and two
considers the lack of structure,
sunburns, sibling fights, rashes,
splinters, insect bites, tantrums,
bicycle mishaps, erratic sleep,
mountains of dirty laundry,
late-evening eating binges, and
relentless complaints of boredom,
And raises both hands
her second grader
querying which is nicer:
*loathe* or *detest*

the poker player
describing an ante
*as a pot grower*

the young doctor
performing brain surgery
as an earthquake strikes

Grandma asserting
her most favorite word
*is bouquet*

Grandpa asserting
his most favorite word
*is fricassee*
moving to Tucson,
Boston’s Hobart Pratt asking
to be called Ho-P

three ex-cons
christening their eatery
*The Crepe Escape*

the eight year-old
insisting his younger sibs
call him *Sir*

the ten year-old
insisting his younger sibs
call him *Boss*

the twelve year-old
insisting his younger sibs
call him *Your Highness*
ESL student
reading in class the words
A dove dove away

ESL student
reading in class the words
Farms produce produce

prof candidate
at Ohio State asking
Why Buckeyes?

dean candidate
at Virginia Tech asking
What’s a Hokie?

provost candidate
at Saint Louis U. asking
Billikens? Really??
movie director
defining refilm as
do a double take

the Boston Celtic
noting his canine trio
are three-Pointers

the attorney
calling her small scent hound
a legal Beagle

the pugilist
dubbing his Molosser pups
amateur Boxers

the IT tutor
stating her yellow dogs
are computer Labs
turning sixty-five,
Elise Dershowitz hating
her nickname, El-Der

turning ninety-eight,
Augustus Toland loving
his nickname, Gus-To

visiting Provo,
a Brooklyn man assuming
*Utes* are youngsters

a martial artist
named Patrick Deaux christening
his newborn, Jude

V.A. Hospital . . .
three Nam vets in wheelchairs
singing *Over There*
the chef describing 
ladles as *transferrers* 
of *stocks*

Trump hater choosing 
between watching CNN 
and remaining sane

*What's your religion? . . .*

Aunt Rebecca responding 
*Reform Agnostic*

*What's your religion? . . .*

Uncle Jacob responding 
*Neo-Freudian*

their fifteen year-old 
certain she'll grow up to be 
*That Weird Cat Lady*
a boy wondering
if knights bought their bludgeons
in hardware stores

a girl wondering
if knights bought their armor
in clothing stores

first grader requests
an ice cream cone, not a cup:
It’s eco-friendly

poker champion
expressing his morbid fear
of going blind

Make a wish, Ellie . . .

four-year-old birthday girl shouts
I want a new Sis!
the mailman beams
upon learning that his wife
delivered their child

More fruit, Jessica? . . .
their young niece replying
No thank you, I'll fart

twisting her ankle
in shul, Grandma muttering
Jesus F Christ!

boy with sarcoma
detesting astrologers
because of Cancer

fellow golfers
judging his failure to warn
as uncalled fore
learning to tell time,
a child asks when will it be
*next o’clock*

the farm worker
regarding severance as
*cabbage for canning*

first grader Lyn Knox
expressing displeasure with
knock-knock jokes

surf shop owner
raising merchandise prices
across the board

asked how he’s feeling,
the physics prof answering
*I’m busy*
giving his sister
four batteries with the note
Gift not included

her granddaughter
asking the waitress May I
borrow a straw?

the smiling convict
learning his thumb infection
is called a felon

questioned how
hump and bump differ, a child
stating First letter

anti-vaxxers
feeling they should be the ones
calling the shots
pre-K imp Anna
overhearing Gramps call her
his Annarchist

the actress deeming
her first-rate understudy

_a standout stand-in_

_Your grounds for divorce? . . ._ 
Aunt Meg telling her lawyer

_Hatred of his guts_

Chicago rabbi
hoping the Bears’ Tarik Cohen
is Jewish

Chicago rabbi
praying Trump’s Michael Cohen
is not Jewish
horse farm . . .
firemen learning the meaning
of *facial blazes*

internet café . . .
firemen learning the meaning
of *flame trolling*

Nana regretting
her decision to try out
the *Slip’N Slide*

at her neighbor’s door,
three-year-old trick-or-treater
screams *Happy Birthday!*

old couple choosing
which one’s less impaired to drive
to the hospital
telling his student
just because she’s offended
doesn’t mean she’s right

gerography class . . .
a New York boy asking why
there are no *Old* states

ER nurse
mishearing *retinal*
as *rectal*

the geologist
regarding ores as
*miner concerns*

high school football . . .
an anxious teen trying out
for safety
pumpkin farmer
believing the sweetest word
is *autumnal*

her rich uncle
presenting his wedding gift:
a pizza stone

his wealthy aunt
presenting her wedding gift:
a melon baller

post *Brinks* truck crash . . .
fistfights breaking out over
flying C-notes

their immigrant Dad
questioning whether harbors
are *portly*
the proud elder
presenting his granddaughters
Grace, Hope, Faith, Lola

asked what *buoyant* means,
the fourth grader responding
*A child insect*

pre-teen porch pirate
learning too late the gift box
contained dumbbells

the meat cutters
calling their neighborhood
*the butcher block*

mid-eulogy . . .
blasting her daredevil son
for being thoughtless
Follow Your Passion

After announcing to his folks
His desire to become
The conductor of an orchestra
When he grows up,
The nine year-old explains why:

*I like classical music,*
*I like getting all dressed up, and*
*I love bossing other people around*
young Mr. Booth
cursing Mom for naming him
Anatole

the prof describing
an ode as *a grand tribute*
*that might be urned*

Great-Gran
confusing Martin & Lewis
with Lewis & Clark

Great-Gramps
confusing Marx & Engels
with Funk & Wagnalls

after marrying
Chris Martini, Pearl Dreyer
opts to hyphenate
the woodworker
regarding adages as
*often used saws*

his young son asking
why should you bother watching
a game’s first half

the referee
defining the word *coma*
as a *long time out*

her spouse refusing
to set foot in a bookstore
with no café

anagram lover
describing *resist* as
*twisted sister*
the chess champion
explaining why he’s the best:

I see more, faster

MIT freshman
contemplating changing
his surname, Clowney

Great-Uncle Al trying
to recall how Cocoa Marsh
and Bosco differed

Great-Aunt Vi trying
to recall how Nesbitt’s
and Nehi differed

upon Santa’s lap,
a six year-old requesting
her parents split up
homophobe fuming . . .

his daughter’s fiancé

is named Leslie

San Diego girl

assuming Cleveland’s region

is the Middle East

shoved out of bounds,

the Bears tight end sitting down

on the Packers’ bench

the lab scientist

regarding his hot date as

a chemistry test

rabbis son dreaming

of winning the Heisman

leading Notre Dame
nine-year-old Dan
complaining his name’s too close
to dank, dang, damn

explaining
to his nephews the meaning
of misogyny

the fifth grader
asking Brad Foxx what’s the point
of the second x

the sixth grader
asking Beth Quinn why not spell
her last name kWIN

parents claiming
their toddler has two speeds:
full throttle and sleep
his mother stating
the term *criminal lawyer*
is redundant

his father stating
after attorneys die,
they lie still

Elwood Anderson,
known as Woody, nicknaming
Elwood Jr., Chip

Cornell Kensington,
known as Corny, nicknaming
Cornell Jr., Flake

semi-deaf elder
asking the nurse why she said
he should gargoyle
after falling,
Mom punching the man who asked

*Have a nice trip?*

French I student
pronouncing *beaucoup* with
four syllables

a child suggesting
the canine vet call herself

*a dogtor*

fundamentalists
wishing they’d remove *Idol*
from Seacrest’s show

three Southern ladies
debating which one’s drawl
is more enchanting
a teen explaining
to her beloved grandmother
why queefs occur

the mirror maker
fearing his shoddy work
will reflect badly

Want a side with that? . . .
diner’s young guest replying
Yellow mustard

Want a side with that? . . .
diner’s old guest replying
A dozen peas

their son assuming
reverse psychology means
making your shrink cry
We write to taste life twice,
in the moment and in retrospect.

Anaïs Nin
pondering why
on the plastic surgeon’s walls
are Picasso prints

tense music teacher
referring to himself as
very trebled

his great-niece
questioning whether Asia
has a Middle West

mechanics claiming
they fix their mistakes, but
doctors bury theirs

a child querying
the policeman how he’d cuff
a one-armed man
IRS agent
and his lawyer debating
who is more hated

a juror noting
neither attorney swore
to tell the truth

Nana expounding
why easy and simple
aren't the same

*What's a chorus line?* . . .
young musician responding
*Tra la la*

parents, in-laws
nearly coming to blows
over toy guns
dubbing his wife
who passes gas silently

*a private tooter*

a child wondering
is a surname what you’re called
once you’ve been knighted

their Dad regretting
his Christmas gift to Mom
of wrinkle cream

the math professor
feeling he **must** buy the house
on Euclid Drive

Easter morning . . .
the rabbi telling his spouse

*Good yontif*
retired car salesman
noting his favorite orb
is Mercury

GI specialist
noting his favorite orb
is Uranus

the wit defining
as diminishing returns
the word echoes

telling his grandson
it’s sinful not to eat fries
on Fridays

mid-session . . .
the old shrink realizing
he couldn’t care less
a little girl
teaching an old woman how
to use Excel

an old woman
teaching a little girl how
to play cat’s cradle

Valentine’s Day . . .
doing last-minute shopping
at the Shell Gas Mart

Pittsburgh teen
refusing to see himself
as a Northerner

Miami teen
refusing to see herself
as a Southerner
Jewish fast day . . .
young David Katz requesting
just one *Reese’s Piece*

her child questioning
why there aren’t any cars
named after Neptune

his brother-in-law
calling their adopted son
*unnatural*

the preacher noting
Boaz, before he married,
was *Ruthless*

Muslim boy dreaming
of inventing the method
to make pork halal
Knoxvillians
wishing their demonym
didn’t sound evil

a Cubs fan in church
hearing *In the beginning*
as *In the big inning*

the manicurist
describing an asp as
*a Nile biter*

telling his coach
*misunderestimated*
is not a word

telling her coach
*basic fundamentals*
is repetitious
Sunday School student
asking if the Phoenicians invented blinds

Sunday School student
asking who was stronger:
Moses or Jesus

Sunday School student
asking if God watches us in the shower

Sunday School student
asking what dinosaurs ate on Noah’s ark

Sunday School student
asking if the math’s hard in the Book of Numbers
his Mom researching
the number of calories
in one Skittle

his Dad researching
the number of calories
in one mezcal worm

NFL coach
noting his team leads the league
in penalty yards

NBA coach . . .
noting his team leads the league
in groin injuries

the sailors calling
their friend’s obituary
dead reckoning
a Catholic girl
wishing her Jewish friend
*Yom Kippur*
her child demanding
his snake be included in
their Xmas card pic

Boston baseball fan
fuming that a Georgian
called him a Yankee

the trig teacher
asserting his course covers
all the angles

their nephew asking
which is worst to eat: dirt,
crow or humble pie
aghast Jews learning
Wrigley’s *GummiBursts* contain
gelatin from swine

football fan’s wife
asking how many quarters
does a game have

five-year-old houseguests
blaming Gran’s doll collection
for their nightmares

geography quiz . . .
high school student writing
*Cummerbund Gap*

the preschooler
confessing she loves cupcakes
more than Jesus
recent convert
displaying her license plates:
*NOWISEE*

frozen drink vendor
displaying his license plates:
*NOWICEE*

trans-Atlantic flight . . .
two loud, chatty morticians
sitting beside her

sci-fi author
describing UFOs as
*foreign dishes*

superstar athlete
hating the acronym for
*Greatest Of All Time*
sixth grader asking
if buttocks are one keister
or two

post Super Bowl loss . . .
Aunt Ethel taking a match
to her lucky cap

post Super Bowl loss . . .
Uncle Claude taking an ax
to his lucky chair

Your favorite films? . . .
her date responding Scarface
and My Fair Lady

economics class . . .
a poor teenager stating
I’ll never use this
hearing *big pitcher,*

his son thinks *Clayton Kershaw;*

his daughter, *rum punch* 

hearing *right guard,*

her Dad thinks *Marshal Yanda;*

her Mom, *underarms* 


demented elder,

with arthritic hands, braiding

a four year-old’s hair

*Tums* user noting

what his antacid spells

backward

first session ends . . .

the inpatient noticing

her shrink is aroused
Civil War test . . .
an eighth grader responding
*Molasses S. Grant*

Civil War test . . .
a ninth grader responding
*Stonehenge Jackson*

a boy querying
the vet whether they’ve tried
seeing-eye cats

*Microsoft* coder
shouting at his slow colleague,
*Get with the program!*

NBA center
referring to his team’s guards
as *Lilliputians*
eight-year-old cook
calling bowtie noodles
dressy pasta

one yard from the tape,
the track star celebrating
too soon

guy at the bar
claiming he graduated
from Princeton State

Margaret Legg,
a surgeon, begging colleagues
not to call her Peg

a child answering
What's the national bird?
with Fried Chicken
Queens tenth grader
assuming Northwestern
is in Seattle

Lubbock tenth grader
wondering if Rhode Island
has an A&M

new Nestea bottler
asking if she’s permitted
a coffee break

the penitent
noting that he is in
a sorry state

their coach explaining
when you’re playing tennis,
love conquers nothing
Camry salesman
loving his car’s anagram,
My car

Hasbro salesman
loathing his firm’s anagram,
abhors

Do you exercise? . . .
bipolar prof responding
I run hot and cold

Do you exercise? . . .
overworked TA stating
I jump through hoops

Sindi and Syril
introducing their three sons
Kaleb, Klyde, and Klark
their second grader
questioning if chess players
wear sports jerseys

Bronx boy in London
hearing Ta-ta, Cheerio,
thinking of breakfast

urging his wife
to cease terming her diet
my weight loss journey

opting not to cash
the gift check from Uncle Sy,
a mob attorney

a six-year-old girl
questioning the pharmacist
if he sells chill pills
fast-talking coach
claiming he invented
the hurry-up offense

fifth grade student
pondering which is whiter:
pasty or chalky

sixth grade student
pondering which is redder:
a blush or a flush

Garden State newsman
mishearing The New Yorker
as The Newarker

the judge
ordering unwisely
at the food court
a tourist in Greece
hoping to return to Maine
with an accent

asking Aunt Louise
why she says *Give us a kiss*
when it’s only her

tap dancing couple
boasting to their friends
how much they click

German teacher
telling her pupils *ach*
is a *Rhine whine*

the shrink raging
his clients are making
more money than he
Coppertone seller
regarding an eclipse
as sun block

his Grandma noting
*If I had not gotten laid,*
you wouldn’t be here

Yom Kippur morning . . .
Melvin Klein viewing himself
as *Mel atonin’*

TV idol
telling the rapt audience
what makes her vomit

dog breeder
calling money managers
*asset bounds*
Oscar Oates asking
his high school coach for jersey
number 00

Zora Zhang asking
her high school coach for jersey
number 1

the brain surgeon
defining the word *zoo* as
*a hippo campus*

acupuncturist
loving that her last name
is Polk

the teen claiming
her parents become enraged
when she gets depressed
You do not have to explain every single
drop of water contained in a rain barrel.
You have to explain one drop -- $H_2O$.
The reader will get it.

George Singleton
Uncle Ike calling
Aunt Merle’s post-funeral meal
the after-party

Great-Gramps believing
his old, leaky paddleboat
is the QE2

clueless lumberjack
responding to the query
with I’m stumped

Atlanta soldiers
loving that their city is
home of the Brave

T-Mobile rep
describing prison time as
getting cell service
their child musing
whether Noah permitted
termites on the ark

the nun calling
her first ATM password
Original PIN

sub-zero morning . . .
a child plays the piano
wearing mittens

colleagues describing
the drunken French professor
as absinthe-minded

young psychiatrist
opening his practice in
Nutley, New Jersey
the old man
explaining why *winning*
is not *succeeding*

the old woman
noting why *reputation*
is not *character*

skilled bunter
proudly admitting
*I'm no swinger*

his mother-in-law
pronouncing the word *orgy*
with a hard *g*

Judge Morris Lester
urging friends to cease
calling him Moe
post-chili . . .
airline pilot withstanding turbulence
at the tavern . . .
the widower ordering a *single malt*

at the tavern . . .
the pastor ordering a *Vesper*

at the tavern . . .
the astronaut ordering a *Corona*

at the tavern . . .
the chimney sweep ordering an *Old Fashioned*
her ten year-old
responding to *I love you*
with a thumbs-up

her twelve year-old
responding to *I love you*
with a shrug

her fourteen year-old
responding to *I love you*
with a wince

*Why'd you marry her? . . .*
semi-deaf man responding,
She talked real loud

the chef describing
beef jerky preparation
as *cut and dry*
their son hearing endometriosis, asks
A Greek actor?

two profs debating whether Bud Light or Busch
tastes more like piss

nature class . . . a boy stating that coniferous
means meat-eating

private eye calling his on-the-job jacket
the trail blazer

telling her pre-teen
he can look at nude women
only in museums
With It

The family matriarch
Slowly shuffles over
To her youngest nephew
Points at his smartphone,
And whispers
How about pointing
Your gadget at us and
Taking a selfish?
Uncle Harold

giving the homeless Bronx man

a Euro coin

grandkids dubbing

their ill-tempered patriarch

*Grumpa*

grandkids dubbing

their withholding matriarch

*Nono*

asked to name

a course with fruit, the painter

replying *Art class*

golfer Conrad Hicks

loving the *Times* headline,

*Con Going Pro*
pre-K child
calling 9-1-1, asking
What's 8+5?

the wide, stout coach
overhearing two players
calling him Couch

three Brooklyn sots
reminiscing about Piels,
Rheingold, Ballantine

the statistician
describing her husband Norm
as average

questioning the priest
how she should honor her Dad,
a drug kingpin
the upholsterer
defining *corrections*
as *slip covers*

Maine lad assuming
Central American folks
speak Latin

her three year-old
regarding the king's throne
as *a high chair*

fired teacher
believing he has been
degraded

fired manicurist
believing she has been
defiled
Hiram Ira Quinn
asking teachers to call him

*Hi IQ*

the obese man
referring to pet names

*as love handles*

class president race . . .
a fifth grade girl promising
less homework

class president race . . .
a fifth grade boy promising
longer weekends

Gentile houseguest
hunting through Levy’s fridge
for some pig meat
insisting
her grandsons say *Pardon me*
instead of *My bad*

the dean acting
as if the prof’s brain tumor
were contagious

pre-debate . . . the pol
raging that someone stole
her footstool

*What rhymes with toy? . . .*

Grandpa Sol answering *Goy;*
Grandma Frieda, *Oy*

redhead Tim Fawcett
praying not to be nicknamed
Rusty
Mr. Reliable

Asked to buy groceries,
Her husband returns
One hour later solely
With Groucho Marx glasses,
Noses, eyebrows and mustaches
For their twin daughters
Aged eighteen months
linguistics prof
arguing Duke should have
a boxing team

his wife describing
when she was heaviest as
my weight’s height

the rabbi trying
not to hate his neighbor
for buying a ‘Vette

the novelist
referring to garden hoes
as plot devices

instead of numbers,
a Ravens fan longing for
Poe quotes on jerseys
bakery owner
describing his eldest child
as gluten-free

a third grader
confusing ADHD
with HDTV

Aunt Glo regarding
the bucket of fried chicken
as one serving

portraying
her great-grandfather as
Huck Finn at ninety

portraying
his great-grandson as
Yoda at seven
telemarketer
with many fears complaining
about her hang-ups

mid-winter blizzard . . .
Boston boys watching their street
becoming a slope

the mentalist
describing ESP as
\textit{the sixth of five}

Great-Uncle Lou
climbing the step ladder
while holding his cane

CIA agent
characterizing glands
\textit{as secretive}
young Tess Strauss
noting her favorite word
is assesses

post-Christmas dinner . . .
Gramps teaching the youngsters how
to cheat at blackjack

chef Aldo Roma
preferring to be called
A. Roma

seeing the sign
Van Accessible, their child
asks Some guy’s name?

Alzheimer’s ward . . .
watching her beloved husband
disappearing
rotund Cousin Irv,
told *Get in shape!,* replying

*Pears have shapes*

the old sailor

viewing the SOS as

*a help wanted sign*

optometrist

naming her triplets Iris,
Rod, Cornelia

orthopedist

naming her twin daughters

Pat, Ella

Granddad defining

*as an overhead expense*

the word *hat*
bake sale . . . math prof
charging for one mini pie
$3.14

bake sale . . . French prof
charging for three Napoleons
$18.04

on her résumé
stating she played a juror
on *Law and Order*

on his résumé
stating he twice played a corpse
on *NCIS*

film buff describing
Ginger’s partner Fred as
*Astaire with steps*
Day of Atonement . . .
the half-Jewish Turk
drinking decaf

Aunt Miriam
calling her son’s daughters
the grandangels

Aunt Miriam
calling her daughter’s sons
the four stooges

ophthalmologist
telling a child how pink eye
and stink eye differ

police detective
regarding matadors as
ones facing charges
the freshman asking
if the chess team requires
a physical

Have you a real job? . . .
her blind date answering

Define real

Uncle Sid describing
one daughter as ravishing,
the other as cute

Uncle Stu describing
one grandson as brilliant,
the other as sly

young Lee Gilbert
loving French for making
her last name sexy
It Isn’t Rocket Science

Asked why she never, ever
Puts away clothes and shoes,
Disposes trash, closes lids,
Returns food to the fridge, or
Cleans the messes she makes,
Their five-year-old granddaughter
Calmly replies Can’t . . . I’m lazy
AC repairman,
after a frustrating day,
venting his anger
career criminals
naming their newborn twins
Cain and Ahab

teenaged boy asking
which word is preferred:
crotch\textit{al} or groin\textit{al}

losing at tennis,
the attorney expressing
contempt of court

the second grader
wanting to bring Mom’s breast pump
to show-and-tell
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