**Difference Between**

**What’s the difference between an “amnesty” and a “pardon”? A pardon is granted to an individual, usually but not always after conviction. An amnesty is granted to a group, usually but not always before conviction. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Cleanliness is next to sickliness: If your kids have allergies, you may be keeping them too clean, says USA Today. Evidence is mounting that children in the developed world live too far from dirt, dust, and animals, so that when they do encounter allergens, their bodies overreact. When kids are raised in sterile environments, their immune systems can’t tell the difference between a real threat, such as a germ, and a foreign particle, such as cat hair. So when they encounter a suspicious invader, their bodies go on a red alert, causing a rush of allergy symptoms. “When you’re born, Day Zero, your immune system is like a new computer. It’s not programmed,” says Tufts scientist Joel Weinstock. “You have to add software.” The theory is contrary to current conventional wisdom, which has parents making sure their kids are not exposed to common allergens such as peanuts and pet dander for fear of causing allergies. But those practices, worse than useless, may actually have contributed to the boom in the number of people with allergies. About 50 million Americans now suffer from allergies, with the number of peanut allergies doubling over the past decade. “It’s the opposites of what we would have predicted,” says researcher Dennis Ownby. (*The Week magazine, April 7, 2006)***

**Proud of my cooking skills, I smugly asked my 11-year-old brother if he could tell the difference between my cooking and my father’s. “Sure,” he said. “When Dad cooks, we don’t have to open the windows.” *(John Shirley, in Reader’s Digest)***

**The difference between constructive and destructive criticism is simple: the former is what you give while the latter is what you get. *(Frank Walsh, in National Enquirer)***

**The difference between a cute little rascal and a potential juvenile delinquent is whether he is your child or somebody else's. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**The only difference between the Democrats and the Republicans is that the Democrats allow the poor to be corrupt, too. *(Oscar Levant, entertainer)***

**I think there’s a difference between ditzy and dumb. Dumb is just not knowing. Ditzy is having the courage to ask! *(Jessica Simpson, musician and actress)***

**The difference between divorce and legal separation is that a legal separation gives a husband time to hide his money. *(Johnny Carson)***

**What’s the difference between an emerald and an aquamarine? Only the color. Both are beryl. A trace of chromium makes it an emerald – green. A trace of iron makes it an aquamarine – blue-green. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**The fellow had spent his entire life studying goldfish. At a meeting of the Goldfish Lovers of America, he was asked how one could tell the difference between a male goldfish and a female goldfish. “That's simple,” said the man of knowledge. “Male goldfish will eat only male worms.” “But how,” persisted the questioner, “can you tell the difference between male worms and female worms?” “Haven't the slightest idea,” he replied. “I'm not an expert on worms, just goldfish.” *(Jacob M. Braude and Glenn Van Ekeren, in Braud's Treasury of Wit & Humor)***

**In all activities, both in the physical and mental realms, certain laws must be observed, e.g., that which goes up must come down; water boils at a certain temperature, depending on the altitude; “as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he”; the brain and nervous system cannot tell the difference between what’s vividly imagined and reality, etc. *(Jack H. Holland)***

**There is a difference between interest and commitment. When you're interested in doing something, you do it only when circumstances permit. When you're committed to something, you accept no excuses, only results. *(Art  Turock, in Getting Physical)***

**In one year the average American today probably meets as many people as the average person did in a lifetime 100 years ago. And yet he's far lonelier. There's a big difference between being lonely and being alone, and the presence of other people doesn't necessarily help at all. According to Los Angeles psychiatrist and author, Dr. Leonard Zunin, mankind's biggest problem is simply loneliness. (Paul Lee Tan, in Encyclopedia of 7700 Illustrations, p. 754)**

**There is only one difference between a long life and a good dinner: that, in the dinner, the sweets come last. (Robert Louis Stevenson)**

**No more than the presence of a few atoms distinguishes the male hormone, testosterone, from the female, estrogen, yet their difference determines some considerable differences between the sexes. Male hormones are produced not only in males but also in the adrenal glands in females, and in males they are secreted not only in the testes but in the adrenals as well. From our medical experience with them we have learned that some of the functions of these hormones are interchangeable between the sexes. *(Miller/Goode, in Man & His Body, p. 197)***

**Machines certainly can solve problems, store information, correlate, and play games – but not with pleasure! *(Leo Rosten, in Passions & Prejudices, on the difference between man and machine)***

**The difference between marital and martial is a matter of where you put the I. (Franklin P. Jones, in Quote magazine)**

**Often the difference between a successful marriage and a mediocre one consists of leaving about three things a day unsaid. (Catholic Quote)**

**What's the difference between moms and dads? Moms know how to talk to teachers without scaring them. *(Bedside Bits)***

**When the teacher asked the difference between one yard and two yards, my then 7-year-old granddaughter Elizabeth had a ready reply: “A fence!” *(Suzan L. Wiener, in Catholic Digest)***

**The difference between ourselves and others is that we don’t tell half of what we know, while they don’t know half of what they tell*. (Bits & Pieces)***

**The difference between painting the town and painting the porch is marriage. *(Country Extra magazine)***

**Payola vs. lobbying -- what is the difference? Offer money or expense-paid vacations to a radio DJ for favorable play of your song and you violate the law. Offer money (campaign contributions) or expense-paid vacations (fact-finding trips) to a member of Congress in exchange for access and favorable legislation and you're a well-rewarded power player in D.C. *(William Autrey, in The Denver Post)***

**Dr. David Soper, in God Is Inescapable, suggests that basically the difference between a prison and a monastery is just the difference between griping and gratitude. Undoubtedly this is true. Imprisoned criminals spend every waking moment griping; self-imprisoned saints spend every waking moment offering thanks. Dr. Soper says that when a criminal becomes a saint, a prison may become a monastery; when a saint gives up gratitude, a monastery may become a prison. (Ray O. Jones)
The difference between private enterprise and government? The formulas for making Coca-Cola and Kentucky Fried Chicken are still secret. How to make a hydrogen bomb is on your newsstand. *(Illinois Beverage Journal)***

**A young engineer had a perplexing problem in which he could not find a solution. Failure to find a right solution might mean the difference between promotion and discharge. He prayed in desperation, finally at one in the morning he went back to the legal description of the property he had surveyed . . . North 10 degrees, 21 minutes, 11 seconds; thence east . . . . thence south . . . . thence west . . . . to the T. P. B., which to the Engineer means “The True Point of Beginning.” Suddenly a phrase he had learned in early childhood entered his mind: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” God then was the true point of beginning. Then dawned the error of his approach. Instead of starting with God, the T. P. B., he had taken as his starting point, or base, the human experiences and mental tools he had amassed over the years. Today, over the successful engineer’s desk hangs the plaque, “GOD-THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.” *(A Synoptic Study of the Teachings of Unity, p. 11)***

**The difference between the right word and the almost right word is the difference between lightning and the lightning bug. (Mark Twain)**

**Lucky people know the difference between risky and rash, between an informed hunch and a vain hope. Author Max Gunther defined a hunch as “a conclusion based on facts stored on some unconscious level.” Successful people are constantly tucking away such information to enhance their intuition. That’s what Robert Frost meant when he noted, “All the best things a poet ever uses are things he didn’t know he was getting when he was getting them.” *(Ralph Kinney Bennett, in Reader’s Digest)***

**The difference between school and life? In school, you’re taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you’re given a test that teaches you a lesson. (Tom Bodett, broadcaster/author)**

**It's not stress but distress people should avoid -- yet too many of us don't know the difference between the two, says an expert in The U.S. Journal. Stress in itself is not destructive, so long as it’s a natural by-product of living and working up to our own expectations. But stress becomes distress -- and therefore destructive -- when it's a by-product of living and working up to expectations set by others, explains famed Canadian medical scientist Dr. Hans Selye. (*National Enquirer, May 26, 1981)***

**Letting go doesn’t mean giving up. Surrendering is not quitting. As soon as you know you can’t start your car, you admit helplessness. However, that’s only the beginning of the solution. If you want to get your car going again, you call a mechanic, and when the mechanic comes, you cooperate to the extent that you can. You haven’t quit. Instead of quitting, you have merely given a “higher power’ (one who knows more about the problem than you do) control of the solution. There is a vast difference between surrendering and quitting. *(Richard & Mary-Alice Jafolla, in The Quest)***

The difference between what we are doing and what we are capable of doing would solve most of the world’s problems. *(Mahatma Gandhi)*

**Frustration is commonly the difference between what you would like to be and what you are willing to sacrifice to become what you would like to be. *(Sydney J. Harris, Publishers-Hall Syndicate)***

**What’s in a word? Consider the difference between wise guy and wise man. (Marshalltown, Iowa, Times-Republican)**

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**The difference between a yes and a no is an idea. *(Wallace Duke)***

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