

Male Speaker: The University Tower Chimes ring in another session of Ask The Professor, the show on which you match wits with the University of Detroit mercy professors in an unrehearsed session of questions and answers. I'm your host, Matt Mio. And let me introduce to you our panel for today. To my right, from the Department of English, it's professor Heather Hill.

Female Speaker: Hello.

Male Speaker: Hello. How are you?

Female Speaker: Oh, yearning for some sunshine.

Male Speaker: Yeah. You know, it popped out for like 5 minutes yesterday and then that was it. That was all we got this week.

Female Speaker: Yeah, it's been pretty darn gray.

Male Speaker: Yeah, although, we are having a winter for the (how should I put this?) climate change activists to log. Because we've had 1 big snow, and it was in early November.

Female Speaker: Yeah.

Male Speaker: It was a week after Halloween. And we got a little bit of snow a couple weeks ago, and that's basically it.

Female Speaker: Yeah, I know, there isn't too much.

Female Speaker: But doesn't snow mean there's no climate change? I mean, according to some US Senators that does.

Male Speaker: According to some, yeah. Some who will never have to worry about the Great Lakes being tropical. Yeah.

Female Speaker: That's right.

Male Speaker: That's where we're headed, right?

Female Speaker: But, you know, time is passing.

Female Speaker: Or losing Florida, though maybe that wouldn't be a bad thing.

Male Speaker: It might go under part of California. You know, Heather, I don't think we could say Happy New Year.

Female Speaker: No. Next week is spring break.

Male Speaker: Mm-hmm.

Female Speaker: Yay!

Male Speaker: Spring break rules, I've heard.

Female Speaker: Yes.

Male Speaker: Yeah. Professor Stephen Manning is here from political science.

Male Speaker: Hello, Matt.

Male Speaker: How's it going?

Male Speaker: Good.

Male Speaker: I'm trying to read what it says on your hat, "Power..." power something? What does it say? It's hard because it's upside down.

Female Speaker: "Power, corrupts, lies."

Male Speaker: "Power, lies, and corruption."

Male Speaker: Yes.

Male Speaker: Okay, excellent. So these are the...

Female Speaker: I didn't have my glasses on.

Male Speaker: ... things that you stand for? These are your core values.

Male Speaker: That was appropriate.

Male Speaker: Well, Stephen, you know, now that we've seen another week of impeachment trial, what's your take as a political scientist, a scholar studying such things?

Male Speaker: Pretty disgusted by the whole thing.

Male Speaker: Alright, that sounds about right.

Male Speaker: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Male Speaker: It's not exactly the way I think certain people wanted it to go.

Male Speaker: Right, right. It just it's a manifestation of how partisan things are, how polarized the country is. What you said earlier about if this guy is a lame duck president without having to worry about... not that he worries about that a lot now anyway, but if he if he has 4 years where he doesn't have to worry about that, you think this 3 has been bad?

Male Speaker: It could be... could be very interesting.

Male Speaker: We'll see.

Male Speaker: Yeah, we will see. Professor Dave Chow is here, a national from the country of Canada.

Male Speaker: Yes. Thank you. Pleasure to be here, as always.

Male Speaker: Yeah.

Male Speaker: Get Jealous people. just get jealous.

Male Speaker: Glad to have you. Now, how about this, considering I know that my parents listened to the show several weeks after it's recorded. Less than 48 hours after the Vincetta garage thing passed, the guy goes, "I'm opening the very first recreational marijuana thing in the city of Berkeley. But there's this historic house that's in the way where I want to build a parking lot."

Male Speaker: Lovely.

Male Speaker: And he applied for the rezoning. So, thank you, City of Berkeley. I have no problem with a recreational marijuana shop, but you got to be kidding me, like we're losing everything.

Male Speaker: Matt, did you also see there's a map that also lists, you know, how far they can go into the residential area?

Male Speaker: Unbelievable.

Male Speaker: I think I'm not that far from... I might be on the very edge of it.

Male Speaker: Yes.

Male Speaker: And you might be...

Male Speaker: Well, I'm in the thick of it.

Male Speaker: Yeah, you're in the thick of it.

Male Speaker: I'm in the thick of it. We drove by your house the other day and someone had parked 3 or 4 more car lengths pass your front door having gone to Vncetta, I'm like, "Is this also like hike day or..?"

Male Speaker: No, no, no, that's usually... that's usually when we know they're busy. If they come up to my houses, it's usually...

Male Speaker: Then they're busy.

Male Speaker: ... you know, a 20-minute wait.

Male Speaker: Crazy, crazy.

Male Speaker: We're the barometer for how busy it is.

Male Speaker: Professor Kendra Evans is here from chemistry and biochemistry. Kendra, what are you the barometer for.

Male Speaker: Girl Scout cookies.

Female Speaker: I count how many semesters, how many weeks we've completed out of the semester. Can we... can we go with that?

Male Speaker: 4, right?

Female Speaker: 4, 25%?

Female Speaker: How long you can listen to Christmas carols when it's not Christmas?

Female Speaker: Oh, that's infinity.

Male Speaker: Wait a minute, in Jim Tom's head, that's 24/7.

Male Speaker: Yeah. There are some people in the Catholic faith that view February 2nd (previously known as Candlemas) to be the end of the Christmas season, the beginning of partying for Mardi Gras.

Female Speaker: Oh.

Male Speaker: Oh.

Female Speaker: Sure.

Male Speaker: Might as well get the party started.

Female Speaker: But, I mean, the thing is, like, why not just have the tree up, you know, at Easter?

Male Speaker: Totally agree.

Male Speaker: Totally agree.

Female Speaker: I mean, it's so pretty, the lights.

Female Speaker: My husband would agree with you.

Female Speaker: Mary's purification, Candlemas.

Male Speaker: That's what it is.

Female Speaker: Yes.

Male Speaker: Oh, thank you.

Female Speaker: In the temple.

Male Speaker: I was going to ask.

Female Speaker: Yeah.

Male Speaker: I was going to ask. So, we got a lot going on this weekend. We really do. Read the Free Press over the last 2 weeks. It's all, "Here are the names a la baseball where all the Tigers go and end up on World Series winning teams," There are at least 3 or 4 X lions on this Niner's team and it's like, "You got to be kidding".

Female Speaker: Where did that one guy go?

Male Speaker: Which one guy?

Male Speaker: That one guy? He ended up in Miami.

Male Speaker: Tampa Bay.

Male Speaker: Oh, Tampa. He ended up Miami after Detroit, then he ended up in Tampa.

Male Speaker: I saw a guy at the Eastern market with Patriots stuff on, and since I'm from New England, I said, "Oh, you're a Patriots fan. I thought that Detroit might be your... the Lions might be your team," and he said, "Detroit doesn't have a football team."

Male Speaker: Yeah, very, very nice.

Female Speaker: And so by definition, we don't have one that cheats. I mean, Hello.

Male Speaker: Hey.

Female Speaker: Well, let's not go there.

Female Speaker: But it's true.

Female Speaker: Well, we might be cheating also, but it's not working. We don't really know. Spoken like a skeptical proposal.

Male Speaker: Oh, I love it, I love it.

Female Speaker: Alright, let's move.

Male Speaker: We're moving on. We have Professor Beth Oljar here from philosophy...

Female Speaker: The Patriots.

Male Speaker: ... who also has a horse in the race. It's always fun to watch the funny commercials at the Super Bowl. And, you know, big, big press this year for Little Caesars. They have a national ad starring Rainn Wilson. So, that should be kind of nice considering it's a local company to our good city of Detroit.

Male Speaker: There's several local ads.

Male Speaker: Yeah.

Female Speaker: Was it Quicken Loans and...

Female Speaker: I like it when he has eaten in The Meg, that movie.

Male Speaker: Oh yeah.

Female Speaker: Which is actually a better movie than you'd think.

Male Speaker: The shark, right?

Female Speaker: He gets eaten. It's pretty cool.

Male Speaker: Okay. I mean he's kind of a funny, you know, quirky guy and he's hungry how he's a little caesars commercials we have around here pretty funny and quirky.

Male Speaker: I think they're selling 30-second spots for \$3 million this year.

Male Speaker: That's incredible.

Male Speaker: It goes up every year.

Male Speaker: 6.5 million for a full minute.

Male Speaker: Yeah.

Male Speaker: For a full minute.

Female Speaker: Yeah, I wonder what they do to get back the \$3 million. Like, do they sell that many extra \$5 pizza?

Male Speaker: Yes.

Male Speaker: I would guess they do.

Male Speaker: Yes, they can.

Male Speaker: Yeah, I would guess that they do, especially during the Superbowl, the busiest pizza day of the year.

Female Speaker: Well, it's not because I haven't been putting in my business all year long.

Male Speaker: It's like middle of July, "Oh my gosh, remember that Super Bowl ad? Call up Little Caesar's," hot and ready.

Male Speaker: \$5 pizza.

Male Speaker: Folks, this is a program you can send us questions regarding anything. If you stump the panel, you win a prize. If you don't stump the panel, you win a prize. You can send the questions to us in a number of ways. You can email us at atp@udmercy.edu. could reach us on the web at [udmercy.edu /atp](http://udmercy.edu/atp). Find us on Facebook or listen on your favorite smart speaker by asking it to play Ask The Professor at University of Detroit, Mercy. Hello, professors.

Female Speaker: Hello.

Female Speaker: Assuming you have no problem talking to an inanimate objects.

Male Speaker: Absolutely. It's possible, but it's not fun.

Female Speaker: Well, we all teach her, don't we?

Male Speaker: Whoa! Ouch. Hashtag murdered by words.

Female Speaker: I take it back. I'm just trying to get...

Male Speaker: No, you don't.

Female Speaker: No, I'm just trying to be a little more lively here this afternoon.

Male Speaker: Hello, professors. You may want to call your literary experts off the bench for this set of questions on Famous Last Words of Shakespearean characters. Can you name the character who said these words, and as a bonus, from which play. Charlie B of Traverse City Michigan has sent us the famous last words, "7 of 9 for a passing grade." Oh, my, here we go. I'll do my best to get my iambic pentameter right here.

Female Speaker: Not required.

Male Speaker: "Yay noise then I'll be brief. Oh, happy dagger, this is the chief. There rust and let me die."

Female Speaker: Julius Caesar?

Male Speaker: It's not.

Female Speaker: Romeo and Juliet?

Male Speaker: Hamlet.

Male Speaker: It's not Hamlet, it's from Romeo and Juliet but who says it? Who puts a dagger

Female Speaker: Juliet?

Male Speaker: It's Juliet, yes.

Female Speaker: I don't even like that play, how did I know that?

Male Speaker: That's kind of interesting. I really liked the Leonardo DiCaprio movie. That's one of my favorite movies. But, yeah, how about... oh, this is so great. If there's any like Shakespeare that I know that I can actually recite a couple lines from it's from this show, which is going to be really obvious. "Lay on, Macduff, and damn be the first that cries hold enough."

Female Speaker: Macbeth.

Female Speaker: Macbeth.

Male Speaker: Macbeth, that's actually Macbeth from the play Macbeth.

Female Speaker: The shortest in bloodiest of them all.

Male Speaker: So, we get double points for that.

Male Speaker: Double, oh yeah, 100%.

Male Speaker: Macbeth, Maguire, you know, whatever. MacGyver even.

Male Speaker: I'm trying to think of the last time they used the line because, you know, the whole thing was no man born of woman can slay Macbeth, but Macduff was, from his mother's womb, most untimely ripped. And I can actually hear Basil Rathbone saying that line, it's beautiful.

Male Speaker: As he's dueling with Errol Flynn or something like that?

Male Speaker: Mm-hmm. "Mount, mount my soul, thy seat is up on high. Wilts my gross flesh sinks downward here to die."

Male Speaker: Sounds like a Karl Rove saying. Sorry.

Female Speaker: Fellow.

Male Speaker: Nope.

Female Speaker: So let's say Hamlet for everyone, since we already had Romeo and Juliet.

Male Speaker: You could but it could be incorrect, but it would be incorrect in this.

Female Speaker: I just save it for the others.

Female Speaker: Merchant of Venice.

Male Speaker: Just keep saying it.

Male Speaker: It's from one of the kings.

Female Speaker: King Lear.

Male Speaker: Not Richard the third, not Lear.

Female Speaker: Henry the 5th.

Male Speaker: Not Henry the 5th.

Female Speaker: 4th.

Male Speaker: Nope.

Male Speaker: 8th.

Female Speaker: How many King Lear's are there?

Male Speaker: There's a lot, there's a lot.

Female Speaker: Richard the 2nd.

Male Speaker: It's Richard the 2nd, yeah, it's Richard the 2nd. And it's a double point score too, so I'm giving it to you. I'm giving it to you. "Caesar now be still. I killed thee..." pardon me.

Female Speaker: Julius Caesar.

Male Speaker: "I killed not thee with half so good a will."

Female Speaker: Julius Caesar.

Male Speaker: It's from Julius Caesar, but who said it.

Female Speaker: Brutus?

Male Speaker: Brutus.

Male Speaker: Yeah.

Male Speaker: Yes, as opposed to Bluto.

Male Speaker: I blew it, I totally blew it when I was trying to say the line right.

Female Speaker: He's a very common crossword puzzle...

Male Speaker: Brutus is?

Female Speaker: ... answer. Oh, very common.

Male Speaker: Okay.

Female Speaker: And also, that... that is a common question, this Et tu thing you said.

Female Speaker: Yes, very common.

Female Speaker: Et tu, Brute?

Female Speaker: Yeah.

Male Speaker: Mm-hmm.

Female Speaker: So, I don't know anything about it, but I did know that part because of crossword puzzles.

Female Speaker: Well, Caesar was quite shocked because Brutus had been quite an ally and supporter, so he was pretty shocked when when Brutus stabbed him. And so, he reportedly said, "You too, Brutus? You're in on this?" Because they literally stabbed him on the floor of the Senate, right, then....

Male Speaker: Yeah.

Female Speaker: ... like 42 times. I mean, he could have said worse.

Female Speaker: True.

Male Speaker: True.

Female Speaker: I think it was 41 and a half.

Male Speaker: (unclear) [11:22] Mitch McConnell.

Male Speaker: But do you really need the... after the 10th stabbing, do you need 30 more? I mean, really?

Male Speaker: A little excessive.

Male Speaker: Yeah.

Male Speaker: How about, "A horse, a horse, my kingdom for a horse,"?

Female Speaker: That's Henry the 5th.

Male Speaker: No, it is not. Misread.

Female Speaker: That is Richard the 3rd?

Male Speaker: Yes, Richard the 3rd.

Female Speaker: And it's Richard, right?

Male Speaker: Yep, it is Richard the 3rd. I'm sorry, I can't even though it's like one of the most moving lines ever written in the English language, we just... we lost a very beautiful mind with Terry Jones, the 2nd Python to die. I just... there was a sketch Monty Python did where it was all Shakespeare, but everything was an anagram and he walked in the room going, "A shrow, a shrow, my kingdom for a shrow." I never forgotten that. I don't know why. It's really sad. By the way, if you want to know how to attack the idea of life and death, go and check out John Cleese's Twitter account, which announcing Terry Jones passing said, "2 down... you know, 2 down, 4 to go." I'm like, you know, that's their sense of humor. He had some pretty severe dementia these last few years, which is really, really sad. Yeah. "The rest is silence." Kendra?

Female Speaker: I got nothing. Oh, sorry, oh, Hamlet.

Male Speaker: Correct. Double word score for Hamlet. So, the rest is silent.

Male Speaker: Cool, Kendra.

Male Speaker: Yes. I saw somebody with that tattooed on their arm actually a few weeks ago.

Male Speaker: Hamlet?

Female Speaker: That's kind of cool.

Male Speaker: It's a good line. "Oh, true apothecary, thy drugs are quick. Thus, with a kiss, I die.

Female Speaker: That's Romeo.

Male Speaker: That's Romeo, yes. "Wherefore art thou, Romeo?" Yeah, Romeo took drugs.

Female Speaker: Everybody's seeing Shakespeare in love now, so...

Female Speaker: Wait a minute, I'm a little confused. How could that be the last line and also the other be the last line?

Male Speaker: It's not the last line. This is what the person said when they died...

Female Speaker: Oh.

Male Speaker: ... in the play.

Female Speaker: I thought... I thought it was the last line of the play.

Male Speaker: Nope.

Male Speaker: Yeah, that's where I was going.

Female Speaker: Yeah, I thought that.

Male Speaker: The end.

Female Speaker: And they did both die.

Male Speaker: The end.

Female Speaker: Oh, you mean last lines for...

Male Speaker: For characters.

Female Speaker: Oh.

Male Speaker: Oh.

Male Speaker: Famous Last Words of Shakespearean characters.

Female Speaker: This is why I'm like a little confused. Okay.

Male Speaker: How about, "Farewell. Commend me to my kind Lord, oh, farewell." Think you mentioned this a couple back, Heather.

Female Speaker: Possibly one of the kings.

Male Speaker: King Lear.

Male Speaker: It's not a king.

Female Speaker: I'm going to go with (unclear) [13:54]

Male Speaker: This is a female character.

Female Speaker: Merchant of Ven... Oh. I mentioned a play with a...?

Male Speaker: You mentioned the play a couple ones ago.

Female Speaker: Is it Desdemona?

Male Speaker: It's Desdemona, from?

Female Speaker: King Lear?

Female Speaker: Othello.

Male Speaker: Othello.

Female Speaker: Othello, yes.

Male Speaker: Yeah, there we go. Desdemona, "Farewell. Commend me to my kind Lord, oh, farewell."

Female Speaker: That's a great play.

Male Speaker: Very, very good.

Female Speaker: Yeah, that's one of the great characters of all time.

Male Speaker: It's just... it's very cool. "No, no, the drink, the drink. Oh my dear, Hamlet, the drink, the drink. I am poisoned."

Female Speaker: Hamlet's mommy.

Male Speaker: Hamlet's mommy are shown credit. Yes. What was her name? Does anybody remember?

Male Speaker: It starts with O.

Male Speaker: No, it starts with a G.

Male Speaker: Oh.

Female Speaker: Gertrude?

Male Speaker: It's Gertrude, yes.

Male Speaker: What a name.

Male Speaker: Gert they called her for short. I'm just making that up. "Gert!"

Male Speaker: The Big G.

Male Speaker: "Gt in here." The queen of Denmark. Alright, that...

Female Speaker: My grandmother's name was Bertha, which actually once was, like in the 19th century, a very popular name for a girl. And she went by Berth instead of Bertha.

Male Speaker: It's, you know, you wonder what names are going to go out of style now, you know, like the current names.

Male Speaker: It reminds a that there's this... speaking of AI, because big data exists, you can check it out, at least it's not like a robot that's going to turn into Skynet and kill us all. But if you type in your year of birth and your gender, this thing on the internet will guess within 1 or 2 steps what your name is because it knows the frequency of the use of that name in that year. And so, Matthew was number 2. Yeah, it's the...

Female Speaker: It's not as good with Kendra. But it was listed.

Male Speaker: But it was listed.

Female Speaker: It was like 18 out of the top 19 or something like that.

Male Speaker: Yeah, it's pretty frequent.

Female Speaker: I was supposed to be Kelly...

Female Speaker: What was the website?

Male Speaker: I'm not quite sure what it's called.

Female Speaker: ... or Kathryn.

Male Speaker: It's like The Name Guesser or something like that. Yeah. It shows about how, you know, common your name was in that year. And guess what? Matthew, in 1974, it was like shooting fish in a barrel. Let me tell you.

Female Speaker: Yeah, but it means starting with M, but there's a tough competitor.

Male Speaker: Yeah?

Female Speaker: Michael.

Male Speaker: And Mark was at the top of the list.

Female Speaker: Mark. Oh yeah.

Female Speaker: My mom gave my eldest sister and I the same middle name. I think she was running out of ideas by the time I came along. So, we both ended up with Anne as a middle name.

Male Speaker: Beth, you're doing better than a certain unnamed member of my family who clearly paid attention to the Lillian Rose Cancer Center, which is the first sign you see when you leave the maternity ward at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. And Rose ended up in the name of every one of his daughters because it was on his mind, I guess.

Female Speaker: It's a beautiful name.

Male Speaker: It's a wonderful name.

Female Speaker: What's wrong with that?

Male Speaker: There's nothing wrong with that, except for it was for all of them.

Female Speaker: Might want to tell a different origin story about it, but you know?

Narrator: It's an Ask The Professor Flashback. 1998. On my left, one of the original founding fathers of Ask The Professor, from the Department of History, professor emeritus former chair, Fred Hayes.

Male Speaker: Thank you. I want to begin this program (which is the last program I will be moderating) with a set of questions that were actually sent to borders by Bert Tilly of Attalla, Alabama. Bert has been one of our regular questioners for it seems like forever. He says, "Good luck, Edwin, Georgia, Sarah. Don't be a stranger, but stay strange." Thank you, Bert. Yeah. This US industrialist made cars, the Hoover and the Grand Coulee dams, aluminum foil and the Liberty ships, who was he?

Male Speaker: Henry Kaiser?

Male Speaker: That's right, that's right.

Male Speaker: He made the Kaiser roll too. People don't know that.

Male Speaker: (unclear) [17:37] being emperor of Germany.

Male Speaker: What deformity had Kaiser Vilhelm the 2nd?

Female Speaker: His arm was withered.

Male Speaker: It occurred during his birth. What was it?

Female Speaker: His weathered arm.

Male Speaker: That's right.

Male Speaker: Royalty is itself a deficiency.

Male Speaker: Yeah.

Male Speaker: Did he pick for the Tigers.

Male Speaker: We have another set of questions here. These are from Karen Crile who's a student of Detroit Mercy sent them in. A special place in my heart for these relatively straightforward questions about the TV show Breaking Bad, arguably the greatest television show of all time.

Female Speaker: Very good.

Male Speaker: What is the alias Walter White goes by throughout the series? In retrospect, it's not a very good choice. If I said 1 word to Kendra, she would know what it was, even if she hadn't seen Breaking Bad. So, we'll put that in her bag.

Female Speaker: "I am the danger." What did he call himself?

Male Speaker: He is the danger, yes. This this is secret drug lord name. Dun dun dun. I will say to Kendra uncertainty, and you will say...

Female Speaker: Error.

Male Speaker: Oops, I forgot I'm talking with an analytical chemist. What about if I said uncertainty principle.

Female Speaker: Heisenberg.

Male Speaker: Heisenberg was his name.

Female Speaker: That's right.

Male Speaker: Not the principal, Heisenberg. I mean, it's really cool in retrospect, but you probably don't want to choose a obviously chemical nickname if you're a chemist trying to, you know?

Female Speaker: It mostly worked out for him though.

Female Speaker: Where's Dave when we need him? He's one of the... that's one of his favorite.

Male Speaker: Oh, it's... his big, big fan?

Female Speaker: Yeah.

Male Speaker: Okay.

Female Speaker: I just like being able to check the chemistry with you. Like, is this right?

Male Speaker: It's all real.

Female Speaker: Is there a problem with the acid in the bathtub? It really made a difference which one he picked?

Female Speaker: It did, it did.

Male Speaker: It's really real. As a matter of fact, that's... if you can possibly believe that, our next question. What's the name of the acid...

Female Speaker: Hydrofluoric acid.

Male Speaker: ... yes, that's use to corrosively dispose of Walter's victims? Hydrofluoric acid dissolves even bones. That is nasty stuff.

Female Speaker: But that sulfuric was what... is that what Jessie actually got and it ate through the tub in the floor?

Male Speaker: No.

Female Speaker: Was that how it happened?

Male Speaker: The way it worked, which was how I got hooked on the show, is he says in that episode, Walter to Jesse, "Go and buy the biggest Rubbermaid you can buy." And then we get this sequence with no speaking where he's getting into the tubs at the Home Depot.

Female Speaker: I remember that.

Male Speaker: When he brings it back, because Walter knows carbon is inert to HF, but Jesse goes, "Ah, whatever," dumps a corpse into the bathtub, fills it with HF, which, as Walter says, chemically dis incorporates it. And as in a later scene, they are speaking to each other on the first floor, the bathtubs splashes all the guts down on top of all of them. By the way, I have never... I've seen a lot of high like tension scenes. We were just talking about Hitchcock and everything. Kendra has not seen that episode. In the middle of all that, they are using spray house that is being shown for sale, okay, and they know that they only have X number of minutes before someone comes to show the house, and there's liquid guts all over the kitchen.

Female Speaker: It's like Jesse's Aunt's house or something, right? Yeah.

Male Speaker: It's extremely...

Female Speaker: Funny.

Male Speaker: ... just, yeah, it's funny. I think it's funny. How old is Walt at the end of the last episode?

Female Speaker: 60.

Male Speaker: No, he's not. But this is a very important thing, because you've seen essentially 10 years of his life.

Female Speaker: Every year, he spells out his name in bacon.

Male Speaker: In bacon or sausages on a pancake.

Female Speaker: He's 50 something, right?

Male Speaker: You're exactly right. He's 52 at the end of the series. Yeah. So, you've seen him basically go from 42 to 52 and his descent into extreme evil. What color is Marie Schrader obsessed with; Walt's sister in law? She's so obsessed with it, she shoplifts things that have this color quite a bit in this series.

Female Speaker: Chartreuse.

Male Speaker: Puce.

Male Speaker: It's not... puce is closer than chartreuse.

Female Speaker: Pink?

Male Speaker: It's purple is what it is. Yeah.

Male Speaker: Oh, so all the Prince albums got yanked from Best Buy.

Male Speaker: What 3 elements are named in the title of the final episode? They're very common elements that are metals. Does that help?

Female Speaker: Iron, copper...

Male Speaker: Iron.

Female Speaker: Gold, silver.

Female Speaker: Nickel.

Male Speaker: How about Na is?

Female Speaker: Sodium.

Male Speaker: And Li is?

Female Speaker: Lithium

Male Speaker: Lithium. So, iron, lithium, and sodium.

Male Speaker: Sure.

Female Speaker: Well, I would have known if you gave me the periodic abbreviations. I could have guessed that.

Male Speaker: What's the name of the fast food chicken chain that Gus Fring owns? Dun, dun, dun. I have a mug that says this on the side and I'm like...

Male Speaker: Chicken Shack.

Male Speaker: "He sells meth."

Male Speaker: It's not Chicken Shack.

Male Speaker: Popeye's, Church's, KFC?

Male Speaker: No, it is a made up name...

Male Speaker: Oh.

Male Speaker: ... in Spanish.

Female Speaker: Pollo.

Male Speaker: Partial credit.

Female Speaker: Polio.

Male Speaker: Los Pollos Hermanos, the chicken brothers. That's the name of his money laundering scheme. Gus Fring is the big boss, Walt he makes his math to distribute. Yes.

Female Speaker: This is how everybody learned why it is that you had to show your ID when you wanted actual decongestants.

Male Speaker: Mm-hmm, absolutely. What was the name of the plant from the yard that Walt used to poison Brock, the little boy who was the son of Jesse's girlfriend? Very, very sad episode, absolutely brutal actually, now that I think about it.

Female Speaker: Was it hemlock?

Male Speaker: Mm-mm, it wasn't hemlock. That's good philosophy connection there.

Male Speaker: Like a Poinsettia or something like that?

Male Speaker: No, but that's another good guess.

Female Speaker: That' would work if he was a cat. That's why I never get to have them.

Male Speaker: It was growing in the yard, it was growing in the yard.

Female Speaker: Gavay?

Male Speaker: Mm-mm.

Female Speaker: Poison sumac?

Male Speaker: There is a... this... this flower comes out a lot at Easter time, but not...

Male Speaker: Lily.

Male Speaker: Yeah, it's the lily of the valley is the one that is poisonous.

Female Speaker: Lily of the valley.

Male Speaker: Yes. So, yeah.

Female Speaker: I don't remember that.

Female Speaker: It's poisonous to humans?

Male Speaker: It's poisonous to humans after it's been extracted and concentrated and delivered intravenously.

Female Speaker: Oh. Yeah, many things after concentration are poisonous to humans.

Male Speaker: To catch everybody up with why that was happening, Walt new as Jessie and his girlfriend got closer and closer that he would lose one of his best confidence. So, he poisoned the girlfriend's son to make Jessie go mad and come back to him, which is brutal. What name did Walt Jr adopt during his rebellious teen phase?

Female Speaker: Let's see, he was Fynn and then...

Male Speaker: Flynn is what he...

Female Speaker: Flynn.

Male Speaker: ... wanted to call himself. Yes, Walt Jr.

Male Speaker: Close enough.

Male Speaker: Mm hmm. Walt's main car throughout the series is a very well-known car. What was it?

Male Speaker: El Camino.

Male Speaker: Mm-mm. But that's... that's good. That's what Jessie drove away and in the last episode.

Male Speaker: I remember... didn't they do this on Mythbusters too where they actually got the same kind of vehicle?

Male Speaker: Oh, I don't know it's a Pontiac from 2004. It's a very, very well-known...

Male Speaker: Aztech.

Male Speaker: Yeah, it's an Aztec. It is a boxy car to say the least.

Female Speaker: I remembered it was boxy.

Male Speaker: Mm-hmm. As a matter of fact, I understand Megan Marie who works in our department, part of her family's from Albuquerque, that everybody knows the house that was the White House in the series.

Female Speaker: Oh really?

Male Speaker: And one of the things that happens is one of the characters gets mad and throws an entire full pepperoni pizza on the roof, and that's one of the jokes. So, one of the things you do is you sneak to these poor people's real house in the neighborhood and you throw a pizza on the roof.

Female Speaker: What a waste of pizza.

Male Speaker: Yeah, it's kind of sad.

Male Speaker: Doesn't the vehicle have a glass roof thing on the Aztech?

Male Speaker: Yeah, it's just weird.

Female Speaker: You mean a sunroof?

Male Speaker: A funny looking vehicle.

Male Speaker: Yeah, it was designed by committee, I know that.

Male Speaker: But the smoky, smoky glass tinted thing I think.

Female Speaker: Tinted one?

Male Speaker: Yeah.

Male Speaker: The Aztec had a camping feature to it.

Male Speaker: Right.

Male Speaker: Yeah.

Male Speaker: And you could fold it out back and camp with it.

Male Speaker: Yeah, sleep in the back.

Male Speaker: Yeah. Last but most certainly not least, what was the website created by Walt Jr., AKA Flynn, to raise donation money for his father's rising medical costs, later used by lawyer Saul Goodman to launder Walt's drug money? But we don't have any political leanings on this show, none at all. Very, very sad. Everything about the show is sad.

Female Speaker: I know. You're wondering like, why doesn't Kendra like this show? It's all about cool chemistry.

Male Speaker: It's all about chemistry.

Female Speaker: I can't watch a show. I try to watch it for like 10 minutes and I was very stressed out.

Male Speaker: Oh, it's... it's...

Male Speaker: Demented.

Female Speaker: I cannot watch.

Male Speaker: It's twisted.

Male Speaker: It was savewalterwhite.com, which I believe is owned by somebody and it's still used for...

Female Speaker: Dave and I have talked a lot about Walter White versus Dexter Morgan...

Male Speaker: Oh, right.

Female Speaker: ... on Dexter and who...

Male Speaker: Yeah, that's another twisted one.

Female Speaker: ... who ends up the better character. And I'm like, well, clearly Dexter since he actually really does come to realize that, since he's a sociopath, he actually can't be around other people. So, he sends his son away. Walter goes exactly the opposite direction. He clearly devolves morally.

Male Speaker: I would say that he devolves morally. We like him, because in the last episode, he helps to save Jesse's life and sort of unchained him from the wall where he was being forced to do chemistry. But the last scene of that show, Kendra, you could watch I'm sure just that scene on YouTube, Walt basically just walks through the lab and extremely intimately strokes all the glassware and the contain... he's been shot 1000 times, he's about to die, and touches the chemicals and all this stuff and then just falls.

Female Speaker: In the school, the lab in the school?

Male Speaker: This was in the lab where the crazy right winger, you know...

Female Speaker: Oh, okay.

Male Speaker: ... gang was literally chaining...

Female Speaker: He just loved chemistry.

Male Speaker: ... Jesse to the wall.

Female Speaker: But there's something very clever about it, right? I mean, he's... he's got cancer, he's trying to figure out how much money his family is going to need.

Male Speaker: Right, right.

Female Speaker: And he realizes that, you know, selling meth would actually be something that could make that money relatively quickly, and that he certainly has the know how to do it, right?

Male Speaker: That's right.

Female Speaker: So, he figures, "This is what I'm going to do to make money for both to pay for the treatment," and but more importantly, to make money for his... his wife and his son. And Jesse is his...

Male Speaker: There's some nobility.

Female Speaker: ... a former student of his that he...

Male Speaker: Right, right, a poor former student. Well, as I tried to impress upon my students who I'm teaching all about fentanyl this semester, fentanyl is so powerful that about 200 milligrams will kill an adult male dead in just a few minutes. And they intercepted about 10 and a half pounds of it at the Detroit border during 2019, that could kill 1.5 million people. So, it's powerful stuff. I'm afraid that we don't have enough time to talk about anything else, but we'll be back for more next week. Beth.

Female Speaker: Goodbye.

Male Speaker: Kendra.

Female Speaker: Bye.

Male Speaker: Dave.

Male Speaker: See ya.

Male Speaker: Steven.

Male Speaker: Bye.

Male Speaker: Heather.

Female Speaker: Bye-bye.

Male Speaker: And now these words.

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