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Whether you are speaking in front of a large audience or in social conversation I believe in the power of humorous one liners to help you connect with your audience. Mastering the art of the one liner is simple, much easier than mastering the art of telling humorous stories. The latter requires a keen sense of pacing and timing to deliver a punch line which results in laughter. Some speakers just can’t get the timing right when telling longer stories, but usually have no problem at all with one liners.

If you know who said the one liner always give credit, but if you don’t, just use it and forget about authorship. Many one liners are credited to so many sources no one really knows from whom they originated. The origin and authorship of most are lost. Just use them.

Here are 101 of my favorite humorous one liners for you to use in your speeches or in your everyday conversations. Practise delivering them with sharpness and confidence.

1. Expecting life to treat you fairly because you’re a good person is much like expecting a bull not to charge you because you’re a vegetarian.

2. Start each day off with a smile..............and get it over with. W.C. Fields

3. My Mother told me I wouldn’t get far in life because of my procrastination, but I told her, “Just you Wait!”

4. If you go to a doctor’s office and find all the plants dead, get yourself another doctor. Erma Bombeck

5. If at first you don’t succeed, so much for sky diving.
6. My insides feel so much younger than my outsides look.

7. We must do more than gargle from the well of knowledge.

8. I read recently in the newspaper that impotence is on the rise. Really? MM

9. I’m not afraid of dying, I just don’t want to be there when it happens. Woody Allen.

10. They laughed at Joan of Arc, but she went right ahead and built it anyway. Gracie Allen

11. The only time the world beats a path to your door is when you’re on the toilet.

12. It’s not hard to meet expenses, they’re everywhere.

13. Some days you’re the dog and some days you’re the hydrant.

14. If all is not lost where the hell is it?

15. If God wanted us to bend over and touch our toes He would have put them on our knees.

16. The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.

17. It’s hard to make a comeback when you’ve never been anywhere.

18. If a cat could speak it would probably say something like, “Hey I don’t see a problem here.”

19. Isn’t it wonderful that wrinkles don’t hurt?

20. Parenting teens is much like trying to nail jell-o to a tree.

21. You know you’re getting old when you stoop to tie your shoes and wonder what else you can do while you’re down there.
22. Inside every old person is a young person wondering what the hell happened.

23. I know there is no life on Mars. It has never shown up on my daughter’s phone bill.

24. The problem with being punctual is there’s no one around to appreciate it.

25. Minister at grave side: “What we have here is a mere shell. The nut is gone.”

26. Her husband is always willing to go that extra mile. He just won’t stop and ask directions.

27. Why is it that when I throw a pity party no one ever shows up but me?

28. You know you’re getting old when friends compliment you on your new alligator shoes and you’re barefoot.

29. When you come to the fork in the road, take it.

30. Charisma is that special quality bald, boring, overweight billionaire’s have.

31. Despite the high cost of living it is still quite popular.

32. I started to take Flintstone vitamins. I didn’t really feel any better, but you should have seen me stop my car with my feet.

33. There’s one advantage to being 102 years old. No peer pressure.

34. Dogs have owners, cats have staff.

35. Any day above ground is a good day.

36. If you drink don’t drive. Don’t even putt. Dean Martin

37. I don’t say my golf game is bad, but if I grew tomatoes they’d come up sliced. Arnold Palmer
38. Golf is a game invented by the same people who think music comes out of bagpipes. Lee Trevino

39. Golf and sex are the only two things you can enjoy without being good at either of them. Jimmy Demaret

40. One reason you can’t take it with you is that it’s gone before you are.

41. You know you’re getting old when it takes two of you to recall someone’s name.

42. A pessimist is one who enjoys hearing the patter of little defeats.

43. Getting into an argument with a teenagers is like getting into a peeing contest with a skunk

44. If quitters never win and winners never quit, who came up with, “Quit while you’re ahead?”

45. If elbows bent the other way what would saxophones look like?

46. If oxygen tarnishes silver can you imagine what it does to our lungs?

47. If olive oil comes from olives where does baby oil come from?

48. Six words to keep a marriage strong
   “You’re obviously right.
   I’m obviously wrong.”

49. Once over the hill, you pick up speed.

50. I love cooking with wine. Sometimes I even put it in the food.

51. If it weren't for STRESS I'd have no energy at all.
52. Whatever hits the fan will not be evenly distributed.

53. Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just don't have film.

54. I know God won't give me more than I can handle. I just wish He didn't trust me so much.

55. We cannot change the direction of the wind...but we can adjust our sails.

56. Some days are a total waste of makeup.

57. Do you believe in love at first sight ... or should I walk by you again?

58. If the shoe fits......buy it in every color.

59. If you're too open-minded, your brains will fall out.

60. Age is a very high price to pay for maturity.

61. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

62. Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.

63. If you must choose between two evils, pick the one you've never tried before.

64. Father’s Day is much like Mother’s Day only you get much cheaper gifts.

65. I don’t want to brag but in my family I get absolute obedience. For example, every Father’s Day I tell my family not to spend a lot of money on me..... and they don’t.

66. I love seafood. My favorite is saltwater taffy.
67. I call my vegetable garden the Garden of Weedin.

68. Our high school bully always used to pick on me but I got even. I married her.

69. The world’s best after dinner speech is, “Waiter I’ll take both checks.”

70. He was in high school for two terms...Bush’s and Clinton’s

71. At our high school the guy voted most likely to succeed didn’t graduate.

72. At this restaurant you eat like a king, which means you should have someone taste the food for you first.

73. I'm sorry I'm late for the meeting. I locked a coat hanger in my car. It's a good thing I had my keys.

74. If the post office went on strike how would anyone know?

75. Why is it that when we talk to God we’re said to be praying but when God talks to us we’re schizophrenic?

76. Don't hate your enemies. After all, you made them.

77. Live within your income even if you have to borrow to do so.

78. I'm not as smart as I used to be but then again you can't stay a teenager all of your life.

79. What's it like to parent a teenager? Multiply the terrible twos by 8 and add a driver's license.

80. I jog because I want a stomach that stops when I do.
81. When my wife thinks she needs more exercise she shops faster.

82. I'd give my right arm to be ambidextrous.

83. I had walking pneumonia and my doctor charged me by the mile.

84. I don’t make jokes; I just watch the government and report the facts. Will Rogers

85. Who invented the brush they put next to the toilet? That thing hurts.” Andy Andrews

86. It’s going to be fun to watch how long the meek can keep the earth after they inherit it. K. Hubbard

87. I don’t blame hospitals for trying to keep costs down but I really think a coin operated bedpan is going a little too far. Joey Adams

88. Hypochondria is the only disease I haven’t got.

89. Anyone who can swallow an aspirin at a drinking fountain deserves to get well.

90. If penicillin is such a wonder drug, how come it can’t cure bread mold? Ron Smith

91. If blind people wear sunglasses, why don’t deaf people wear earmuffs? S. McFarlin

92. Gambling is a sure fire way of getting nothing for something. Nick the Greek

93. I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me. Fred Allen

94. Where lipstick is concerned, the important thing is not the color, but to accept God’s decision on where your lips end. Jerry Seinfeld
95. My dad’s pants kept creeping up on him. By 65 he was just a pair of pants with a head. Jeff Altman

96. Never let a panty line show around your ankles. Joan Rivers

97. My parents used to send me to spend summers with my grandparents. I hate cemeteries. Chris Fonseca.

98. When opportunity knocks never complain about the noise.

99. Conscience is that inner voice that warns you that somebody might be watching you.

100. Conscience is the one thing that hurts when everything else feels great.

101. Children are a great comfort in old age and they help you reach it faster.

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