

1. David says to his nephew Charlie, who is a high school senior, "Where will you be going to college next year, Charlie?"
2. **X:** The criminal mind simply cannot be rehabilitated. The prisons are wasting time and resources.
Y: That's not true. I know several criminals who have been completely rehabilitated as a result of their prison experiences.
X: Well, then, those people must never have had a truly criminal mind.
3. It's supposed to be in the low twenties tonight, so surely we're not going to the football game, are we?
4. One of Senator Fisher's constituents asks, "Are you going to vote for the proposed cut in the defense budget—a cut that will surely weaken our military posture around the world?"
5. **X:** I've thought about this for a long time, and I've come to the conclusion that sane people do not commit suicide.
Y: What about your friend Shelby, who surprised you and everyone when he committed suicide?
X: Well, he certainly seemed sane, but I guess we didn't know the real story.
6. **X:** Only the fittest of organisms survive.
Y: How do you know?
X: Well, if they survive, they must be fit.
Y: Yes, but how do you know that it is only the most fit of the organisms that survive?
X: Those creatures who have survived obviously have survived because they were somehow adapted for survival.
7. **X:** Don't you have any other houses in our price range to show us?
Y: I've shown you everything in town that is available. Well, there is one other tacky little house that we could look at... if you want.
8. If Picasso's "Guernica" has artistic merit, then it will be appreciated by most people, and it is. Hence, I think we can conclude that it has artistic merit.
9. We know that the earth is spherically shaped, because spheres always cast curved shadows and we have found that the earth casts a curved shadow on the moon during a lunar eclipse.
10. Since none of our better teachers are tenured, and our tenured faculty members are all very politically conservative, we at least know that none of our better teachers are conservative.
11. People who obey the law will stay out of trouble with the police. Therefore, it could be concluded that those who have managed to stay out of trouble with the police are those who don't go around breaking the law.
12. If Congress had strong, vigorous leadership, it would be able to override the President's veto on this strip-mining bill. However, because the Congressional leadership has not exhibited any strength whatsoever, Congress will not be able to override the President's veto.
13. Since most morally justified acts are nonviolent and most acts of civil disobedience are nonviolent, there are at least some acts of civil disobedience that are morally justified.
14. **X:** If my mother saw me go into this X-rated movie, I'd really be embarrassed.
Y: Well, obviously your mother is not going to see you. You told me that she was out of town for the weekend, so there's no way you're going to be embarrassed by going to this movie.

15. If a person is given a proper upbringing by one's parents, he or she will treat others with respect. So if a person treats others with respect, we must conclude that he or she has indeed been given a proper upbringing.
16. Esther told me that if she failed Philosophy 101, she would drop out of school. As she has left school, I assume that she failed the course.
17. Those who are really interested in acquiring the ability to reason correctly will be serious about the study of logic. Those who are serious about studying logic will read this book. Therefore, the people who read this book are people who are genuinely interested in learning about the proper way to reason.
18. You're not going to vote for a man who would give an interview to a magazine like 'Playboy', are you?
19. Yes, Mr. Brokaw, if I had used the money contributed to my special campaign fund for personal purposes, it would have been immoral, but I do not use a penny of it for personal purposes. Therefore there was nothing immoral about having such a fund.
20. A server to a restaurant patron: "What may I bring you for dessert?"
21. Since Presidents have the right to use executive privilege as a reason for withholding information, and no Cabinet Officer is the President, no Cabinet Officer can use executive privilege as a reason for withholding information from the special prosecutor.
22. If he planned on shooting him, he would have to have a gun, and he did own a gun, so he must have killed him.
23. Since all professors have advanced degrees in a particular field, my advanced degree in biology qualifies me to teach in your biology department.
24. I think that lying to other people destroys trust and poisons healthy relationships. I've seen it happen over and over again with parents who do not deal honestly with their children when the children are growing up. That's why it is important never to lie to your children — except, of course, for things like Santa Claus and stuff. And sometimes children are just too young to understand the truth, so for their own good, you fudge the truth a little.
25. Legal measures that would put some controls on corporate monopolies are clearly in the public interest, because the good of the community would be decidedly improved if we could find some legal way of preventing the total control of the production and distribution of a particular service or product by a single corporation.
26. **X:** As an American, I can do anything I want. Freedom is what our ancestors fought and died for. Nobody can tell me what to do and what not
Y: But there are laws. Don't you have to obey the speed limit and not take money that doesn't belong to you?
X: Well, of course, you have to obey the laws, but the government still can't tell me what to do.
27. All 18-year-olds are eligible to vote. Of course, some people who are eligible to vote do not exercise their right. Hence, there must be some 18-year-olds who do not exercise their rights.
28. **X:** If a man really loves a woman, he wouldn't let her work outside the home.
Y: But doesn't your daughter teach school? And her husband surely loves her.
X: Oh, he acts like he loves her, but I'm not so sure about that. If he really loved her, he would insist on being the sole provider.

29. I just discovered on the Internet last week that if a cat licks antifreeze, it is deadly. I left my cat out last night and I found her dead in the garage this morning. Somehow, she must have got into the antifreeze from my car. Perhaps the radiator was so hot when I came home last night, it spilled over or something.
30. Client to stockbroker: "When are you going to pay me back that \$5,000 I gave you that you lost in the stock market?"
31. Since some unhappy people commit suicide, and some rich people kill themselves, then it must be the case that for some people having lots of money doesn't bring happiness.
32. Unless someone wishes to add anything further to the discussion of this absurd issue, I suggest that we move on to the next topic.
33. Deanna must not be home; she said that if the light was on when we came by, we could be assured that she had arrived home and the light is not on.
34. First-time parents experience a lot of anxiety. But they have a right to be anxious. It is a big responsibility to care for a child. But it does help to know that those who experience anxiety have good reasons for it.
35. **X:** All philosophical questions are solvable.
Y: But what about the problem of beauty? We haven't solved that problem.
X: That's not a philosophical problem.
Y: Why is it not a philosophical question?
X: Because philosophical questions are solvable and that one isn't.
36. I think we should hire Karen Cox as the new third-grade teacher. She lives here in the community, she has children in school here, she loves to work with children, and she has been active in the PTA.
37. Your honor, Dr. Chamberlain is a respected psychiatrist and has been a friend of the defendant's family for many years. She is in a unique position to be able to testify as to the state of the defendant's mental health at the time of the crime.
38. Yes, I subscribe to Playboy, but I do it for the great articles in there. There was a great piece last month taking a new look at Bill Clinton's presidency.
39. Many people without Ph.D.'s are much better teachers than people with Ph.D.'s. Getting a Ph.D. doesn't make one a better teacher. Therefore, I don't think we should hire a person with a Ph.D. to fill this position in our chemistry department.
40. I don't see why you don't want to take your husband's name when you get married. The vast majority of Americans obviously think it should be done that way. It's hard to believe that that many people could be wrong!
41. I wasn't invited, but I wouldn't have gone anyway. I just don't care to spend my time with such snobs. Besides, I've already been skiing twice this winter.
42. Grades don't really give us much information about a student. If a prospective employer or graduate school were to find from a transcript that a student got a B- in a particular course, very little could be inferred about the particular character or quality of his or her work in that course. Hence, I think that we ought to go to a simple pass-fail system.
43. The voters of Massachusetts overwhelmingly defeated a proposed gun-control law in the state, which proves that gun control is not a good idea.

44. No, I don't want my boy to join the Boy Scouts. Did you know that the Boy Scouts were organized as a paramilitary organization? They even trained the young boys in accordance with a military scouting manual. The word Scouts in Boy Scouts literally refers to military scouts. None of my children is going to join such an organization with my blessing.
45. **X:** I've gone off my diet. It just wasn't working.
Y: But I thought it was working really well. Haven't you already lost about 20 pounds?
X: Sure, I've lost weight, but my social life hasn't improved one bit!
46. **X:** Did you know that interference from in-laws is the number one cause of divorce in this country?
Y: Really? How do you know?
X: I heard it on Oprah yesterday.
47. I just can't vote for him, even though I agree with what you say about the two candidates. It's just that we have always been Democrats. I'm not sure that I could live with myself if I voted for a Republican.
48. I just don't understand why you are opposing federal aid to parochial schools. We Catholics know how badly our schools are in need of financial resources. If this bill for financial assistance to parochial schools doesn't pass the Congress, it will probably mean that many of our schools will have to close their doors.
49. You mean that after we flew you down here to Florida at no cost to you, put you up in a Gold Crown resort for three days with all meals provided, and took you to Disney World, you're not going to buy one of our timeshares?
50. You can't be serious about going to Annapolis! Our family has always been army—your brother, your father, your uncles, and even your grandfather. All of them, as you well know, went to West Point.
51. Professor Beamer, are you sure you want to openly oppose this new curricular proposal? You know that both the president and the dean are pushing it pretty hard—and you don't have tenure yet!
52. If the faculty and staff of this college are not willing to endorse my reelection to Congress, it may be a long time before you get that new off-ramp that you've been wanting—one that leads directly from the interstate to your campus.
53. I think that we ought to give the Teacher of the Year award to Professor Kaley. Ever since his wife died last year, he just hasn't been the same. I think that this award would really lift his spirits. He always seems so sad. I think this year has really been hard for him. And he's not really that bad a teacher.
54. I can't believe that you are having both your Mom and your Dad walk you down the aisle at your wedding. No one in our family or anyone I know has ever had her Mom walk her down the aisle. People expect certain things to happen at weddings. You should simply do it the way we've always done it.
55. Coach, I sure hope my son gets some quality playing time this season. I sure wouldn't want to reconsider my \$50,000 pledge for the new stadium project.
56. I would have thought that, as a coach, you would favor a new NCAA rule lowering the academic eligibility requirement for first-year athletes. That would allow you to have a much larger pool of recruits, and being a non-scholarship school, we need all the help we can get.

57. **X:** I've been going to Weight Watchers religiously twice a week for over a year.
Y: Why did you choose Weight Watchers? Aren't there lots of different weight loss programs?
X: Well, Weight Watchers says that their program is the only way to lose weight safely and effectively.
58. I would never go to Emory & Henry College. It used to be an all-male school. There is no way that we women would be given the same rights and privileges as men.
59. The Surgeon General has said that AIDS cannot be transmitted by swimming in a pool with an infected person. But almost nobody believes that is true.
60. I was going to let Matt win the match anyway. I haven't been feeling well lately, and I was tired of playing in the hot sun. Besides, I hadn't eaten anything since breakfast.
61. No matter how hard I study, I still don't do well on tests. I always seem to study the wrong stuff. I guess I should just not study at all and take the test blind.
62. I am a strong supporter of capital punishment. The present method of try-ing to rehabilitate criminals isn't working. Released convicts and parolees always seem to find their way back into prison.
63. Officer, I know that you were only doing your job when you stopped me. In fact, if we had more officers like you the streets would be much safer. But I have learned my lesson—thanks to you. Do you think we can let this go without a ticket?
64. I don't see how the administration could possibly be serious in telling us to change our pledging program. The pledging activities we engage in have been used for more than 50 years to test the mettle of the pledges. My father went through those same tests 30 years ago. You can't put restrictions on a rich history like that. There's no way we could change the program.
65. Son, both your mother and I want you to go to Washington & Lee University. If you want us to pay for your education, I think you'd better apply there. Okay?
66. I oppose a zoning variance that allows the opening of a new restaurant in town. It would almost certainly take away some of the customers from our restaurant and cut into our profits.
67. You know that any sweetener that has aspartame in it is really bad for you. I heard the other day that it even breaks down DNA particles.
68. My mother told me about the hazing by the sororities when she was in school here. I would never join a sorority because I do not want to participate in such degrading practices. I don't think hazing is right.
69. I know there are some people who oppose capital punishment, but there is no way that you can say capital punishment is morally wrong. After all, more than 80 percent of the American people approve of it.
70. The reason that I failed all my classes this term is that my teachers don't like me. It's probably because I often disagree with them in class. I also compared my tests with those of several other students, and they all got a higher grade than I did for basi-cally the same answers I gave. Besides, my parents were having marital problems this term.
71. Vitamins are an important supplement to our daily diets. They help make up for what we miss in our food, so I think you should take at least 500 milligrams of Vitamin C every day.

72. We need to build a new swimming pool for the community, because swimming is one of the most effective exercises for cardiovascular improvement, it doesn't require any special equipment, and it can be used as a lifelong form of regular exercise.
73. **Senator X:** I think it's time we developed some kind of national health care plan.
Senator Y: You must be losing it. That's socialized medicine—the very thing that Ted Kennedy, Hillary Clinton, and the other liberals have been trying to shove down our throats for years.
74. Your husband seems to have to work late at the office a lot. Does his new female assistant usually have to work also?
75. A new play in town was reviewed by the local newspaper's drama critic as being "a great success, considering the lack of facilities and the poor quality of actors with whom the director had to work," The play was then publicized as "a great success."
76. I didn't lie to you; I merely stretched the truth a bit.
77. **X:** I sure feel good today.
Y: I didn't realize that you had not been feeling good.
78. **X:** In the college handbook concerning cafeteria regulations, it says, "Appropriate dress is expected at all times."
Y: That's terrible. Why should I have to wear a coat and tie just to eat in the cafeteria?
79. **X:** Sofia is starting her cooking class next week.
Y: I'd like to sign up for it. Is she a good teacher?
80. **X:** Is Valerie helping with the charity show this year?
Y: Well, she comes to our meetings!
81. According to our judicial system, a person is innocent until proven guilty. Hence, the investigation of William Smith, the president's security adviser, was simply an effort by the media and the Senate to damage the reputation of an innocent man.
82. A headline in a country newspaper reads, TWO DOCTORS FOR 50,000 PATIENTS. The article to which it is attached explains that there are only two veterinarians for the estimated 50,000 animals in the county.
83. I didn't betray your confidence. I just thought your parents should know what you told me.
84. **X:** No, I don't think I should go out tonight. I take my studies very seriously, and I just have to get some work done tonight.
Y: What makes you think that I don't take my studies seriously?
85. I don't know anything about Ron Diss, except that he's a liberal, so I didn't vote for him. I didn't want to add another voice to the ranks of the critics of the military in the Congress.
86. **X:** When I asked Dad to help me with my calculus homework today, he said that he couldn't.
Y: That's strange! He was a great help to me when I was taking calculus.
87. People who have to have a cup of coffee every morning before they can function have no less a problem than alcoholics who have to have their alcohol each day to sustain them.
88. If a physician is justified in deceiving a sick person, and if there is nothing wrong with telling children about Santa Claus, then we simply have to reject the view that "lying is wrong."

89. No one dislikes me enough to slash my tires. I'm sure of it. It must have been an act of random violence or a case of mistaken identity.
90. I don't see why you have criticized this novel as implausible. There isn't a single incident in it that couldn't have happened.
91. Anyone who eats meat tacitly condones the killing of animals. We might just as well condone the killing of human beings, for how do we draw the line between one form of animal life and another?
92. The University of Virginia is one of the best universities in this country, so it must have an outstanding philosophy department. Why don't you apply to do graduate work there?
93. The way I see it is that we must either spend enough money on our football program to make us competitive with some of the better teams in this region or simply drop the program altogether.
94. **X:** Give me some time to think about it. Whether to have sex with someone is a very important decision. I want to try to make a rational decision about this.
Y: Look! Having sex with someone is not something people make rational decisions about.
95. Judge: "I have heard contradictory testimony from the two principal witnesses in this case. I can only conclude that the truth must lie somewhere in between."
96. Each of the members of the Board of Trustees has demonstrated superior "judgment and skill in handling his or her personal affairs. Therefore, I think we can be assured that the Board will exercise superior judgment and skill in handling the affairs of this institution.
97. Some students want our college dorms to be completely open to members of the opposite sex, 24 hours a day. Others want a closed dorm policy—that is, one that makes the dorms off limits to any member of the opposite sex, anytime. Wouldn't the best solution be to have the dorms open about 12 hours a day—perhaps from noon to midnight?
98. Because the Democratic party supports a program of national health insurance, I assume that Congressman Trent, who is a member of the Democratic party, supports such a program.
99. Because human bodies become less active as they grow older, and because they eventually die, it is reasonable to expect that political bodies will become less and less active the longer they are in existence, and that they too will eventually die.
100. If you pick up that newborn calf over there once every day, your muscles should develop to the point that you would be able to lift it when it is a full-grown cow. The calf will gain just a tiny bit of weight each day, and that little bit of weight can't make any significant difference in your ability to lift it. If you can do it one day, you should be able to do it the next day.
101. **X:** I'm sorry, but you cannot bring that dog in here. We have a rule against any pets.
Y: But he's my wife's guide dog; she is blind.
X: I'm sorry, but we have to enforce the rule or we would have a whole menagerie here.
102. Did you vote for him for president because he is a Democrat or because he promised to reorganize and simplify the federal bureaucracy?
103. But, officer, you shouldn't give me a parking ticket for parking here! People park here all the time and never get tickets. I myself have been parking here for several months and never once received a ticket. No one pays any attention to the "No Parking" sign in this alley.
104. Can you believe that Nathan got an A on his history test last week? I also heard that Debbie,

who sits directly in front of him also received an A.

105. It is hard for me to see how my neighbors and I can be blamed for discrimination when it comes to deciding who is to live in our neighborhood. We make discriminations all through life. If people are not allowed to discriminate, how can they make decisions in life between right and wrong? Indeed, how can they even act responsibly if they must be indiscriminate in their choices?
106. No, I don't believe you. Barbara would not do that to me. She loves me; she would not be unfaithful. If she has been cheating on me, as you say, it would destroy a beautiful relationship. She's my whole life, Mike. She just wouldn't do that to me.
107. We do not advocate censorship. We are simply protecting students from reading material that is morally objectionable.
108. The phone keeps ringing and ringing. Anita must not be home.
109. We told you to be home at a reasonable hour, Dawn, and you come dragging in here at midnight. We thought you could be trusted, but I guess we were wrong.
110. **X:** I don't understand why I have to give you my parents' name and address just to get a phone line put into my apartment.
Y: You're a student, aren't you? We have to have parental information on all students. That's company policy.
X: But I'm a 43-year-old graduate student.
Y: A rule is a rule.
111. **X:** The changes in the Senate environment bill introduced by the Republicans have improved it considerably.
Y: Well, it's good to see that the Democrats are cleaning up the opposition's bad legislation.
112. Lawyer to judge: "Since women are generally more nurturing than men, and since a young child needs a nurturing parent, I think that you should award custody to my client, Ms. Cox."
113. As a defense for his act of cheating on his wife, because she cheated on him, Robert says, "Well, you know what Jesus said, 'An eye for an eye!'"
114. Some people think that there should be no restrictions on gays in the military. Others think that no gays at all should be allowed to serve in the armed forces. The best solution, I suppose, would be to meet halfway and institute a policy of "Don't ask, don't tell."
115. I know that the sign says that the safe speed for these curves is 25 miles per hour, but if 25 miles per hour is safe, then 30 miles an hour shouldn't give me any problem. After all, there's not a whole lot of difference between 25 and 30 miles per hour.
116. Brad is very attractive and so is Nicole. They should have really beautiful children .
117. People who buy stocks are no different from people who bet on horse racing. They both risk their money with little chance of making a big profit.
118. **X:** You seem to have been very irritable lately. Is there anything wrong?
Y: So you think that you're not irritable!
119. **X:** I just don't understand what could have happened to the \$50 that I had in my desk drawer.
Y: Why don't you ask Denise? She has been out shopping all day and just came back with a bunch of new stuff.
120. Nobody keeps to the 65-mile-an-hour speed limit. Most everybody drives at least 70. The speed

limit really ought to be raised 5 miles an hour.

121. **X:** I just drove the new Mazda. You know, these Japanese cars are great cars.
Y: I don't know why you are putting down American cars. There are some excellent cars built in America.
122. I know that you are not a wealthy man, but I hope that does not embarrass you. There's nothing wrong with being poor.
123. An impartial arbitration committee should not take sides when settling a dispute. But the so-called impartial committee that was supposed to arbitrate the issue between the students and the administration decided in favor of the administration and suspended the students. So how can they claim to have been impartial?
124. My father is in intensive care at the hospital. His prognosis is very bad, but I know he will pull through. I can feel it; he will not die.
125. I didn't have a date with Delia last night. I just took her to dinner, and then we went to a movie.
126. The Biology Department at the University of Virginia has been given national recognition as an outstanding department because of the quality of their under-graduate teaching. One of its recent graduates has applied for our opening in biology here. I think we should hire her immediately. How could we go wrong?
127. **X:** My wife wouldn't go into the grocery store with her sister, because she hasn't washed her hair for more than a week.
Y: Your wife could have left her sister in the car, couldn't she?
128. Protestants and Catholics disagree about a number of issues. But I see no reason why they can't get along. Each side is going to have to give a little. The truth surely must lie somewhere in the middle.
129. **X:** Dylan has two daughters. His older daughter, Laura, is very bright.
Y: The younger daughter must have our friend Dylan's genes.
130. Teresa and Mark are getting married? They are two of the most unhappy people I know. There's no way that can be a happy marriage.
131. This country is like a machine. No matter who operates it, it will behave in essentially the same way. So it doesn't make any difference who is elected president.
132. I'm so mad that I couldn't get into the club last night. After all, I will turn 21 in just two weeks. It seems to me that they could have let me in. It's not as if I were, like, 18 or 19 years old.
133. I know that my term paper is due today, but would you please give me a two-week extension? You see, I have had a lot of work to do in my other classes, and I just haven't had time to start on the paper yet.
134. If you ever ate in our school cafeteria, you would see that institutional food is never very good.
135. A recent telephone survey of randomly selected people revealed that 75 per-cent of the American people watch at least one soap opera a day. Indeed, to ensure accuracy in the data, the way they conducted the study was to make the calls between 1:00 and 4:00 in the afternoon, and then ask, what show the respondent was actually watching at the time.
136. **X:** But, Mother, I have given you several good reasons why you should let me go to Susan's party. Why won't you let me go?
Y: Just remember, dear, that "Mother knows best."

137. If I just hadn't dropped out of college, I'd be working now rather than standing in this unemployment line.
138. **X:** You said that you wanted to be free to date other women. I don't understand how you can get angry when I date other guys.
Y: But every time I see you with someone else, it really hurts. Maybe it would be better if you didn't look like you were having such a good time. In fact, you look like you really like the guy. That can't be good for our relationship.
X: But you date other women.
Y: But you know that when I date other women, it's not serious. You know that you are the one I really care about.
139. The people in this country must be happy with their situation now. There haven't been any protest marches or any loud voices of dissent for several years.
140. All three sex offenders arrested this month by the city police had previous records for the same crime. It seems that once a sex offender, always a sex offender.
141. Hey, look at this ad. They have a sale on selected paint at Emory Hardware at half off the regular price. We said that we were going to paint our house this spring. Why don't we go get some of the paint while it lasts.
142. I'm sorry but we cannot approve your loan application. We must assume that your credit is no good, because there is no record indicating that you have ever met any monthly installment or credit card payments.
143. If I had gone with him to the party, I could have kept him from making a fool of himself.
144. From a recent survey of a large number of representatively selected people in New York City, it has been discovered that less than 2 percent of Americans engage in hunting for sport.
145. The reason you caught such a cold is that you didn't wear a hat to the foot-ball game. I told you you'd be sick when you went out the door without a hat on.
146. Senator Lane came out in favor of the budget bill just one week after he had a meeting with the president at the White House. The president must have really applied some pressure
147. You said that if I'm going to make more friends, I'd have to learn to control my temper. Well, I haven't lost my temper in over six months, and as far as I am able to tell, I haven't made a single new friend.
148. All it takes is one drink to start you on the road to alcoholism. The same is true with marijuana; it's that first smoke that is crucial. If you try it and like it, you'll want more, and the more you smoke, the more dependent you'll become. Then you'll try the harder stuff and finally end up completely "freaked out." Take my word for it and stay away from that stuff.
149. We haven't shot a deer in three seasons. We're due to bag one this trip.
150. Recent studies show that most successful executives have very large vocabularies. So if you wish to have a successful business career, I would suggest that you develop as large a vocabulary as possible.
151. I think that the reason that Yoko and Liam have been so rude and irritable is that the customers have not been giving them many tips lately.
152. You told me a year ago that in order to get a loan at this bank I would have to have stable

employment. I've had this job I now have for over a year, so I don't understand why I was turned down for a loan.

153. Medical records show that alcoholics tend to be undernourished. These data strongly suggest that a poor diet contributes to alcoholism.
154. Our study shows that 80 percent of the young people who are users of hard drugs have serious difficulties in relating to their parents. So I think that a stricter enforcement of our drug laws could significantly reduce the domestic problems of these young people.
155. Sally and John were the happiest couple I knew, until Sally started working outside the home. It just shows how the wife's abandonment of the traditional role can destroy a marriage.
156. I'm not going to invite Herb to my party tonight. If I invite him, he'll bring all his friends, and they'll bring their friends, and before you know it, the party will be out of control, the neighbors will call the police, and we'll all end up in jail.
157. If you speak softly but firmly to your children, they will not be boisterous or undisciplined. That is the way I have brought up my children, and they have always been well behaved.
158. We won't be here this weekend. We'll be up in the mountains enjoying the pleasures of fishing and hiking. Rain has caused us to postpone our camping trip for the past two weekends, so this weekend is bound to be a pretty one.
159. You clearly said that an argument has to be understood to qualify as a good argument. You admitted that my argument is perfectly understandable. So why isn't it a good argument?
160. Those who major in philosophy and take the LSAT or the MCAT do statistically better than those from any other discipline. Therefore, if you want to do well on one of those exams, I suggest that you major in philosophy.
161. No, I don't think you should invest your money in real estate or stocks. You know, "a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush."
162. I dated a blond once, and you know, they really are dingbats.
163. I know why our club meetings are so boring; no one shows up for them.
164. **X:** As treasurer of our sorority, you made the rest of us pay our dues weeks ago, but you have yet to pay your own dues. Why?
Y: Well, I needed to pay some other bills at the time. Besides, as treasurer, I can pay anytime; I'm fully aware of who's paid and who hasn't.
165. There's got to be a good movie on HBO tonight, because there hasn't been a good one on for weeks.
166. TCU is the best college for me. It's the only school I ever had an interest in. If I get accepted, that's where I'm going.
167. A recent poll of more than 2,000 adults conducted in the Southeast revealed that more than 65 percent of Americans believe strongly in their religious faith and attend worship services weekly.
168. No wonder children are joining gangs. When both parents work and spend so little time with their children, the children tend to look for some sort of family-like support.
169. I worked in Judge Thomas's office for over a year. Not one woman voiced a complaint of sexual

harassment. Judge Thomas is not guilty of sexual harassment, because if he were guilty, other women would have said something about it.

170. If only my parents hadn't divorced while I was in junior high school, I would be a happy, self-confident person today.
171. No wonder she can run 5 miles so fast; she's in great shape.
172. I can't understand why I suddenly am having problems with my car. I never had a bit of trouble with it until I had it serviced by that new mechanic. He must have messed up something.
173. If students don't stand up to the administration on this issue, they will be-gin to take away more and more of our rights until we have none left.
174. I don't understand why my car stopped; I have plenty of gas.
175. I've driven while I was drunk many times and have never been caught, so I know that my luck is wearing thin. Somebody else better drive us home.
176. Whatever happened to southern hospitality? The people in Atlanta are not friendly at all. I got lost while I was visiting there last weekend and had to stop several times to ask people for directions. And they were not the least bit friendly.
177. If you have some money to invest, I suggest that you put it in bank certificates of deposit. That way your money is safe. CDs are insured by the federal government.
178. The majority of the members of Congress and state legislatures are lawyers. There must be something about law school or the practice of law that prompts people to run for office.
179. Why should I be arrested like a common criminal just because I had a few glasses of wine at the restaurant before I drove home? I am an upstanding citizen of this community.
180. Since the defendant did not take the stand to defend herself, she must have something to hide. She must be guilty.
181. It has been discovered from a survey of over 100,000 female college students that 1 in every 5 women in America has some kind of eating disorder.
182. If we allow them to impose censorship on our school newspaper, they will soon censor the books and magazines in the library, our textbooks, and even the dictio-naries and encyclopedias. Eventually, they will be telling the teachers what they can say and the students what they can think.
183. If there had been TV in 1896, William Jennings Bryan would have won the presidential election.
184. Right after I wrote the mayor about the property tax increase, she came out in favor of it. She must have been persuaded by my argument.
185. **X:** Just stop yelling at me! The only way that we're ever going to solve any problem is to sit down and talk calmly about it. Screaming at me will not help in any way!
Y: Well, you don't yell! You just cry all the time! Do you think that's any better?
186. Parishoner to priest: "You've never been married, so why should I listen to your advice concerning my marital problems? How could you possibly know what you're talking about?"
187. Do you really expect me to dignify your comments against my proposal by responding to them? They simply confirm what I've always thought about you, anyway. Your thinking is shallow, naive, and uninformed. And I feel that you're wasting my time.

188. **X:** You know with all this stuff about AIDS, you really should be more careful about the guys you sleep with.
Y: Me? Be careful? You've had at least a half dozen partners since Christmas!
189. **X:** My political opponent is not telling the truth when he says that he has never missed a single roll-call vote in the House of Representatives during his long tenure. According to the Congressional Record, he missed eight roll-call votes during his first term.
Y: Is the Congressional Record the only piece of reading material that they would allow you to read at the mental hospital in which you were a patient during my first term?
190. Don't tell me how to raise my children! I don't care how much you've studied child psychology; if you don't have any children of your own, you can't possibly understand kids.
191. **X:** The opinions of the students are completely ignored in the process of determining both curricular changes and social programs. The students should have a much greater voice in campus governance, because we have a very great stake in this institution, and we think that we have a positive contribution to make.
Y: The faculty are the ones who need a greater voice. Professors can be fired without explanation, and they have no control over who is promoted or given tenure. Their opinions about budgetary allotments are completely ignored. Why aren't you concerned about the injustice the faculty is experiencing?
192. **X:** I'm tired of staying home every day, washing dishes, cleaning house, chasing the kids, and fixing meals. I would like to do something different with my life. I'd like to feel I am making some significant contribution. As it is, I feel worthless. How would you like to have to stay home and do the things I do every day—day after day?
Y: Look, into everyone's wife a little pain must fall.
193. **X:** It doesn't make much sense any more to prepare for a specific vocation in college. In a technological age, change takes place so rapidly that job training usually becomes obsolete within eight years. I suggest that we maintain a strong non-vocationally oriented, liberal arts curriculum. That way our students will be prepared to go in a number of different vocational directions.
Y: I'm not so sure. I think there are a lot of technological jobs that last longer than eight years.
194. You shouldn't complain! You're lucky that women on this campus can stay out until 1a.m. Women here used to have to be in by 10 p.m.
195. **X:** I think it would be a good idea for us to encourage the children to watch less television and to get more physical exercise.
Y: You think I've let the kids become a bunch of lazy, unhealthy television addicts, don't you?
196. **Challenger:** If I am elected, I promise to do everything I can to make our streets safe enough that our wives can walk the streets at night.
Incumbent: Is that what you want to do—make hookers out of our wives?
197. **X:** I think the administration is entirely justified in dismissing Professor Numb. He's never prepared for his lectures, he makes off-color remarks to his female students, he grades arbitrarily, and he isn't even friendly toward his students.
Y: I disagree with you. He always says "hello" to me every time I see him.
198. **X:** People would be a lot healthier if they used fish and poultry as their main sources of protein.
Y: But some people are allergic to fish and poultry.
199. If I had a choice I would take a nice apartment over a house anytime. House payments are

much higher than apartment rents for about the same amount of living space. But even more important, you don't have to cut the grass, rake the leaves, or get out the old paintbrush when the paint begins to peel. If anything breaks, you just call "maintenance" to fix it. You don't have to buy and repair appliances; they usually come with the apartment. Neither do you have to pay taxes or insurance. And the best thing of all is that you don't have to deal with obnoxious vinyl siding or replacement windows salespeople. Why would you want to buy a house?

200. I don't see why you want a raise. You know, don't you, that you already have the biggest, nicest office on this floor of the building.
201. **X:** Aren't you going to put on some sun-block before you go out on the beach? Recent articles in a number of prestigious medical journals say that the sun's rays, whether they burn or not, can cause cancer of the skin.
Y: I don't care what the doctors say. The doctors can be wrong. Unblocked sun gives me a great tan, and anything that makes me look and feel this good has to be good for me.
202. **Doctor:** You really shouldn't be smoking that much. Not only is it likely to cause you to have cancer, but since you smoke around others, it is damaging to the health of family and coworkers.
Patient: I noticed that you put out your cigarette just as you were entering the examining room, Doctor.
203. **X:** I'm going to have to let Joan go. She is almost always late for jf work, she makes frequent errors that turn out to be very costly, she spends a lot of time making personal phone calls, and personally, I don't think she dresses appropriately for our kind of business.
Y: I don't think that wearing blue jeans once in a while is reason enough to fire someone.
204. **X:** Have a good time, son, and don't forget to wear your bike helmet.
Y: Why should I? You ride with me sometimes, and you don't even own a helmet.
205. The army certainly doesn't seem like an attractive option to me. You have to be up at the crack of dawn, and you are under someone's direct command 24 hours a day. Rarely are you allowed to think for yourself; most things are already decided for you. Besides, the physical demands can be awful. Have you thought about that?
206. **Father:** I think Grandma might be better cared for in a nice nursing home.
Son: What you're saying is that you are tired of taking care of her—that she's a burden to you.
207. The lieutenant governor's plan for reform of the procedures for dealing with victims in rape trials cannot be taken seriously. You know that his wife was raped last fall, don't you?
208. **X:** Your position about birth control is just not realistic. Parents need to talk seriously to their children about birth control and about alternative contraceptives.
Y: Well, it seems to me that if you were a little shorter and had an accent, you would be a regular Dr. Ruth.
209. **Prosecution expert witness:** It is my considered opinion, as a practicing psychiatrist, that the defendant is as sane as any member of the jury.
Defense attorney: How many of these insanity defense trials do you do a year, Dr. Quails? How much do you get paid for each gig? How many days a year are you on the road traveling around the state from courtroom to courtroom? When do you have time to practice your profession, Doctor? Aren't you getting a little rusty? No more questions, your honor.
210. You have never been in military service, so how can your argument about gays in the military be taken seriously?

211. **X:** But all studies and every expert says that you cannot get the AIDS virus from casual contact.
Y: I don't care what the studies say. I'm not going to touch anyone who has AIDS. I don't intend to die because of what some study says.
212. **X:** The Supreme Court was wrong in allowing sodomy in the Texas case. The state laws against sodomy should stay just as they were. Sodomy is against the law of nature. Sodomy never produced a single human life.
Y: Oh yeah? Then where do you think lawyers come from?
213. **Senator:** I think that to impose these standards on the automotive industry by next year would put the American auto industry at a disadvantage in the world automobile market.
Voter: It's not surprising that you would side with the automakers in their fight against tougher environmental standards. You've never really cared about the environment, anyway. You only pretended that you were concerned about the environment to get elected. You couldn't care less, could you?
214. **X:** After listening to both candidates, I think that Ms. Gaia is better qualified for the job.
Y: In other words, you're voting for her because she's a woman.