

# Some holiday fun: Puzzle #3

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(Note: Read the puzzles in order from 1 to 6 for them to make sense.)

This was by far the hardest puzzle to make. It's also going to be the hardest to solve because a lot of the clues were originally inside jokes, and rewriting them for a general audience makes the answers much less obvious.

Hint: Quotation is by Nancy Pearl.

			1 H	2 S	3 B	4
15 K	16 C	17 I	18 A		19 R	2
32 C		33 F	34 Q	35 Y	36 T	3
47 C	48 G		49 R	50 V		5
60 V	61 O	62 W	63 X		64 D	6
76 I		77 L	78 U	79 A		8

92	Y		93	W	94	I	95	E	96	T	
107	N	108	P	109	S		110	G	111	B	1
123	V	124	L	125	F	126	D		127	D	1
139	K	140	D	141	C	142	G		143	S	1
156	W	157	Q	158	F	159	V	160	P		
171	P	172	H	173	T	174	J		175	V	1
188	R	189	D			190	L	191	A	192	E

A. To lose weight, gain weight, lose weight, gain weight, etc.

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18 191      9 31      146 198 79 167

B. If you don't return your book to the library on time, it is...

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56 3 144 151 106 51 111

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C. Where you're headed in August (with "The")

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32 121 165 47 154 58 117 162 86 73

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168 16 91 141 197 187 81 150 65 23

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D. Battled again.

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126 148 64 127 140 189 119 42

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E. It may be filled with melted cheese or melted chocolate. But not both at the same time.

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14 95 98 82 192 200 52 40 69

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F. Unable to choose between two options.

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53 102 193 22 33 116 133 158 6 125

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G. It leaves Seattle at midnight and lands in Chicago at 6am.

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110 184 142 - 29 55 48

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H. Like corn flakes left in milk too long.

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112 172 1 45 68

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I. Restaurant in Woodinville that requires a contract if you have nine people.

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17 100 5 186 132 94 10

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26 80 76 163

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J. Bird that will visit Britney in a few months.

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181 174 194 104 13

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K. A guided tour down the Amazon, or a whale-watching trip, for example.

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7 89 139 — 38 43 122 28 15 166 183

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L. A community of monks or nuns, or the church they belong to.

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77 124 85 25 190

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M. A petty quarrel.

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39 37 54 149

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N. Dull impact sound.

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107 138 113 103

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O. Oversized living for your living room, available at Redmond Town Center.

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114 12 61 164 83 70 155

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P. The last grade before high school.

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4 41 160 171 161 108

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Q. You can borrow it from the library and are encouraged to use it in the car while driving.

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179 101 157 46 27 - 147 34 169 199

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R. Color traditionally associated with girls.

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19 49 188 71

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S. Restaurant in Wallingford with a spacey name (with "The").

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88 137 185 109 143 176 2 153

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T. You don't usually get to choose your first college one.

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173 97 182 36 96 20 118 59

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U. The runner was \_\_\_\_\_ out between second and third.

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90 145 131 78 120 180

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V. It starts at the corner of Bellevue and Bellevue and goes downtown every half hour.

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123 152 115 44 60 24 84 170

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8 11 75 175 72

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66 135 57 177 50 99 105 159

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W. A representation of a person, usually hanged or burned to demonstrate hatred.

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62 93 128 156 21 134

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X. Joe Beda suggested I should become one.

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195 74 67 130 63 30

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Y. Gerard Schwartz's instrument.

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196 87 136 35 129 178 92

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Answers to all puzzles will be posted tomorrow. Please do not post spoilers.

Onward to Puzzle #4.



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