

19 Tom: We (move) into our new house tomorrow.

Bill: But why you (leave) your present house? It (suit) you all.

Tom: Yes, I (know) it (do); but the Council (pull down) all the houses on this side.

They (widen) the road. They (say) it's a bottleneck.

20 If you (ask) a friend if she (like) your new dress she usually (say) 'Yes'; so you (not know) whether she really (think) it (suit) you or whether she merely (be) polite.

21 If you (want) a candid opinion you'd better ask my sister. She never (tell) white lies; she always (say) exactly what she (think).

22 Your sister's frankness (annoy) people? ~

Yes, it (do). The average person (not want) a truthful answer; he (want) you to say something agreeable.

23 I (hear) that you have bought a new house. ~

Yes, but I (not live) in it yet. They still (work) on it, and the work (take) longer than I expected. ~

24 I (think) repair jobs always (take) longer than one (expect). What they (do) now? ~

They (put) in new electric points. They (seem) competent electricians but they (smoke) at their work and this (slow) them down.

25 They always (hammer) next door. ~

Yes, that house (keep) changing hands and the new owner always (begin) by putting in a new fireplace, and their fireplace is just on the other side of this wall so we (hear) everything. The wall (shake), too.

26 Ann (stir) something in a saucepan and Mary (stand) beside her holding a cookery book.

Mary: It (say) 'simmer', and you (boil) it, Ann.

Ann: I (not think) it (matter) if you (cook) it quickly; but I (not know) why it (not get) thick. It usually (thicken) at once.

27 The hall (be) painted at the moment, so it (not look) its best. ~

But where are the painters? They (stop) work at 3.00? ~

No, they are in the kitchen. They (have) a tea break.

28 What the word 'Establishment' (mean)? My dictionary (not give) an explanation. ~

It roughly (mean) the government and people who (have) power and authority.

29 If we (say) that Mr Brown (belong) to the Establishment we also (imply) that he (accept) the existing system. He (not try) to overthrow it. ~

30 All rich men (belong) to the Establishment? ~

Middle-aged rich men probably (do) but rich young men like pop singers always (jeer) at the Establishment. The word (be used) chiefly in a pejorative sense.

31 The house opposite the college (be pulled) down. That's why we (use) the back entrance at present. If you (go) out by the front door you (get) covered with dust.

32 Tom: I (smell) something burning!

Jack: So (do) I. I (think) it (come) from the kitchen. Ann probably (iron). She usually (iron) and (watch) TV at the same time and if she (get) very interested in a Programme she (forget) that she (press) a hot iron on to somebody's shirt. Mother (think) of Selling the TV set.

33 Mrs Jones: What you (look) for, Tom?

Mr Jones: I (look) for the garage key. I always (look) for the garage key, because nobody ever (put) it back on its hook.

Mrs Jones: I always (put) it back on its hook. Why you (not try) your pockets?
(I advise you to try your pockets).

34 Imagine that you (travel) by train, in a crowded compartment. One of the passengers (read) a newspaper; another (do) a crossword puzzle; another (look out) of the window. Suddenly the train (stop) with a jerk and your suitcase (fall) off the rack on to somebody's toes.

35 This is a story about an invalid who (spend) most of the day in bed. He has a powerful telescope and he (amuse) himself by watching the activities of the people in

the opposite houses. One day when he (watch) No. 24 he (see) a murder being committed.

36 The cashier used to do the accounts and I used to check his figures now the computer (do) it all. ~

And who (check) the computer? ~

No one. The computer (not need) a second opinion. ~

And what (happen) if the computer (make) a mistake?

The computer never (make) a mistake.