



Paraprosdokians = Lockdown Madness

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Los Angeles remains locked down with the stay at home order in effect until August! Minds wander after two months of working at home, dogs barking, and intense confinement. This note is for fun and to stimulate your own creativity. Our sophisticated readership may know what “paraprosdokian” means; we did not. For any other Neanderthals like me, it is a figure of speech in which the latter part of the sentence is surprising, unexpected or humorous, forcing reconsideration of the opening. We have separated examples among some classics, timely ones, garbled thoughts, bowdlerized quotes and mixed metaphors, and a few on art and finance.

Classics

I go to the gym religiously, both Christmas and Easter.

Where there's a will, I want to be in it.

Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.

I used to be indecisive, but now I'm not so sure.

I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one.

Timely

The urgency of now is yesterday.

Currently I sleep about eight hours a day, and at least 10 at night.

I carefully listened to an illuminating COVID-19 press conference only to never watch one again.

She is beautiful, always happy to see me, responds to my every whim, loving and playful. Then I scratch her tummy so she wags her tail.

Garbled Thoughts

I can't tell you how sorry I am that you were fired.

I can't believe it, the truth will out.

I could care less; it didn't even register.

Bowdlerized Quotes and Modified Metaphors

This time it's different, until it isn't.

Rule number one: don't lose money, rule number two: only make money.

March 2020 was one of the most dangerous months to be invested. The others are July, January, September, November, May, March, June, December, August and February.

Art and Finance

Specialty lending is filled with individuals who know the price of everything and the value of nothing.

Investing should be more like watching grass grow, but this March was a buzz cut.

If only I had followed Cramer's advice, I'd have a million dollars – provided I'd started with a hundred million.

The stock market is up 30% from the low and the government announced a record 20% unemployment - what's not to understand?

The difference between economic stupidity and genius is that genius has its limits.

A guy I know said he doesn't like Art. "That's only fair," I said, "he's not that fond of you either."

Background checks, warehouse receipts, eight-figure sums, and a little paddle; who knew buying art could be so much fun?!

My wife took me to a museum. I told her next time she wanted to spend hours together not talking we could go to the movies.

I like to look at abstract art - gives me hope that I too could be an artist.

Honey, the Fed cut rates to zero today, so let's buy an art loan.

Shameless lads that we are, now it's your turn to create better parapsydokians about investing. Needless to say, our favorites are about lending and art – high yield, security with collateral under our control, low loan-to-value, and short duration.

Take care, stay safe, be healthy.