

# LOOKING AROUND

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and  
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and the doctors and nurses of  
Johns Hopkins Hospital  
who saved her life

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## Looking Around



*If, then, I were asked for the most important advice  
I could give . . . I should simply say: in the name of God,  
stop a moment, cease your work, look around you.*

*Leo Tolstoy*





a young girl fearing  
jail time for shoplifting  
one *Tootsie Roll*

film critic noting  
six of the seven dwarfs  
were not Happy

bank manager  
describing ATMs as  
*tender spots*

Pop wondering why,  
with each year, he roots more  
for the underdog

a child whispering  
at her hamster's funeral  
*He never complained*

### The Linguist

Getting dressed one morning,  
Their nine-year-old grandson  
Reasons if briefs and boxers  
Are termed *underwear*, and  
Raincoats and windbreakers  
Are considered *outerwear*,  
Then shirts and pants  
Must be *wear*

the hog farmer  
regarding the sty as  
*an oink-filled pen*

throat specialist  
portraying uvulas as  
*down in the mouth*

Condo 4's owner  
wiping her muddy shoes  
on Condo 5's mat

Gramps telling the nurse  
he's been having lots of pain  
in his *trouser snake*

three jack-o'-lanterns . . .  
smiling six-year-old triplets  
with misaligned teeth

the physicist  
calling the greatest maestros  
*superconductors*

ESL teacher  
defining *admit* as  
*let in or let on*

their Dad refusing  
to go skeet shooting, noting  
*I will not kill clay*

the ten year-old  
singing *Begin the Beguine*  
for his Great-Grandpa

the hundred year-old  
singing *No Tears Left to Cry*  
for her great-grandchild

data scientist  
describing her job as  
*collect and crunch*

garbageman  
describing his job as  
*collect and crunch*

a boy questioning  
the elderly street person  
what he does all day

home plate umpire  
defining the word *out*  
as *unsafe*

the astronomer  
referring to himself as  
*a star witness*

pompous barista  
proclaiming he won't serve  
the average joe

baseball coach noting  
the tone-deaf right fielder  
*can't hit a pitch*

two first graders  
debating which letter  
is funniest

the bank teller  
describing one penny as  
*the slightest change*

informing her child  
you cannot give a love tap  
while holding a rock

job interview . . .  
his teenaged daughter stating  
*I'm a great leader*

job interview . . .  
her teenaged son inquiring  
*What do you do here?*

young dominatrix  
describing herself as  
*a whipper snapper*

Great-Aunt Mae  
defining *methinks* as  
*old-time IMO*

the elder fearing,  
in heaven, God will ask **her**  
*What is life's meaning?*

their three year-old  
laboring to sip her milk  
through a stirrer

Michigan wordsmith  
noting Lansing's anagram  
is *in slang*

Delaware hiker  
noting Dover's anagram  
is *roved*

Gopher State pitcher  
noting St. Paul's anagram  
is *up last*

Tar Heel barber  
noting Raleigh's anagram  
is *hair gel*



new immigrant  
addressing the judge  
as *Your Honest*

at dinner  
the famished taxidermist  
stuffing his face

the electrician  
describing outages as  
*delightful events*

asking his pastor  
can you start new friendships  
in hell

standing on the ledge,  
her depressed teen screaming  
*Why shouldn't I?*

auto racer  
referring to Eden  
as *first place*

watching their toddler  
trying her best to master  
the hula hoop

Rabbi Katz calling  
his teenaged sons, now driving,  
*schlemiels on wheels*

the hair stylist  
portraying her salon as  
*a permanent site*

*My meal's delicious! . . .*  
his young waiter responding  
*No problem*

geology prof  
regarding demo tapes  
as *rock samples*

twin boys elating  
their Great-Gramps as they belt out  
ZZ Top's *Legs*

Uncle Ed opting  
for his belly tattoo  
a *Coors* six pack

characterizing  
his high-priced stereo as  
a *sound investment*

hearing *armed robber*,  
a child asks *Can you steal*  
*with just your legs?*

tennis champion  
requesting a bagel  
that's top-seeded

math teacher  
describing acute angles  
as *not quite right*

physics prof reading  
a freshman's course critique:  
*You don't smile enough*

learning her date  
and she share a birthday:  
2/29

anorectic's Mom  
noting her own Mom would say  
*You can't be too thin*

a teen wondering  
which of his relatives  
won't get in heaven

Isaac Cohn's daughter  
choosing to wed a Baptist  
named Chris Bacon

*What tastes better cold? . . .*  
the first grader answering  
*Ice*

their son Greg wanting  
to have his name pronounced  
with two soft *g*'s

investment banker  
teaching his dachshund  
to roll over

*Mobil* exec  
referring to acne as  
*an oil crisis*

money launderer  
rejecting the order  
to come clean

Mrs. Deville  
feeling obliged to christen  
her newborn, Angel

their five year-old  
stating she finds *No, you can't*  
mean and nasty

their six year-old  
stating he finds *You're too young*  
rude and unfair

restaurateur

calling the lunch menu

*crepe paper*

architect

calling the building permit

*construction paper*

her four year-old

asking if baby Jesus

slept with a binky

their old man

describing his body as

*a father figure*

teacher, eye doctor

comparing their problems

with pupils

the toddler  
waving goodbye to the leaf  
wafting in the wind

tongue-twisting chef  
referring to omelets as  
*filled, folded food*

crushed 6-0, 6-0 . . .  
the tennis player noting  
he fell in love

the clergyman  
defining the word *pray* as  
*go right to the top*

dog-walking stoner  
confessing he can't stay  
off the grass



Barbara Belle,  
a weightlifter, adoring  
her nickname, Barb

Dominick Belle,  
a weightlifter, deploring  
his nickname, Dom

Maui postman  
describing *Aloha* as  
*HI goodbye*

*Why's your Dad special? . . .*  
the six year-old answering  
*He's real hairy*

*Why's your Dad special? . . .*  
the eight year-old answering  
*He knows pig Latin*

her prof defining  
the word *orator* as  
*a figure of speech*

Grandma wondering  
which versions of her parents  
she'll meet in heaven

pre-K child calling  
any bread other than white  
*wrong*

Great-Gramps deeming  
all bagels other than plain  
*too tasty*

Hebrew school teacher,  
asked *What's an ark?*, replying  
*A couples' cruise ship*

a linguist smiles  
hearing the Czech word *ano*  
means *yes* in English

their teen avowing  
*Today, I'll definitely*  
*give it my some*

ornithologist  
characterizing nests as  
*Twitter platforms*

upon learning  
the baby's name is Basil,  
thinking *Odd parents*

upon learning  
the girl's name is Hortense,  
thinking *Bad parents*

British athlete  
describing *trash talk* as  
*utter rubbish*

Mom calling Dad  
*Mr. Right*, and herself  
*Mrs. Always Right*

young carjacker  
realizing he can't drive  
a stick shift

Great-Grandma Sophie  
referring to sweet gherkins  
as *Gentile pickles*

the cashier  
defining the word *tip* as  
*bread in a jar*

puzzled child asking  
why folks sit in hot tubs  
to chill out

physicist viewing  
*the nuclear family*  
as atom bombs

the CFO  
referring to himself as  
*the head of lettuce*

circus fire-eater  
complaining that management  
gives him lots of heat

Southern Baptist  
describing the Rastas as  
*dreaded Jamaicans*

young Pete, Jr.  
begging his parents to cease  
calling him *Re-pete*

the apiarist  
referring to the beehive  
as *Home sweet home*

identity thief  
informing his blind date  
he works in finance

the rowers  
describing their oars  
as *crew's control*

Tarantino fan  
defining the word *veto*  
as *Kill Bill*

rogue cops noting  
their favorite color  
is dark blue

her grandson  
defining *present day*  
as *Christmas*

the teen screaming  
his term paper deserved  
*D-*, not *F*

the prof referring  
to her Tennyson lecture  
as *Idyll talk*

eighth grade scholar  
attempting to calculate  
Maryland's weight

four-year-old boy  
rejecting the seltzer:  
*Too spicy*

five-year-old girl  
requesting a salad  
*with no coupons*

the mover  
having another nightmare  
about pianos

elderly teacher  
urging her twelfth graders  
not to reproduce

married thirteen years,  
his in-laws still calling him  
*Jane's second husband*



their son attaching  
a tin can lid to a stick  
to slice pizza

the kindergartner,  
asked *How much do you love me?*,  
responding *Half*

the chemist  
describing the ions as  
*never free of charge*

his child answering  
*Pies* when asked to name  
a basic food group

her child answering  
*My house* when asked to name  
a major land mass



*Awareness is like the sun.*

*When it shines on things,  
they are transformed.*

*Thich Nhat Hanh*



exhausted new Mom  
hiding from her eight puppies  
in the guest bathroom

her five-year-old son  
choosing a car wash over  
a trip to the beach

the elder wishing  
he could tell his grandchildren  
an ethnic joke

third grader asking  
at what age can she get  
permanent tattoos

high school teacher  
drinking from a thermos  
labeled *Students' Tears*

X-ray revealing  
their sixteen-year-old daughter  
got her nipples pierced

Aunt Lou applying  
to her yellowing teeth  
white nail polish

at the airport,  
her husband holding the sign  
*Welcome Home from Jail!*

the pharmacist  
dubbing hand sanitizers  
*hidden cut finders*

teen's Mom responding  
to *You look beautiful* with  
*Stop, I have no cash*

first grade student

asking which are better:

nouns or verbs

third grade student

asking which are more correct:

commas or colons

fifth grade student

asking which preposition

is most useless

Dawn Cisco calling

her child Samantha Frances

Sam Fran

one-year-old's sitter

choosing not to tell Mom

he took his first steps

hearing *Taxicab*,  
their nine year-old shouts  
*Redundant!*

their toddler holding  
her lips shut at supper  
until dessert's served

*Sprint* salesman  
describing phone cases as  
*mobile homes*

pre-K gourmet  
announcing Brussels sprouts  
taste like cat hair

learning he got  
one right on a True/False quiz  
of twenty items



overhearing  
the Nobel laureate  
saying *Beer me*

lawyer Meg Abel  
choosing to christen  
her firstborn, Bill

California teen  
shocked to learn there's a Venice  
in Italy

*Eat your broccoli! . . .*  
her young daughter responding  
*Can't, my tongue hurts*

the dean describing  
an ambitious young prof  
as *Nobel-minded*

the Jewish chef  
portraying Passover as  
*a feast without yeast*

the miner  
boasting of his Air Force son,  
the major

Great-Aunt Enid  
referring to cats and dogs  
as *who*, not *that*

her child inquiring  
what is meant by the saying  
*Time wounds all heels*

centenarian  
sharing tips for a long life  
between cigar puffs

the shoemaker  
defining the word *resole*  
as *fix a flat*

married one day . . .  
informing her new husband  
she hates his parents

married one day . . .  
informing his new wife  
he hates her laugh

*What are you doing*  
*after lunch?* . . . Gramps replying  
*Dinner, then breakfast*

the jailer  
defining the word *cell* as  
*sentence structure*

hearing Kanye sing,  
Dad asks if there's a volume  
lower than *Mute*

Aunt Irma  
describing ironing as  
*de-creasing*

post-earthquake . . . seeing  
scrawled on the crushed house's roof:  
*Got Rid of the Mouse!*

linguists debating  
which word sounds dirtier:  
*blowhole* or *kumquat*

the priest regarding  
the worshippers' loud *Amen*  
as *Mass-produced*

pre-Thanksgiving . . .  
the cook booking a flight  
for Turkey and Greece

Aunt Syl showing off  
her one and only tattoo:  
*Born to Nag*

the Brazilian  
describing Alexa as  
*an Amazon guide*

praising his nephew  
for getting the license plate  
*UNHOLY*

Chef Grandma  
defining *aromas* as  
*kitchen drawers*

a boy wondering  
whose neck gets broken going  
at *breakneck speed*

professional mime  
screaming profanities  
at his lawyer

Nana claiming  
she and Gramps were happy once,  
then they met

trying to convince  
his four-year-old sister  
Bigfoot's in the tub

train conductor  
referring to the altar  
as *Union Station*

first session . . .

asking the shrink how much  
his toupee cost

math teacher stating  
many of the world's rulers  
use the metric system

wedded fifty years . . .  
noting they've loved each other  
since nursery school

Brooklyn third grader,  
asked to name a type of shark,  
responding *Loan*

Aunt Deb describing  
her daughter-in-law as  
*a smiling cobra*

their kindergartner  
attempting to gift wrap  
a balloon

telling her nephew  
never laugh at his wife's choices:  
he's one of them

first play from scrimmage . . .  
rookie quarterback lining up  
behind the right guard

the candidate  
defining *elopers* as  
*running mates*

informing the judge  
if she met his parents  
she'd understand



## Family Update

Asked about his adult children,  
the retired Boston judge replies  
My older daughter is a diplomat  
living in Marseilles;  
My younger daughter is a surgeon  
living in San Francisco; and  
My son is chronically unemployed  
and living on our couch

the corn farmer  
describing crop circles as  
*rings in one's ears*

Aunt Tam  
telling her nephew it's short  
for Tambourine

Uncle Cam  
assuring his niece it's short  
for Chameleon

auto repairman  
defining the word *moonied*  
as *rear-ended*

the twelve year-old  
declaring to his Grandma  
*I was born angry*

Professor Alden  
naming her child Quinn Noelle  
for the initials

the cat owner  
defining *neuter* as  
*make litter-proof*

characterizing  
as *a would-be lawyer's trial*  
the LSAT

their grandchild  
confusing Jack Sprat  
with Jack Squat

poor music student  
regarding her tin ear as  
*a weakness of note*

his Dad refusing  
to join a fitness center  
without TVs

his Mom refusing  
to join a fitness center  
without lattes

Gayle and Vince Berry,  
big fans of Don Knotts, naming  
their first daughter Mae

IT engineer  
regarding his attic  
as a web site

buying the tee  
*UNAPOLOGETIC*  
for her toddler

*What did Santa bring? . . .*  
their six year-old answering  
*Boring crap*

Yankee pitcher  
referring to tripling as  
*hitting close to home*

the Brit depicting  
demolition derbies as  
*smashing good times*

asked *Who's first?*,  
their English prof responding  
*Silent W*

the Jamaican  
noting his Kingston address  
is *Mon*

canceling  
her teen's scheduled manicure:  
*She OD'd last night*

physics prof learning  
the coed's shoes cost more  
than his suit

a young girl stating  
her father is a doctor  
at *John Sopkins*

the bride's parents,  
both battling lymphoma,  
adjusting their wigs

three-year-old twins' Mom  
calling her daughter *Cuddles*,  
her son *Psycho*

hit at his twenty,  
college halfback landing  
at his sixteen

optimistic child  
discovering her blood type  
is B positive

imagining  
the members of Devo  
training Whippets

asking the priest  
if there are senior discounts  
for exorcisms

baseball player  
referring to the ump as  
*a count manager*

Baltimore ER . . .  
counting the number of folks  
giving up, leaving

Baptist boy fretting  
the Book of Numbers contains  
long division

the attorney  
regarding annulments as  
*I do undoers*

preemie twins' parents  
choosing to name their babies  
Nico and Nicki

cancer survivor  
cursing herself for carping  
about the weather



his blind date  
revealing that her nickname  
is *Attention Whore*

her blind date  
revealing that his nickname  
is *Numbnuts*

the beautician  
characterizing liars  
as *make-up artists*

young boy mistaking  
the football player's mouth guard  
for a binky

young boy assuming  
the hockey goalie's mask  
is worn to frighten

anxious teen's father  
recommending gardening  
over counseling

Uncle Max noting  
a money belt is where  
*cash goes to waist*

their young nephew  
calling his underwear stains  
*leftovers*

at the buffet . . .  
two seniors with canes brawling  
over the last shrimp

Yale law student  
feeling uncomfortable  
ordering a torte

at Fenway . . . a child  
frets, hearing there are big bats  
in the Sox dugout

Ma making believe  
she is not listening as  
the newlyweds fight

the IT prof  
terming tearjerker movies  
*e-motion pictures*

for emphasis,  
their immigrant aunt noting  
the doctor *he-self*

her longtime boyfriend  
noting *engagement* can mean  
an armed battle



*It's all a matter of paying attention,  
being awake in the present moment,  
and not expecting a huge payoff.  
The magic in this world seems to work  
in whispers and small kindnesses.*

*Charles de Lint*



feline-hating child  
pointing out *cat* rhymes with  
*drat, splat, rat, and gnat*

a fourth grader  
asking her Dad if a brat  
could be unspoiled

leaving the toilet,  
their eight year-old commenting  
*Smooth as silk!*

leaving the toilet,  
their ten year-old proclaiming  
*A personal best!*

elderly man  
learning his cancer surgeon  
is his grandson's age

a young girl asking  
*Two of what?* after her Dad  
shouts *Grow a pair!*

twin boys debating  
which they'd prefer in their house:  
lice, wasps, or leeches

ER patient  
noting the mattress spring coiled  
around his scrotum

ER patient  
noting the *Krazy Glue*  
stuck to her nipples

ER patient  
noting the knife in his back  
plunged by Aunt Mavis



married six decades . . .

still calling his spouse

*My bride*

married six decades . . .

still calling her spouse

*The hunk*

two woodworkers

dubbing their soft rock duo

*The Carpenters*

three proctologists

calling their hip-hop group

*Public Enema*

four psychiatrists

naming their art rock band

*Pink Freud*

destitute elder  
chiding the raging teen:  
*You too young to hate!*

Joan and Ernest Pye  
nicknaming their baby boy  
Quentin Todd, *QT*

Beth and Sidney Dahl  
nicknaming their baby girl  
Quelle Patrice, *QP*

ten-year-old wordsmith  
asserting he much prefers  
*shat* to *shitted*

post-eulogy . . .  
Grandpa judging the praise:  
*Too much and too late*

the prof paring down  
most of his student's essay  
on editing

two thugs quizzing  
each other on plot lines  
from *Law and Order*

two farmers testing  
each other on characters  
from *Seinfeld*

two priests challenging  
each other on quotations  
from *The Sopranos*

the obstetrician  
viewing childbirth as  
labor intensive

history class . . .

a sixth grader responding

*Karlo Marx*

English class . . .

a seventh grader stating

*David Coppertone*

geography class . . .

an eighth grader writing

*Hoover Damn*

art class . . .

a ninth grader answering

*Hablo Picasso*

mythology class . . .

a tenth grader replying

*Panhandler's Box*

the mobster's doctor  
informing him his cancer  
is most aggressive

the vet asserting  
*Bambi* should be subtitled  
*A Whitetail's Tale*

English tutor  
defining *semi* as  
*half in advance*

PowerPoint lover  
writhing through a nightmare  
about blackboards, chalk

her spouse explaining  
he should not have been left  
unsupervised

sundowning Grandpa  
calming down listening  
to Pachelbel

sundowning Grandma  
calming down watching  
*The Golden Girls*

out of *Crest*,  
a child brushing his teeth  
with *Comet*

fourth grade boy  
describing his sister as  
*kinda not ugly*

sixth grade girl  
describing her brother as  
*brain-dead but useful*

mid-surgery . . .  
his waiting wife and children  
playing *Risk*

asked what *neat* means,  
the drunkard's young daughter  
stating *Without ice*

the prof noticing  
when he looks a tad annoyed,  
his T.A. panics

child with celiac  
in a French bakery  
trying not to cry

Nana explaining  
why people who take Prozac  
are cowards

cancer patient's Dad  
counting the scalp stitches  
of his five year-old

cancer patient's Mom  
tickling the hairless pate  
of her three year-old

Flint receptionist  
finding Michigan in  
*answering machine*

Fresno zookeeper  
finding *California* in  
*African lion*

Denver sushi chef  
finding *Colorado* in  
*avocado roll*



dying man praying  
all four sons will come  
to his funeral

painfully shy boy  
fearing he is destined  
to be a hermit

Aunt Paige cancelling  
her therapy appointment...  
out of eye shadow

Uncle Butch nixing  
his therapy appointment...  
curling on TV

the shrink's father  
calling antipsychotics  
*meshuggeneh meds*

over breakfast,  
two child psychiatrists  
discussing dread

over lunch,  
three GI specialists  
discussing gas

the pre-K child  
informing Grandpa Izzy  
what *hangry* means

Grandpa Izzy  
informing the pre-K child  
what *kvetch* means

his wife rejoicing  
in now using the past tense:  
I *had* cancer

Valentine's Day fight . . .  
crushing the torn-off petals  
of his rose bouquet

her child asking  
why is *abbreviation*  
such a long word

the bride's mother  
referring to the groom as  
*Dr. Son-in-law*

his adult daughter,  
phoning at 9:00 p.m., asks  
*Did I wake you?*

Aunt Maude portraying  
Matryoshka nesting dolls  
as *full of themselves*

his date confiding  
she talks fast when anxious . . .  
and when relaxed

college junior  
regarding ATMs as  
*twenty-somethings*

gravely ill elder  
telling her beloved nephew  
she hates his new wife

gravely ill elder  
telling his adored niece  
her piercings are vile

pig meat tycoons  
describing themselves as  
*squealer-dealers*

## State of Mind

Learning that *Georgia*  
is a popular name for  
baby girls in Atlanta,  
an eight-year-old boy  
residing in Concord  
suggests christening  
his newborn sister  
*New Hampshire*

asked in the ER  
*What brings you here?*, the elder  
responding *Some van*

oncologist's child  
assuming the Lone Ranger  
was *Chemo Sabe*

wondering  
at what point his wife moved  
from *frank to nasty*

wondering  
at what point her spouse moved  
from *odd to creepy*

telling her teen  
his every thought and feeling  
need not be shared

at the swimming pool,  
his three stout uncles vying  
for *Best Cannonball*

longtime GI nurse  
nailing the diagnosis  
with one sniff

Father Doyle's t-shirt  
displaying the message  
*Priest Mode On*

Rabbi Kahn's t-shirt  
displaying the message  
*Totally Kosher*

Pastor Smith's t-shirt  
displaying the message  
*The Sermonator*

Texans in Brussels  
learning too late *chevaline*  
is horse meat

Danes in Louisville  
learning too late *lamb fries*  
are testicles

first grade speller  
describing silent letters  
as *real cruel*

podiatrist  
informing her young son  
she revives soles

cardiologist  
informing his young daughter  
he mends broken hearts



in the hospice . . .  
the old woman whispering  
*Am I ready?*

in the hospice . . .  
the old man shouting  
*Beam me up!*

fifth grade trombonist,  
having run out of slide oil,  
smearing on butter

fifth grade trombonist  
employing the spit valve  
as a weapon

their teen questioning  
are *Mounds*, *Snickers*, and *Twix*  
finger foods

family picnic . . .  
Harvard freshman setting fire  
to Gramps' MAGA cap

her Irish neighbor  
explaining why *Pat McCrotch*  
is hysterical

the jazz lover  
introducing his grandkids  
to Ella, Louis

out of nowhere,  
their preteen Ben insisting  
on being called Rex

baseball manager  
pointing out yodelers make  
pitching changes too

## Variety

With a brother Gary,  
An uncle Geoffrey,  
A cousin Cynthia,  
An aunt Catherine,  
A step-sister Gina, and  
A best friend Gabrielle,  
Thirteen-year-old  
Barbara Babbitt  
Wishing there were  
Both hard and soft B's

asked which job he'd like,  
her twelfth grader responding

*Demolition*

mid-operation . . .  
the brain surgeon telling  
psychiatrist jokes

*Name the seasons, Pop . . .*  
the child's Dad, a chimney sweep,  
stating *Busy, slack*

on the back  
of his bald head, Cousin Garth  
getting eyes tattooed

the chess player  
referring to castling  
as a *rookie move*

apologizing  
to her atheist teacher  
for saying *God bless*

his wife renaming  
her negativistic aunt  
*Ms. No-It-All*

their four-year-old niece,  
hearing *Don't drink and drive*,  
queries *How 'bout milk?*

on her deathbed  
pondering which child will give  
the worst eulogy

asking his parents,  
both lawyers, who'll defend him  
in traffic court



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