Famous People

Question: Whose real name was Samuel Clemens?

Answer: *Mark Twain*

Bonus Question: Your friend tells you she disassembled the smoke alarm because it sounded when she was cooking. What do you suggest to her?

Answer: *Don't disable smoke alarms even temporarily. If your smoke alarm is sounding nuisance alarms, try relocating it further from the kitchen or install an alarm with a delay button.*

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Sports

Question: Which three-time world champion figure skater won an Olympic gold medal in 1968?

Answer: *Peggy Fleming*

Bonus Question: You've noticed your son cooking at the stove while he's wearing a necktie without a tie clip. What do you tell him?

Answer: Wear close-fitting clothing because loose clothing can dangle onto stove burners and catch fire.

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Music

Question: Before she teamed up to travel with Bobby McGee, where was Janis Joplin waiting for a train?

Answer: *Baton Rouge*

Bonus Question: Your friend likes to smoke and have several drinks in her easy chair late at night. What do you tell her?

Answer: *Don't smoke if you're drowsy, feeling the affects of alcohol or medication, or lying down.*

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Movies

Question: What movie catapulted the then 12-year-old Elizabeth Taylor into stardom?

Answer: *National Velvet*

Bonus Question: Your friend accidentally painted the windows shut in her home when she made some home improvements. What do you tell her?

Answer: Make sure all home escape routes are clear and that doors and windows can open easily.

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Geography

Question: Which theme park covers 46 square miles, making it twice the size of Manhattan?

Answer: *Disney World*

Bonus Question: Your friend says her house is so cold; she brings the space heater within inches of the bed so she can warm up. What do you tell her?

Answer: *Space heaters should be kept at least three feet away from anything that can burn.*

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Sports

Question: What heavyweight boxing champion knocked out Floyd Patterson twice in the first round, then lost the title to Muhammad Ali (then Cassius Clay) in 1964?

Answer: *Sonny Liston*

Bonus Question: You witness your friend removing the batteries from the smoke alarm so he can put them into the TV remote control. What do you say to him?

Answer: *Never borrow a battery from a smoke alarm. A smoke alarm can't warn you if it's disabled.*

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Geography

Question: Which is the only state in the United States to have just one syllable?

Answer: *Maine*

Bonus Question: Your brother-in-law stops by for a visit and since you don't smoke, he uses a bottle cap to flick his ashes. What do you do?

Answer: *Have a large, deep, non-tip ashtray available.*

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Movies

Question: What Broadway musical did actor Paul Robeson perform the song, "Ol' Man River?"

Answer: *Showboat*

Bonus Question: You stop by your neighbor's house and notice the welcome mat on the porch is hanging partway off the landing, blocking the view of the first step. What do you say?

Answer: *Use throw rugs and welcome mats with non-skid backing. Smooth out all wrinkles and folds in your rugs, mats, and carpets.*

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Radio and Television

Question: What was the longest running TV western?

Answer: *Gunsmoke*

Bonus Question: You notice your friend stacks the mail on the steps leading to the second floor of her home. What do you say?

Answer: *Keep stairs and walking areas free of magazines, mail, and other clutter.*

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Music

Question: Which Cuban-born singer was in a motor vehicle crash that injured her spine? After recovering she returned to the charts with a concept album, Into the Light.

Answer: *Gloria Estefan*

Bonus Question: You've tripped and fallen a few times trying to walk around the clutter piled in the hallway. What should you do to prevent falling again?

Answer: *Give yourself plenty of space. Pick up the clutter. Always keep objects out of walkways and stairs to avoid tripping.*

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Movies

Question: Name at least two movies Miami-born actor Sydney Poitier starred in.

Answer: *Lilies of the Field, To Sir with Love, In the Heat of the Night, Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, For Love of Ivy, They Call Me Mr. Tibbs!*

Bonus Question: You're picking your friend up for lunch and she greets you at the door wearing a pair of platform flip flops her granddaughter gave her. What do you suggest?

Answer: *Wear sturdy, well-fitted, low-heeled shoes with non-slip soles. They're safer than high heels, thick-soled athletic shoes, slippers, or stocking feet.*

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Radio and Television

Question: Name at least two stars from the Golden Girls sitcom.

Answer: *Bea Arthur (Dorothy), Estelle Getty (Sophia), Rue McClanahan (Blanche), and Betty White (Rose)*

Bonus Question: Your friend has a new bathtub installed in her home, but you think the tub surface looks very slippery. What do you suggest?

Answer: *Use non-slip bath mats to prevent slips and falls.*

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Radio and Television

Question: What popular 1960s TV series starred a marine animal?

Answer: *Flipper*

Bonus Question: How often should you have your eyes examined?

Answer: *See an eye specialist once a year. Poor vision can increase your chance of falling.*

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Movies

Question: What box office failure became an enormous success on TV and is now shown every holiday season?

Answer: *It's a Wonderful Life*

Bonus Question: Your friend wants to test her smoke alarms each month, but doesn't want to fall while testing them. What do you suggest?

Answer: *Test smoke alarms monthly by pushing the test button with a stick or broom handle.*

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