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Dear John

I realised the other day just how easy it is to indentify people who can't count to ten. They're usually in front of you in the supermarket at the ten items or less check out.

Annoying; of course it's annoying, I wasn't expecting to get caught and be 'asked' to move on to another queue ;). It was a genuine mistake m'lud.

Joking apart, sometimes we all make silly mistakes due to being unaware of what we're saying or doing. George W Bush is a master at it; he seemed to show his lack of awareness every time he opened his mouth. For instance, last January he said...

"I'm telling you there's an enemy that would like to attack America, Americans, again. There just is. That's the reality of the world. And I wish him all the very best."

I'm sorry, but whose side are you on Georgie? He definitely could have done with something I've recently found, and found very helpful at that.

Now John, this may not be relevant to you, but if like me you're very much into your self development, and certainly when it comes to my [business and motivational keynote speaking](#) I have to be very aware of, and up to date with, all the latest thinking. I've found a brilliant online resource used by Sainsbury's, Carlsberg and O2 that you may find of interest. It's called [Leadership Academy](#), which is being launched by my good friends at [PDG](#) and contains over 6000 pages of current learning and development from the biggest names, all globally renowned in their fields.

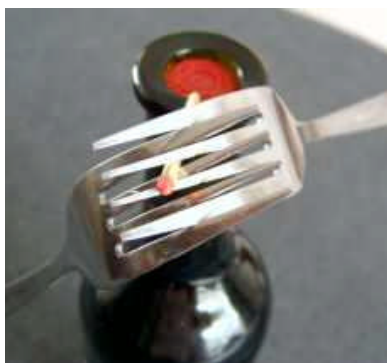
Aimed at executives, it can either be used for research purposes or you can go through the modules for self development and advancement.

Guess what? They're offering a two week free trial of the site. If you're interested then [click here](#).

The series of Sneaky Secrets is designed to be read in a minute and a laugh.

And now... you know how I like to give you something every month that you can either have fun with socially or at work, with your family, colleagues and friends; well this month could be a little challenging and you might need some patience for...

The Sneaky Stunt - The bottle, the match and the forks



Sounds like another instalment from the Chronicles of Narnia by C S Lewis. You see I do have an education; it's amazing what you can learn from an episode of the Simpsons.

This month is a semi-easy balancing stunt. I say semi-easy, as it may take a few attempts (not many) to get it right.

You can see the end result in the top photograph. The objective is to balance two forks on the edge of the top rim of a bottle using only a match.

Place the prongs of the forks together so that they are interlocked, so to speak, and place the match or a cocktail stick between the centre prongs. Believe it or not this is the hardest bit. The other two photographs will give you a better idea of what to do and the positioning of the prongs and match.

You'll find minor adjustments necessary, but the final result will delight and surprise you and the people watching. I can't believe it happens when I do it, even now after having done it so many times. Or do you think I should get out more?

As I said, this may take a little patience, but is well worth the effort.

Obviously for a bit of fun, instead of just doing it, you can set the challenge of balancing a couple of forks on the edge of the rim of a bottle using only a match and see the fun it creates.

For you trainers out there you could set it as an exercise in team building. A team of 4 or 5 have to work out how to do it. Then you can extract all the messages you need about working as a team.

The Challenge - for a bit of fun, I challenge you to drop this useless fact in to your next conversation

More shoplifters are arrested on Wednesdays in January than any other time of year.

So... if you don't want to get caught shoplifting, go any other time, but

a Wednesday in January.

(If you actually take what I've just said as a piece of genuine advice and permission to go out shoplifting I accept no responsibility and you deserve everything you get).

I Can't Believe They Said That, or... Doooh!!!

"I could not fail to disagree with you less?"

Boris Johnson

"It's time for the human race to enter the solar system."

Dan Quale

Do you think our Boris, George W and Dan are all related in some way?

...and finally

I wonder whether you are aware that I specialise in helping organisations unleash the best from their people. [Organisations who have already employed my services](#) as an [after dinner speaker](#) or [keynote speaker](#), John, agree that the results I deliver far exceed their expectations. You don't have to take my word for it, just [click here](#) and read what they said.

Now, I'm not saying I would be a perfect fit for your event; that would be for you to decide, but if you do have an event coming up, then now would be a good time to **give me a call on 01274 685152** or **email me at john@hotowka.co.uk** and find out how I can help.

Also, if you know of any one who can benefit from my services I'd appreciate you forwarding my contact details on to them. Thank you.

Have a great week.

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