

ASSEMBLY

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Two Large Pots

A water bearer in China had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it, while the other pot was perfect and never leaked.

At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. For a full two years this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots full of water.

Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, perfect for which it was made, but the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection. It was miserable that it was only able to accomplish half of what it had been made to do.

After 2 years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream.

"I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house."

The bearer said to the pot,

"Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path and every day while we walk back, you've watered them.

For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house"

Each of us has our own unique flaws. We're all cracked pots. It's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding.

**You've just got to take each person for what they are, and look for the good in them.
AND – perhaps every now and then tell them why they are so special!**



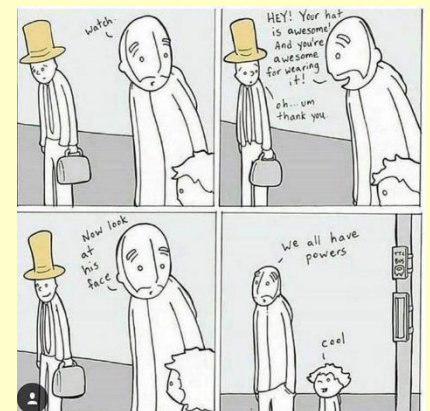
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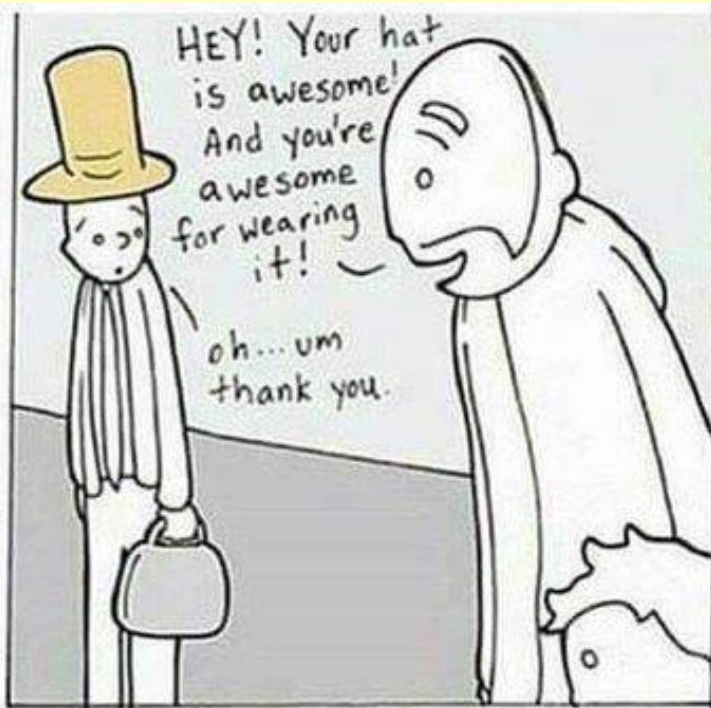
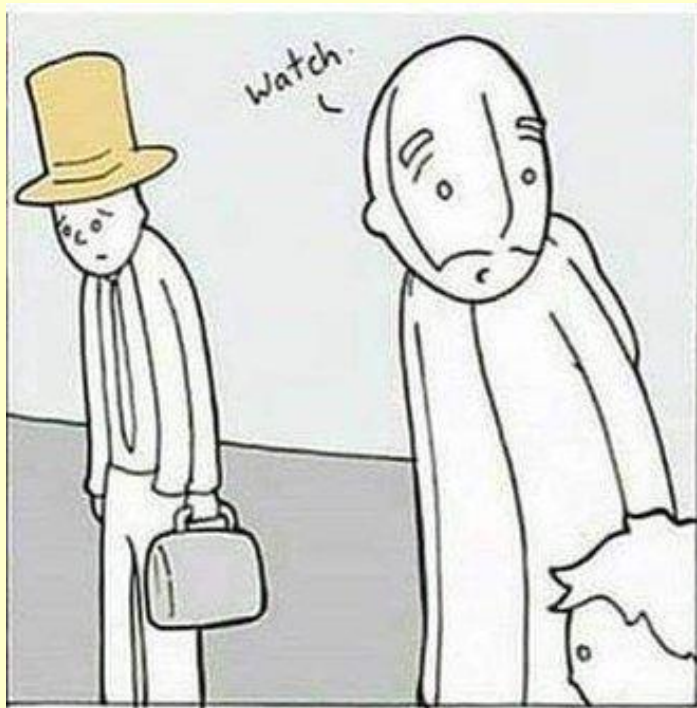
Can you remember the meaning of the story?

Can you think of things you are good at?

Can you think of things you are not so good at?

The water bearer accepted the pot's flaws.
Mr Buckley thinks he could have told the pot
sooner? Why does he think this?





Challenge

(Apologies to those who found last week too difficult as they are colour blind.. Mr Shore included... This week is spoken!)

The Grand Old Duke of York

Can you sing the Grand Old Duke of York?

Can you replace Up and Down with other words?

Can you sing it without saying up or down?

How fast can you do it?

Abbey Meads School Do All the Good You Can

At Abbey Meads School we ...

Do all the Good we can,
By all the Means we can,
In all the Ways we can,
In all the Places we can,
At all the Times we can,
To all the People we can,
As long as we ever can.

