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MY COUSIN FROM TEXAS

An English farmer is visiting his American cousin, who is also a farmer, in Texas. The Texan farmer is boasting about his farm. "My farm is so big that it takes me a whole day to drive around it," he says. The Englishman looks at his cousin and replies, "Yes, I know what you mean. I used to have a car like that too"

boast: prahlen I used to have...: Früher hatte ich... reply: entgegnen

BAD BUSINESS

"How is business?" one salesman asked another.

"Terrible. Even the people who never pay have stopped buying."

salesman: Kaufmann even: sogar

WRONG NUMBER

A teenage girl had been talking on the phone for about half an hour, and then she hung up.

"Wow!" said her father, "That was short. You usually talk for two hours. What happened?"

"Wrong number," replied the girl.

hang up: einhängen usually: gewöhnlich, üblicherweise



happen: geschehen

WRONG DIRECTION

A little boy asks a driver: "Could you give me a ride, please? I'm late for school."

"But I'm heading in the opposite direction, son."

"Even better!"

give s.o. a ride: jem. mit dem Auto mitnehmen

to head: Richtung nehmen auf opposite direction: die andere Richtung

ANOTHER STAMP

Johnny walks into a post office to send a package to his friend. The postmaster says, "This package is too heavy, you'll need another stamp." Johnny wonders, "And that would make it lighter?"

another: eine weitere stamp: Briefmarke

package: Paket heavy: schwer

light: leicht