

Cross out the wrong alternative:

Sitting at a bus stop in Savannah, Georgia, Forrest Gump tells *fairy tales / the story of his life* to a woman seated next to him. The listeners at the bus stop *are the same / change regularly* throughout his narration.

Much of Forrest's philosophy comes from *Jenny Curran / his mother*. Forrest often recalls her favorite sayings, "Mama always says 'Life is like a box of *peanuts / chocolates*'" and "*If you're happy and you know it clap your hands*" / "*Stupid is as stupid does.*" Both sayings became popular after the movie's release. Forrest reveals that he is named after a *distant ancestor / film star*, Nathan Bedford Forrest, who helped found the *Salvation Army / Ku Klux Klan*, as a reminder that "sometimes we all do things that, well, just don't make no sense." Despite his *high / low* IQ, which would normally have necessitated special education, his mother arranges to have him enrolled in public school *by paying thousands of dollars to / by having sex with* an official from the school district. On his *first / last* day of school, he makes friend on the school bus with a girl named Jenny Curran who is being physically and sexually abused by her father.

Forrest's home is filled with special visitors every now and then, eventually showing Elvis Presley his *school books / dance moves*, which, as we learn later on, turns out to make him famous.

In the first years of his life, Forrest has to wear *leg braces / red stockings* due to his back being "as crooked as a politician". These make walking awkward for Forrest, and running almost impossible. When a group of bullies *feed / chase* Forrest on their *bicycles / skates*, he runs, urged on by Jenny. As Forrest runs, his leg braces fall apart, and he outruns his pursuers leaving behind only a cloud of dust to greet them.

Years later, while *chased by alligators / again running away from bullies*, Forrest runs through Greenbow High School's *ice rink / football field* during a practice scouted by University of Alabama coaches. He outpaces the players and is given a *bunch of red roses / football scholarship*. His *running ability / intelligence* makes him a hero with the Alabama team, under legendary coach Bear Bryant. He is named to the All-American team and meets President *George W. Bush / John F. Kennedy* at the White House.

Forrest remains friends with Jenny, though she attends a separate all-girls' college. Gump appears on television in 1963, standing behind Governor George Wallace at Foster Auditorium during a protest against University desegregation. He *is appointed headmaster / graduates* after five years.

On graduation day, he is approached by an Army recruiter and is enlisted in the army. Gump says he *fits into / hates* the army. He assembles *an army tank / his rifle* in record time. His one friend is "Bubba", who knows everything there is to know about shrimp. They agree to go into the "shrimping business" together, after they are discharged from the army. While Forrest is white and Bubba is *red / black*, the pair discover they have very similar backgrounds, philosophies on life, are both mentally *ahead / retarded*, and have similar "Mamas."

One night, while in their bunks, a fellow soldier tosses Forrest a Playboy. Forrest turns a page and recognizes one of the *nuns / naked girls* as none other than Jenny. The photo *makes her the most famous girl in the world / gets her expelled from college*, and she begins playing *guitar / the piano* in the nude as "Bobbie Dylan" at a strip club. Forrest visits her and witnesses some men "trying to grab" her while playing "Blowin' in the Wind" by Bob Dylan. He *congratulates them / beats them up*, but Jenny is fired as a result.

The couple talk about old times, and Jenny recalls when they hid from her stepfather in the cornfield and she prayed to God to turn her into *an angel / a bird*. She asks Forrest, "Do you think I could *rob a bank / fly off this bridge*, Forrest?" *Forrest likes the idea / This worries Forrest*, and Jenny dismisses the thought. He tells her of his impending tour of duty in *Vietnam / Germany*, and she begs him not to be brave and to just run if he is ever *caught by the police / in trouble*. She then hitches a ride in a passing *UFO / pickup truck*.

While serving in the Vietnam War under Lieutenant Dan Taylor, he is awarded the Medal of Honor for having carried wounded *horses / members of his platoon* (including the lieutenant and Bubba, who dies in Forrest's arms) to safety during *a barbecue / an ambush*. Lieutenant Dan later has both legs amputated, to his initial resentment, as he saw it as his destiny to *make peace / die in combat*, just as every one of his ancestors had before him and now instead would have to live the rest of his life *in prison / as a cripple*.

While in Washington to receive his medal, Forrest Gump by chance goes to an Anti-Vietnam-Demonstration and meets Jenny again, this time a *hippie / teacher*.

During the award ceremony, President Lyndon Johnson asks Forrest *why / where* he was shot. Forrest replies "I was shot in the *brains / buttocks*, sir." After Johnson jokes about wanting to see the *bullet that hit him / wound*, Forrest, thinking the President really did want to see the wound, pulls down his pants to show him.

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Forrest
Gump



While Forrest is recovering from his wound, he becomes an expert ping-pong player and travels to *Switzerland / the People's Republic of China* during the Ping Pong Diplomacy period. He becomes a *public enemy / national hero* playing ping-pong and is offered \$25,000 to endorse a brand of ping-pong paddles.

Forrest appears on a TV talk-show together with John Lennon. As Forrest recalls his experiences in Communist China, he gives Lennon *his medal / the idea for his song Imagine*.

Forrest meets Lieutenant Dan, now *a lucky well-dressed businessman / bitter, alcoholic cripple* who has lost his faith in God. During a New Year's Eve party, Lieutenant Dan promises to become his *butler / first mate* if Forrest ever becomes a shrimping-boat captain.

Forrest is *invited / warned* by President Nixon to stay at the Watergate Hotel complex in Washington. He is awoken by *loud screams coming from / flashlights in* the offices opposite his room. Believing the tenants to be having difficulty with a fusebox, Forrest calls *his Mama in Greenbow, Alabama / the security office* to notify the maintenance crew, initiating by this the Watergate scandal.

After his military service, he returns home with \$25,000 from the Table Tennis paddle endorsement. After buying some things for his mother and himself, he uses the balance of \$24,562.47 to buy his own *motorbike / shrimping boat* — christened the Jenny, after his “girlfriend” — and *tours Route 66 / starts a shrimp business*, keeping a promise to Bubba. True to his word, Lieutenant Dan becomes his *security guard / first mate* in the “Bubba-Gump Shrimp Corporation.” They are spectacularly unsuccessful until they happen to be out of port during *an earthquake / Hurricane Carmen*, which wrecks all the other fishing boats in the area, giving them an instant monopoly on the shrimp market and making Forrest *unhappy / a very wealthy man*. Lieutenant Dan finally takes over the management of the growing business and buys Forrest shares in “some kind of fruit company” - Apple Computers - before that company's rise, making Forrest even *poorer / wealthier*. Even though *his Mama / Lieutenant Dan* says he is crazy to do so, Forrest sends a check for what he considers to be Bubba's share of the shrimp business profit to Bubba's mother, who had been working as a *business executive / cook*, just like all of her ancestors before her. With the proceeds, she moves her large family from their *palace / shack* into *luxurious / poor* accommodations, complete with her own private cook. Forrest also donates funds to a church and a medical center, citing his mother's philosophy that “there's only so much fortune a man really needs, and the rest is just for *living / showing off*”.

Forrest returns to his childhood home *because he doesn't know / when he receives word* that his mama is ill. His mother dies shortly afterwards. He is reunited with Jenny, who has made a mess of her life, including drug addiction. She lives with him for a while, then *leaves / they are married* following a night of passion and Forrest's awkward marriage proposal.

Forrest begins to run, first “to the end of the road”, then “to the end of town”. Eventually, he runs clear *around the world / across the country*. He runs from one coast to the other, and then turns around and heads back, running continuously for “three years, two months, fourteen days, and sixteen hours.” He *prevents / inspires* a running movement, including a flock of “disciples” who run with him.

Along the way, Forrest is alerted he has stepped in dog feces by a man who was asking for a phrase to put on a sticker, to which he replies “it happens” which the guy then took to created the phrase *“nix happens” / “shit happens”*.

One day, a mud-splattered Forrest is given a yellow T-shirt by a T-shirt salesman who “couldn't draw all that well and didn't have a camera” but wanted to *kill Forest Gump with / immortalize Forrest on* a shirt. Gump leaves the man with a giant smiley face made of mud imprinted on the shirt and tells him to *“be or not to be” / “have a nice day,”* thereby inspiring yet another pop culture phenomenon, the Happy Face.

One day, he decides to stop running and receives a letter from Jenny asking him *to visit her / for money*. Forrest shows Jenny's letter to the current listener, explaining why he *doesn't like modern art / is at the bus stop*. She tells him that the address is *only a short distance away / not in this town*. He is reunited with Jenny and her young son. She tells him that the boy is named *Washington, after the first president / Forrest, after his father*. She also tells Forrest she is suffering from an unknown virus, the symptoms of which are indicative of AIDS stemming from her *drug abuse / hard work*. Jenny and Forrest Jr. move in with him back in *Greenbow, Alabama / San Francisco*. Jenny and Forrest finally get married. Lieutenant Dan, who has artificial legs — “magic legs”, as Forrest refers to them — and an *army general / Asian fiancée*, attends the wedding.

Jenny finally dies “on a Saturday morning,” March 22, 1982, making Forrest a single parent to little Forrest, a *bright / dull* child who attends school. Forrest *demolishes / rebuilds* the house that Jenny grew up in, as it had reminded

her of her abusive father. Jenny's death causes Forrest to *question the nature of life / kill himself*. “I don't know if Mama was right or whether it was Lieutenant Dan. I don't know if we each have a destiny, or if we're all just floating around accidental-like on a *breeze / island*, but I think, maybe it's both, maybe both are happening at the same time.”

