

# A PUZZLING CONCLUSION

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## Three Puzzles to Test if You are Awake

### THE PALGRAVE PREACHER'S ARITHMETIC TEST

At a camp meeting near Palgrave a saddlebag preacher posed this puzzle to see if his congregation was really listening. "The Book of Genesis tells us it rained for forty days and forty nights," he said in a voice that could be heard throughout the clearing. "Now consider this. If animals were loaded into the ark two by two at a rate of thirty pairs a day, *how many days did it take Moses to load three hundred and sixty animals?*



### WALDEMAR EGGS

When the Waldemar general store opened one Tuesday morning, a carton with six eggs in it sat at the end of the counter. Although six different people each bought one egg that day there was still one egg left in the carton at the end of the day.

*How can that be?*

### FROM HILLSBURGH TO HORNING'S MILLS

At two o'clock on a Sunday afternoon in 1961, five people left Hillsburgh, riding in an olive green and ivory 1958 Edsel. Although the reputation of the Edsel made them all worry whether they would make it to Horning's Mills, they arrived an hour later without incident. Still, throughout the entire journey the car had a flat tire and no one, not even the driver, realized it.

*How come?*

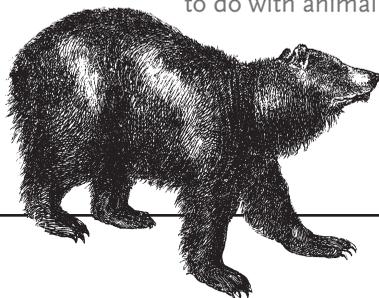


### An Animal "ine" Adjective Challenge

Our hills are host to a range of animal life, both domestic and wild, one reason why we are familiar with words like equine, meaning "horse-like" or "relating to horses" and lupine, meaning "wolf-like" or "relating to wolves". But just how familiar are we? *Match each "ine" adjective in column A with the animal family it describes in column B.*

COLUMN A	COLUMN B
1 porcine	a cats
2 cervine	b bears
3 ratine	c foxes
4 ovine	d cows
5 feline	e rats & mice
6 murine	f pigs
7 canine	g sheep
8 vulpine	h goats
9 ursine	i deer
10 bovine	j dogs
11 hircine	

To make it interesting there is one "ine" adjective in column A that has nothing to do with animal life!



## Three Puzzles to Test If You are Fully Awake

### HOW OLD IS GRANDMA?

"How old are you Grandma?" Chris wanted to know. Grandma started to answer and then paused. A smile spread over her face. "Well, let me see," she said. "I was born on July 10 and two weeks after I appeared, my dad – that's your great-grandpa – moved the family from Mono Centre to Bolton. That was twenty-one years before the only year in the twentieth century that looks the same on paper whether it's printed right side up or upside down. "You figure that out and you will know the year I was born. It should be easy then to work out how old I am now."

*Just how old IS Grandma?*

### ARTISTS ALONG THE CREDIT

Downriver from Cataract, at a point where the Credit makes a turn toward Belfountain, two mothers and two daughters had set up easels and were busily engaged for an entire afternoon with oil paints. By the end of the day, each of them had produced a version of the forest scene on the opposite bank: a total of three paintings.

*But if each one completed a painting that day, how did they come up with just three works?*



### THE LINEUP

Four schools took part in the field day at S.S. No 18 Caledon. At the end of the day, all the pupils lined up in single file to receive a participation ribbon. Herb was nineteenth in order from either end.

*How many were in the lineup?*

## An Ontario 'Who Am I?'

Here are five clues about an Ontario person of the past. See if you can figure out who this person is using the least number of clues possible. When you reach the clue that enables you to answer the question 'Who Am I', give yourself the number of points indicated at the end of that clue. A score of 80 or more means you are an Ontario expert!

Sixty years before the Americans abolished slavery, I passed legislation against this vile practice in Upper Canada. 100

I named an Ontario lake to honour my father, who served in Canada during the Seven Years War. 80

In 1782, in England, I married the charming Elizabeth Postuma Willum and brought her to Canada with me. She quite liked it here. 60

I commissioned the building of Yonge Street. Although I made plans to build Hurontario Street too, I never did get to that. 40

I was the first Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada, later called Ontario. 20

## Three Puzzles to Test If You are More Than Just Awake

### AT THE FAMILY REUNION

It was a bit of a squeeze but the entire Coates family was able to fit into one van to get to the reunion on Mount Wolfe. As the van doors opened and they filed out, a bystander noted that each daughter in the Coates family had the same number of sisters as she had brothers but that each son had twice as many sisters as he had brothers.

*How many children are in the Coates family?*

### THE SHELBURNE CLOCKS

Two large twelve-hour clocks face each other on the front of commercial buildings on Shelburne's main street. The clock on the north side of the street loses one minute per hour while the one on the south side gains one minute per hour. At midnight on March 1 both clocks showed exactly midnight.

*How many more times in March will both clocks show exactly the same time?*

### AT MINORA PARK IN ORANGEVILLE

Two women, Evelyn and Eedie, sat a square table with their husbands, Fred and Fergie, trying to agree on what card game to play for each of them wanted something different. The player thumping for bridge sat on Evelyn's left while the one favouring canasta sat across from Fred. Eedie and Fergie sat next to each other. One of the ladies sat to the left of the person arguing for euchre.

*Which one of them wants to play cribbage?*

