Lexophiles!

LEXOPHILE describes those that have a love for words, such as "you can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish," or "To write with a broken pencil is pointless."

An annual competition is held by the New York Times to see who can create the best original lexophile.

These are this year's submissions.

I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.

This girl today said she recognized me from the Vegetarians Club, but I'd swear I've never met herbivore.

I know a guy who's addicted to drinking brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.

A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.

When the smog lifts in Los Angeles U.C.L.A.

I got some batteries that were given out free of charge.

A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.

A will is a dead giveaway.

With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.

Police were summoned to a daycare center where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

Did you hear about the fellow whose entire left side was cut off? He's all right now.

A bicycle can't stand alone; it's just two tired.

The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine last week is now fully recovered.

He had a photographic memory but it was never fully developed.

When she saw her first strands of gray hair, she thought she'd dye.

Acupuncture is a jab well done. That's the point of it.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

Did you hear about the crossed-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

When chemists die, they barium.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

Those who get too big for their pants will be totally exposed in the end.

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

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8:00 AM I made a snowman.

8:10 AM A feminist passed by and asked me why I didn't make a snow woman.

8:15 AM So, I made a snow woman.

8:17 AM My feminist neighbor complained about the snow woman's voluptuous chest saying it objectified snow women everywhere.

8:20 AM The gay couple living nearby threw a hissy fit and moaned it could have been two snow men instead.

8:22 AM The transgender "ma"...."wom"... person asked why I didn't just make one snow person with detachable parts.

8:25 AM The vegans at the end of the lane complained about the carrot nose, as veggies are food and not for decorating snow figures.

8:28 AM I am being called a racist because the snow couple is white.

8:31 AM The Muslim gent across the road demands the snow woman wear a burqa.

8:40 AM The police arrive saying someone has been offended.

8:42 AM The feminist neighbor complained again that the broomstick of the snow woman needs to be removed because it depicted women in a domestic role.

8:43 AM The council equality officer arrived and threatened me with eviction.

8:45 AM TV news crew from ABC shows up. I am asked if I know the difference between snowmen and snow-women? I reply, "snowballs" and am now called a sexist.

9:00 AM I'm on the news as a suspected terrorist, racist, homophobic sensibility offender, bent on stirring up trouble during difficult weather.

9:10 AM I am asked if I have any accomplices. My children are taken by social services.

9:30 AM Far left protesters offended by everything are marching down the street demanding my beheading.

9:45 AM Have decided to move to the Florida Keys.

I Will Not Make Myself Small

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I want you to say this over and over again until you are out of breath:

I Will Not Make Myself Small

How does that feel?
Exciting?
Uncomfortable?
Empowering?

And as soon as possible, write it on your bathroom mirror. Seeing this message daily will be a powerful cue for you to move steadily in the direction of owning this truth. And, promise me you will make no excuses because this one shift will change your life.

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