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- D** Dave Chow 00:02
The University tower chimes ringing another session of Ask the Professor, the show in which you match wits with 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. He's always in the upper left, It's Professor Dave Chow.
- D** Dave Chow 00:20
Oh, oh, pleasure to be here., as always.
- D** Dave Chow 00:23
I was thinking that it seems every time I introduce Dan first, he's taking a sip of something or a bite of something. And I couldn't tell whether you were dining with us today, Dave.
- D** Dave Chow 00:32
No, no, I'm drinking with you guys today. That's all.
- M** Matt Mio 00:34
Oh
- D** Dave Chow 00:35
Dr. Pepper, water, staying hydrated. It's the 7-ELEVEN, Four o'clock in the morning run too, so -

D Dave Chow 00:41

That's right. You mentioned - perhaps I'm not supposed to say on the air, but you've been up for quite some time.

D Dave Chow 00:48

Yes, I have. It's my lot in life. It's par for the course. It's part of my job.

D Dave Chow 00:54

You constitute like the worst shift of the neighborhood watch. If you're going out to 7-ELEVEN, You've got to be like, you know, walking through the neighborhood.

D Dave Chow 01:01

I mean, honestly, Matt, 12 Mile is barren at four o'clock in the morning,

M Matt Mio 01:05

I would guess.

B Beth Oljar 01:06

Well, yeah, because normal people are sleeping at four in the morning.

D Dave Chow 01:11

Hold it. Wait a minute. Look at our group. Do any of us look normal to you, Beth?

M Matt Mio 01:14

Yeah, come on.

M Matt Mio 01:15

Yeah, Come on, Beth. Come on. Are we normal?

B Beth Oljar 01:17

B Beth Ojjar 01:17
Well, looks are a different question entirely.

D Dave Chow 01:20
Lifestyle? Well, anyway,

D Dave Chow 01:23
Exactly. Professor Stephen Manning is here with us today. And boy-o- boy, Stephen. You look relaxed, man.

S Stephen Manning 01:29
I am relaxed.

M Matt Mio 01:31
Perfect.

S Stephen Manning 01:32
Why wouldn't I be relaxed?

D Dave Chow 01:33
I am not doubting your relaxation. Considering my running joke for the whole week is "Oh, this last week was the third time we tried to start this semester". The student behavior in person is out of sync with their preparation and where we expect them to be. I've only heard it from 10 different people this week now. So Stephen is very happy to be missing, essentially the worst time in the modern era to be in Education.

S Stephen Manning 02:02
But there's a downside to not being there. My experience is - once you retire, you almost immediately become a complete nonperson.

M Matt Mio 02:12
Hmm.

S Stephen Manning 02:13
Unbelievable.

D Dave Chow 02:14
Stephen, wait 'til August rolls around. You'll be gearing up for the academic calendar. It took me forever to get off that treadmill

S Stephen Manning 02:20
Well, I'm off that, and hopefully getting the W2 after three weeks, (Matt laughs). So, prepare yourself. If any of you are getting close to retirement - at some point, prepare yourself. It's like a full time job in and of itself.

S Stephen Manning 02:36
Unbelievable.

B Beth Oljar 02:36
I'll buy that.

M Matt Mio 02:37
Unbelievable. Thanks for the important safety tip, Stephen.

S Stephen Manning 02:45
I'm not urging that you work as late as you possibly can either, but it's a Catch 22.

M Matt Mio 02:49
It is a Catch 22. You know, we're being favored today by the presence of Professor Jason Roche, our executive producer. We're so happy to have you here with us today. Jason

J Jason Roche 03:00
Thank you. I'm really glad to be back. It's not every Friday I get a little time off, but today, I do.

M

Matt Mio 03:06

Well, it's nice to have a little bit of time off. I just talked to an old friend, who essentially for the first time since the pandemic started - so two years - the kids are taken care of. They're off doing something for the weekend. And she mentioned to me, "I'm actually scared to death, like the house is so quiet". And I'm like, I think you may have to relearn how wonderful that is, (laughs). Aye Yai Yai, once you've lived with something so long as we just heard from Stephen, you know, it's sometimes hard to say goodbye, or sometimes easier. Professor Beth Oljar is here with us today and just had, uh - I mean, I'm not saying that you were telling your stories about your lecture, Beth, from the perspective of this last week, but more like an overarching laptops and not actually taking notes.

B

Beth Oljar 03:56

I mean, the student who asked me this commutes from Canada. And of course, there's this whole weird trucker thing going on. So I mean, I actually had some sympathy with the request. I just wasn't sure how to do it. So as usual, I will ask Russ to bail me out.

D

Dave Chow 04:16

You're not the only professor at Detroit Mercy that says those exact words in that order. So yeah,

B

Beth Oljar 04:22

I'm a softy.

M

Matt Mio 04:23

Yeah. Well, you know, um, what's interesting is that there needs to be a logical inflection point, like - I want to do everything that I want to do to help the students, but that means I don't think I can wait till the middle of the semester to suddenly start an attendance policy. And even though this is hot off the presses, we have two majorly-populated counties in the Detroit area who will be turning off their mask mandates for K12 over the next couple of weeks. So the writing's on the wall. All I need to tell you folks is the University plumber was turning back on the water fountains in our building this afternoon. So it's coming before the end of the semester.

B

Beth Oljar 05:05

So, we're not going to have to wear masks anymore?

B

Beth Oljar 05:08

It's a good question. But February 28, for Oakland County proper, no longer required K-12. So

it's a good question. But February 26, for Oakland County proper, no longer required K 12. So you can sort of see the writing on the wall just a little bit.

B

Beth Oljar 05:18

Because those K 95 ones, or the N95 ones that I got are really uncomfortable. I mean, on my nose, they sit right on the part of my nose that was broken a long time ago. So yeah, it's - And I'm sweaty and - how much more can I vent about it?

M

Matt Mio 05:38

No. We get it.

B

Beth Oljar 05:42

I'm just whinging.

M

Matt Mio 05:43

Folks, this is a program where you can send us questions regarding anything. If you stump the panel, you win a prize. You can send us the questions in a number of ways. you can email us at ATP at UDMercy dot edu. Find us on the Facebook or perhaps the Instagram, or ask your favorite smart speaker to play Ask The Professor at University of Detroit Mercy. A little warm-up questions here. We'll see we can do with these. This is kind of cool. Brian Stoll of Elmira, New York sends us. "Hey, Profs. Let's talk airport codes. Where in the world are these places? Let's say you're flying high at 75% correct. Hang on and hope your luggage doesn't get lost, and that you're not able to get reimbursed for an unused ticket", (or that there isn't a complete collapse of the airline industry). I added that last part. Okay. Some softballs to get us going. Whose airport code is NYC?

D

Dave Chow 06:43

New York City?

M

Matt Mio 06:44

Pretty good. Pretty good. Yeah. Actually, Brian has these sorted into three different codes. We have. Let's see - these are American and international cities. Airport code represents the name in English. And then a specific airport code for a specifically named airport. Technically, there is a terminal at Detroit Wayne County, that's called the McNamara terminal. It's like things like that. Okay. So let's start with okay. city codes. Who is M O W?

D

Dave Chow 07:20

M-O-W?

D

Dave Chow 07:20

It's not M-D-W? Like Midway?

M

Matt Mio 07:22

No, it's M O W. MOW

J

Jason Roche 07:26

Moscow?

M

Matt Mio 07:27

It's Moscow. Moscow, Russia. Yes, absolutely.

D

Dave Chow 07:31

I think is it Missouri? West something. Okay.

D

Dave Chow 07:35

It's like Mao, right.

S

Stephen Manning 07:36

I should have known that. I've landed there. The worst security that you could imagine.

M

Matt Mio 07:42

Oh

S

Stephen Manning 07:42

Terrifying.

D Dave Chow 07:43
I can imagine some pretty bad security.

S Stephen Manning 07:45
Just awful.

D Dave Chow 07:46
It's a little bit better than the Ukrainian security, I bet.

S Stephen Manning 07:49
They're all just bullies.

B Beth Oljar 07:50
Well, yeah.

D Dave Chow 07:51
"And here's your border agent Nelson Muntz".

M Matt Mio 07:55
(Laughs) How about R-O-M?

D Dave Chow 07:59
Romania.

M Matt Mio 08:01
No, we're gonna need to get a city here.

J Jason Roche 08:03
Rome?

M Matt Mio 08:04
Yeah. It's Rome.

S Stephen Manning 08:05
Rome. Yeah.

D Dave Chow 08:07
I'm like, just make a four character airport code at that point. You're almost there. You got one letter to go - for Pete's sake

B Beth Oljar 08:13
Who decides that they have to be three. Like did airlines get together and decide that or?

M Matt Mio 08:19
Yeah, I don't know.

B Beth Oljar 08:20
The FAA, maybe?

D Dave Chow 08:21
No, it's got to be something bigger than the FAA. It's an international -

B Beth Oljar 08:24
Oh, for international. Yeah.

M Matt Mio 08:27
Well, it is possible that it was one of them, like really good American ideas that got shared across the world too. So anything's possible.

D Dave Chow 08:34
Like - we own the moon.

- M** Matt Mio 08:36
Yeah, we own the moon. Exactly. Speaking of international , how about S E. L. Uh, a large number of Detroit Mercy students these last couple of years, probably flying out of this airport to come to Detroit.
- J** Jason Roche 08:53
Shanghai?
- J** Jason Roche 08:54
Not Shanghai,
- D** Dave Chow 08:56
Seoul, Korea?
- M** Matt Mio 08:57
It's Seoul, Korea, Seoul's airport is SEL
- D** Dave Chow 09:00
I was waiting for SOL but - you know. (Matt laughs) Oh, wait, no, that's a bad Lions joke. Right. Jason?
- M** Matt Mio 09:05
Yeah, I was about to say?
- J** Jason Roche 09:07
Absolutely.
- M** Matt Mio 09:08
How about the obvious one that I feel like just everybody knows. And we'll juxtapose it just a little bit. LAX.

S Stephen Manning 09:15
Los Angeles.

D Dave Chow 09:17
LA like, Yeah,

M Matt Mio 09:18
Mm-hm. but what's P D X?

B Beth Oljar 09:22
Portland.

M Matt Mio 09:23
Yeah, it's Portland. There you go. Very good. And to cap off our "Ends in X" series - PHX.

S Stephen Manning 09:30
Phoenix

M Matt Mio 09:30
Phoenix. Okay, let's shift gears. Airport codes represents the English name. So think of what that city name would be. And I believe yes, all of these are international. Uh, GVA. Sounds like a good place to go.

S Stephen Manning 09:48
Geneva

M Matt Mio 09:49
Geneva, Switzerland. Yes, that's absolutely right. I just saw the Swiss kick some butt in Curling the other night there. That's the real deal right there. Wow

J Jason Roche 09:58
And we don't have Dan here to talk about Curling

B Beth Oljar 10:00
I know

M Matt Mio 10:02
right in the middle of the Olympics

D Dave Chow 10:03
I watched my Canadian team lose by a millimeter, too.

M Matt Mio 10:07
Aww

B Beth Oljar 10:10
Nathan Chen won Gold for the US though for Men's Figure Skating. I'm sure you and Leslie watched it.

M Matt Mio 10:17
Absolutely.

B Beth Oljar 10:17
Right?

M Matt Mio 10:18
Well, Leslie did.

D Dave Chow 10:20
(Laughs) No, no, you watched it - begrudgingly. Right?

S Stephen Manning 10:23
You know how heavy those things are?

M Matt Mio 10:25
Oh, they're heavy. About 80 pounds.

S Stephen Manning 10:28
You know how heavy they are?

D Dave Chow 10:30
Yeah. 42 pounds? What curling stones?

S Stephen Manning 10:30
70 pounds. Yeah.

D Dave Chow 10:34
No, 42.

B Beth Oljar 10:35
Oh, Okay.

S Stephen Manning 10:36
Oh, I read they were 70

M Matt Mio 10:39
Maybe if you carry two of them.

J Jason Roche 10:41
No. That must be the Canadian. (Matt laughs)

D Dave Chow 10:44
No. It's Detroit Curling Club.

B Beth Oljar 10:45
It's a metric system thing.

D Dave Chow 10:47
I've curled with Dan before, so I mean -

M Matt Mio 10:49
I love it. I love it.

D Dave Chow 10:51
Don't forget there's also a Kathy Bush inscribed stone there, too. So

M Matt Mio 10:55
That's right. That's right.

B Beth Oljar 10:57
Neat.

D Dave Chow 10:58
You've never seen that, Beth?

B Beth Oljar 11:00
At Detroit Curling Club there's a stone?

D Dave Chow 11:01
Yeah. I'll take a picture of it

Yeah, I'll take a picture of it.

B Beth Oljar 11:03
Oh, cool.

D Dave Chow 11:04
I'll send you a picture.

B Beth Oljar 11:05
Yeah.

M Matt Mio 11:06
How about PRG, Professors. PRG. International - in English

D Dave Chow 11:12
Prague?

M Matt Mio 11:12
Yes. Prague.

B Beth Oljar 11:13
Oh, okay.

M Matt Mio 11:15
About VCE.

J Jason Roche 11:18
Venice.

J Jason Roche 11:19

Venice, Italy. Yes. And just for bookends' sake. FLR.

B Beth Oljar 11:25
Florence

M Matt Mio 11:26
Florence, Italy. Let's leave Italy and go to our last one on the airport codes represent the English name list. V I E

B Beth Oljar 11:37
Vienna?

M Matt Mio 11:38
Vienna, Austria. Very good.

D Dave Chow 11:41
Place of sausages.

M Matt Mio 11:42
Yes. So now the only way you're going to be able to get this one is by thinking very specific with regard to the airport. So airports sometimes have names. The very interestingly named O-R-D.

D Dave Chow 11:59
Midway

S Stephen Manning 12:01
No. That's O'hare.

M Matt Mio 12:03
It's O'hare. Yes.

M Matt Mio 12:04
Yep. ORD is named after orchard field, which was the original name of the airport, considering it was built in the middle of a tree orchard. So

D Dave Chow 12:04
Yeah, I knew it was one of the Chicago ones. That's right. It's MDW for Midway.

D Dave Chow 12:16
I knew it is one of those places I flew to far too much. That's all

M Matt Mio 12:20
How about L H. R.

D Dave Chow 12:24
Hartsfield in Atlanta?

M Matt Mio 12:26
No. This one's International?

D Dave Chow 12:30
Oh,

J Jason Roche 12:31
London Heathrow.

M Matt Mio 12:33
Yeah, it's Heathrow. Absolutely.

D Dave Chow 12:35

Good one. Good one.

B Beth Oljar 12:36
Because Gatwick would be like GAT or something or GTW. Okay.

D Dave Chow 12:42
And similar portion of the world, although not exactly the same - C D G. Don't think too hard.

D Dave Chow 12:51
Charles de Gaulle. It's de Gaulle Airport. Yes. Charles de Gaulle Airport. That's in Paris.

D Dave Chow 12:56
Chuck de Gaulle, for the regulars. Right?

D Dave Chow 13:00
Not one that is too frequented, except for people who live in that area and commute - IAD. This is out east in the States.

D Dave Chow 13:11
IAD?.

B Beth Oljar 13:15
Ithaca? No.

D Dave Chow 13:17
IAD.

M Matt Mio 13:18
It's a weird one. It's a weird one.

S Stephen Manning 13:21
Sea-Tac?

B Beth Oljar 13:21
Iowa Des Moines? No.

J Jason Roche 13:25
These are initials of someone it's named after. Right? Not the city.

D Dave Chow 13:28
It's close to that. It's close to that. I think that what happens, Jason, we're getting there with a bunch of these is - you do run out of letters. I mean, there's only a finite number of combinations -

D Dave Chow 13:38
Yeah,

M Matt Mio 13:38
that you can figure out. So, you know what that is? That's Dulles in Washington. That's the best they could do. Yeesh.

J Jason Roche 13:44
International Airport Dulles?

M Matt Mio 13:46
Yeah, probably.

J Jason Roche 13:47
Last name first. First Name last.

D Dave Chow 13:49

Okay. All right.

M Matt Mio 13:50
I'm looking in a Beth direction when I say S E. A.

B Beth Oljar 13:57
SeaTac.

M Matt Mio 13:58
That's Sea Tac. Seattle Tacoma. That's right.

D Dave Chow 14:01
One of my favorite airports.

M Matt Mio 14:03
I love how Brian puts SeaTac in parentheses, Beth, knowing full well you would jump on that.

B Beth Oljar 14:09
Well, the Portland airport is actually pretty. I mean, it's an airport that you - it doesn't strike you when you're in it as being either just ugly or this big, endless depressing. space full of - you know - different - It's actually reasonably pleasant

D Dave Chow 14:26
It's not the sea of humanity

D Dave Chow 14:28
Right, right. Whew, this is a tough one. I mean, you're either gonna - We're in know-it-or-you-don't kind of territory; and of course, there's a story; but - they definitely were running out when they gave this airport YYZ

J Jason Roche 14:43
Oh Toronto Eh?

Oh, Toronto, Eh?

M Matt Mio 14:44
It's Toronto. Yeah, that's Toronto.

D Dave Chow 14:48
Yeah, because I know the Windsor and Toronto starts with a Y, that's all.

M Matt Mio 14:52
All Canadian airports start with a Y.

J Jason Roche 14:55
I think it's for Young Street and Zamboni.

M Matt Mio 14:57
So you probably only get one guess, but I'll just jump right over it here. "Also a great Rush song" Brian says but Calgary is YYC. So - sure. Last but certainly not least, just to see if we're paying attention. How about Z? Shall I say Zed? Zed Q N

D Dave Chow 15:22
Quebec? No, no, no no QN

B Beth Oljar 15:25
Is it in the States?

D Dave Chow 15:26
Queensland?

M Matt Mio 15:27
This is - you know what it is? It's well, I blew it. I was going too fast. It's not Queensland. It's actually Queenstown, New Zealand - is where the Z comes from.

B Beth Oljar 15:36
Oh, okay.

M Matt Mio 15:38
Nice work on those. It's, uh, I think that I A D. That's definitely - that's a curveball right there. Like who would have guessed - something like that? But

D Dave Chow 15:46
Matt, didn't we get one a couple of weeks ago - the one in Antarctica?

M Matt Mio 15:52
Oh, yeah. Yeah,

D Dave Chow 15:53
Yeah, that's four letters.

M Matt Mio 15:54
Yeah, something like that. It's named like the John Doe airport or something like that.

D Dave Chow 15:58
Yeah. The Penguinarium Runway or something like that.

M Matt Mio 16:02
The Peguinarium. I love it.

A Announcer 16:06
You're listening to Ask The Professor from University of Detroit Mercy. We're grateful to those listeners who submitted questions for today's show, and we welcome your questions at ATP at UDMercy.edu. Now, let's return to our host Matt Mio with more questions for the panel.



D Dave Chow 16:24

Professors. I've got another set of questions here. Similarly short, but tons of fun. "Dear Professors, I swore to myself I'd finally get a set of questions to you by the end of this year - and by the time I went to bed tonight. years ago, I sent out a small set of questions on diner lingo, which I thought were well received." Yeah, we had a lot of fun with those.

J Jason Roche 16:43

Definately.

B Beth Oljar 16:44

I remember that.

J Jason Roche 16:45

I think about that one a lot.

D Dave Chow 16:46

"As a person who loves language, and we hear all sorts out here in the great world of Las Vegas, I've decided to send you a new set on basically" (and boy just couldn't be better timed) "How about trucker lingo? Because this is something I grew up around".

B Beth Oljar 17:06

I thought it was gonna be gambling or something.

M Matt Mio 17:08

That would have made sense too. Right.

B Beth Oljar 17:10

Since Vegas, but oka.,

M Matt Mio 17:12

"So my family had relatives who were long haulers and recall hearing a lot of that language used frequently and marveled at the inventiveness. Below are 15 words that have been used over the airwaves. Regards and always Viva Las Vegas. Michelle Horner." Thanks for sending

these questions. Michelle,

M Matt Mio 17:28

God bless long haul truckers. That still is the way we move most food around the country, as far as I know.

D Dave Chow 17:34

That's right. We have the railroad network, but since it hasn't been updated in like 75 years, we can't use it.

D Dave Chow 17:43

Matt, Have you seen that meme where they compare like the bullet train in Japan, the Maglev trains in China, all over the world, then - here's America and we look like a bad Lionel set. You know, I mean -

M Matt Mio 17:55

Yeah

B Beth Oljar 17:56

I always seem to get caught stuck with that train that crosses Nine Mile. Like every time

M Matt Mio 18:04

I will warn the professors and our listeners that a few of these are creative and edging to the point of not necessarily vulgarity, but just creativeness. So keep an open mind and we'll have some fun.

D Dave Chow 18:19

Wait a minute. You just got Michael Jayson's thumb hovering over the red button to dump us again. (Matt laughs)

M Matt Mio 18:25

How about Miss Piggy?

J Jason Roche 18:29
Ham?

D Dave Chow 18:31
Female police officer?

M Matt Mio 18:32
It's a female police officer. Yeah.

B Beth Oljar 18:35
Oh, trucking. Sorry. I just for some reason thought we were on diner lingo (laughing).

M Matt Mio 18:40
(Laughs)

B Beth Oljar 18:42
Because I'm a dufus.

M Matt Mio 18:44
Listeners, whatever you do, don't mix your diner and your trucker lingo.

D Dave Chow 18:49
(Laughs) Things you can say to a trucker but you can't say to a police officer, right.

D Dave Chow 18:55
How about the creatively named - because they had nicknames for places too. What's Disney Town?

S Stephen Manning 19:03
LA

B Beth Oljar 19:04
Anaheim.

D Dave Chow 19:06
Yeah, it says Anaheim here. We're all in the same playground here. Yeah.

D Dave Chow 19:10
Okay. All right.

M Matt Mio 19:12
Very cute. Very cute. GoGo girls. What are GoGo girls?

J Jason Roche 19:18
Energy drinks?

M Matt Mio 19:19
No

M Matt Mio 19:20
Waitresses in diners?

D Dave Chow 19:22
No, you're gonna see this when you're out on the road.

B Beth Oljar 19:25
Oh,

D Dave Chow 19:25
I will?

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D Dave Chow 19:26
Go Go girls?

D Dave Chow 19:28
What stretch of road do you think I'm driving on?

M Matt Mio 19:32
We actually don't see this too much on the Michigan roads, but you do see it if you're driving around the Midwest.

B Beth Oljar 19:38
Are those the mud flaps that have women on them? on the trucks?

M Matt Mio 19:43
No, no, that's a good guess. That's a good guess.

B Beth Oljar 19:46
Which are so sexist.

D Dave Chow 19:48
They are. No GoGo girls is a livestock hauler - so it's something full of cattle, basically. Yeah. Mostly cows. Speaking of the barn yard references, what's a chicken coop to a trucker?

D Dave Chow 20:06
Another live hauler kind of thing full of chickens?

D Dave Chow 20:09
No, this is something that's important to a trucker, because they have to do it every once in a while - while they're out hauling.

J Jason Roche 20:17
Oh, is it a Weigh Station?

D Dave Chow 20:18
It's a Weigh Station. Yeah. So a chicken coop is like a small house, right? And they always have that little hut and you got to go over it and get weighed and everything so yeah.

B Beth Oljar 20:26
Right.

M Matt Mio 20:27
Yep. How about - uh, I love this one - "Rhymes with fun". This is a specific place up north. That that's their nickname for "rhymes with fun".

D Dave Chow 20:40
Rhymes with fun?

D Dave Chow 20:42
I'm looking in a Dave Chow direction on this one.

D Dave Chow 20:46
What? Is this a Canadian city?

M Matt Mio 20:47
Uh, Canadian province.

D Dave Chow 20:51
Saskatchewan?

M Matt Mio 20:52

It's the nickname for Saskatchewan. Yeah. (Laughs) Rhymes with fun. I think that's pretty good. (laughs) Oh, man.

B Beth Oljar 21:01

You've really got to wonder how long people had been on the road when they came up with these.

D Dave Chow 21:06

You wonder if the exhaust systems are kicking back into the cab.

B Beth Oljar 21:09

Exactly.

M Matt Mio 21:11

How about - Don't think too hard. We heard Miss Piggy but what about a piggy bank?

J Jason Roche 21:16

ATM?

S Stephen Manning 21:18

It's a toll place.

B Beth Oljar 21:19

An armored truck?

D Dave Chow 21:21

It's an armored truck. See, Jason got Stephen. And then we got Beth. We worked our way through the logic of it. Yeah.

D Dave Chow 21:27

We circled it. Like the drain.



Matt Mio 21:30

And similarly, although I gotta say from the point that I was growing up, we just don't see that much of these anymore. We see way more PRIME trucks. What do you think a Buster Brown is?



Beth Oljar 21:42

UPS truck.



Matt Mio 21:43

UPS. Yeah, exactly.



Dave Chow 21:45

Oh, okay. All Brown.



Matt Mio 21:46

Yep.



Dave Chow 21:47

Okay.



Dave Chow 21:48

Very interesting. Where's Mara when we need her? What's a Thermos bottle? There's your hint. Mara might get this. If we had thermos bottle.



Jason Roche 21:57

Refrigerated truck?



Stephen Manning 21:59

Milk truck?



M Matt Mio 22:01
Again both Jason and Stephen getting really close. You know, it's a chemical hauler, because they're always that specific shape.

J Jason Roche 22:08
Yeah,

D Dave Chow 22:08
Gotcha.

M Matt Mio 22:09
Yep.

B Beth Oljar 22:10
Oh, yeah.

D Dave Chow 22:11
I was gonna say - a truck full of ballerinas? I mean, like - What?

M Matt Mio 22:15
Because of course, in the early CB days, if you actually paid attention to all the history, they actually couldn't swear over the airwaves. They said that somebody is on my donkey. What does that mean? That someone's on your donkey?

B Beth Oljar 22:29
Tailgating

J Jason Roche 22:29
On your tukus?

B Beth Oljar 22:31
That's on your tail?

They're on your tail?

M Matt Mio 22:32

Yep. On your tail. Tailgating. Yeah. A couple more here, pros. We're definitely going into the sublime place. This has nothing to do with law enforcement, but will be our third pig reference. What's a pig tail? You don't have to actually think too hard about this one either. If you picture the last time you were on the open road and just kind of looking around

D Dave Chow 22:53

Matt, You're assuming we're thinking hard. We're not.

M Matt Mio 22:56

I'm so sorry.

D Dave Chow 22:58

A pig tail.

M Matt Mio 22:59

What's a pig tail. I mean picture a pigtail. That will help.

S Stephen Manning 23:03

Something curly.

B Beth Oljar 23:05

Yeah.

M Matt Mio 23:06

Yes.

J Jason Roche 23:07

Something hanging out of the window with a truck?

M Matt Mio 23:10

I mean, again, Stephen and Jason are like putting it together here. So you know the electrical connection between the trailer and the truck is that curly long cord in between - so it can be springy. So, that's a pig tail. Yeah.

D Dave Chow 23:24

Okay, all right. Okay, all right.

D Dave Chow 23:26

I'm interested to see what this last one - what you're going to do with it, because I laughed out loud when I first read it. What's a gumball machine? What's a gumball machine?

J Jason Roche 23:37

A drive-thru restaurant?

M Matt Mio 23:39

It's a good guess.

B Beth Oljar 23:41

But wrong.

M Matt Mio 23:43

It's not an actual gumball machine.

D Dave Chow 23:46

Something big and round.

M Matt Mio 23:48

It's not big and round, but it might look like it's translucent with a bunch of things on the inside.

D Dave Chow 23:55
Translucent with things inside?

M Matt Mio 23:58
Oh, I don't know what it is - probably because I'm looking at the correct responses. I thought this one was really cute.

D Dave Chow 24:04
Like a silo or something like that?

M Matt Mio 24:06
No. A gumball machine is a cop car when the flashers are on, because it looks like there's like you know gum rotating on the inside.

D Dave Chow 24:14
Okay, like the old-school dome light

M Matt Mio 24:16
Exactly. Exactly.

D Dave Chow 24:17
Yeah, because right about now all the cops in our area have gone to those little real slim ones that kind of like - you know - a luggage rack now.

M Matt Mio 24:22
Yeah

D Dave Chow 24:24
Sneaky devils that they are.

D Dave Chow 24:26

I love the the LED cop car lights that it's like three blocks away. But if I peer between my blinds like the light ray pierces my eyeball. They're very powerful, very, very powerful.

D Dave Chow 24:39

Yes, they are. Far too powerful.

M Matt Mio 24:41

Professors. We have our classic list of Imponderables here. And I think that it's totally reasonable for me to ask you what your favorite something is. We just need to take a quick look. Thanks of course as always to Frank and the Burroughs family for sending us - Oh, we branch off of something we were speaking about a little earlier. We are, what is your favorite form of travel? There's only a certain number of responses, of course; but what's your favorite?

D Dave Chow 25:08

Does horseback count? (laughs)

M Matt Mio 25:10

I believe it does? Absolutely.

B Beth Oljar 25:12

I like riding horses.

M Matt Mio 25:13

That's cool.

B Beth Oljar 25:14

But not as a general means of travel, because it's uncomfortable, but - I guess driving.

M Matt Mio 25:21

Sure.

J Jason Roche 25:22

Everything changes when you have little kids.

M Matt Mio 25:24
Yes.

J Jason Roche 25:25
I used to love to fly

B Beth Oljar 25:26
But now, it's a nightmare, right?

J Jason Roche 25:28
Yeah.

D Dave Chow 25:29
(Laughs) There was an internet video a couple weeks ago of someone getting on a plane with a tiny little baby. And then what they did is they circled the faces of every other person on the plane watching this baby board - and it was really brutal. They were all like, "Ugh!"

D Dave Chow 25:48
Okay, Beth, you might be able to relate to this. One of my favorite forms of travel is the auto ferry.

B Beth Oljar 25:53
Oh sure.

D Dave Chow 25:54
In the Pacific Northwest between like Vancouver, Victoria - all those, because you pull up in your car, you step out, you go up to the upper deck, you just watch the world go by for however long it takes to get there. So auto ferry

M Matt Mio 26:07

Matt Mio 26:07

Nice. Nice.

D Dave Chow 26:09

And usually out there the views are absolutely amazing. I can't tell you how many whales, orcas and things like that we've seen. The last time we were out there, when the captain - especially if they see like a small part of Orca. I'm just waiting for the entire ship just to like list over as everybody rushes to one side of the boat. You know, so -

M Matt Mio 26:25

Nice. Stephen, what about you?

S Stephen Manning 26:27

I don't know. I enjoy driving. I've done a lot of it. Does tobogganing count?

M Matt Mio 26:34

Of course, it does.

S Stephen Manning 26:35

I like tobogganing,

M Matt Mio 26:36

That's cool.

B Beth Oljar 26:37

Train travels not that bad.

D Dave Chow 26:39

Yeah, if you've got the right trip to make, that's a good thing. Yeah, I would agree with that.

D Dave Chow 26:43

Yeah

- M** Matt Mio 26:44
I was gonna take my variation on that and fond memories of visiting my dad when he worked at the Glass House at Ford Motor and taking the monorail to Fairlane in Dearborn. That was tons of fun, even if it was only 30 seconds long.
- D** Dave Chow 26:59
Between the Hyatt and Fairlane?
- M** Matt Mio 27:01
Exactly
- B** Beth Oljar 27:02
The Monorail in Seattle is equally fun and equally a train to nowhere
- D** Dave Chow 27:07
And the people moving too.
- B** Beth Oljar 27:09
Oh, in Detroit, yeah.
- S** Stephen Manning 27:10
I was waiting for someone to say The People Mover.
- M** Matt Mio 27:15
In conclusion, mono means one, and rail means rail. The end.
- S** Stephen Manning 27:19
the new thing they've got with the Q thing.

M Matt Mio 27:22
The Q line.

S Stephen Manning 27:23
Yeah, the Q line

D Dave Chow 27:24
doesn't do it for me. For the amount of money that they put into it, it's like, it doesn't help, you know, alleviate traffic congestion down there.

M Matt Mio 27:34
No, it's true.


D Dave Chow 27:34
But I still remember when when the Q lines, you know, the first week they actually had, I think it was The Free Press did an article where they actually had runners on foot, people on bikes, people in a car and people catching the Q Line. To see who could go from West Grand Boulevard down to Jefferson, I think, don't quote me, but I think the people on bike actually got there faster than the Q line.


D Dave Chow 27:56
There has to be something charming about riding the rail then to get people to do it.


B Beth Oljar 28:00
Now I want to go ride a horse. You've made me think about horseback riding, but I'm not on the beach, which is really the best place to do it. So -

D Dave Chow 28:08
Oh, gee


D Dave Chow 28:09
Yes, that's true. I'm afraid we're gonna have to let that visual sink in because the time has come to say goodbye, Dave.

 Dave Chow 28:17
See ya..


 Matt Mio 28:18
Stephen,


 Stephen Manning 28:19
Bye


 Matt Mio 28:20
Jason,


 Jason Roche 28:21
Adios

 Matt Mio 28:22
and Beth

 Beth Oljar 28:23
Bye

 Matt Mio 28:24
and now these words,

 Announcer 28:25
you can email Ask The Professor at ATP at UDMercy.edu or visit the Ask the Professor Facebook page

 Matt Mio 28:35



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