

What am I?

I can kill thousands

But will never be punished

I bring sweethearts together

But they never invite me to the wedding

Though I may be poor

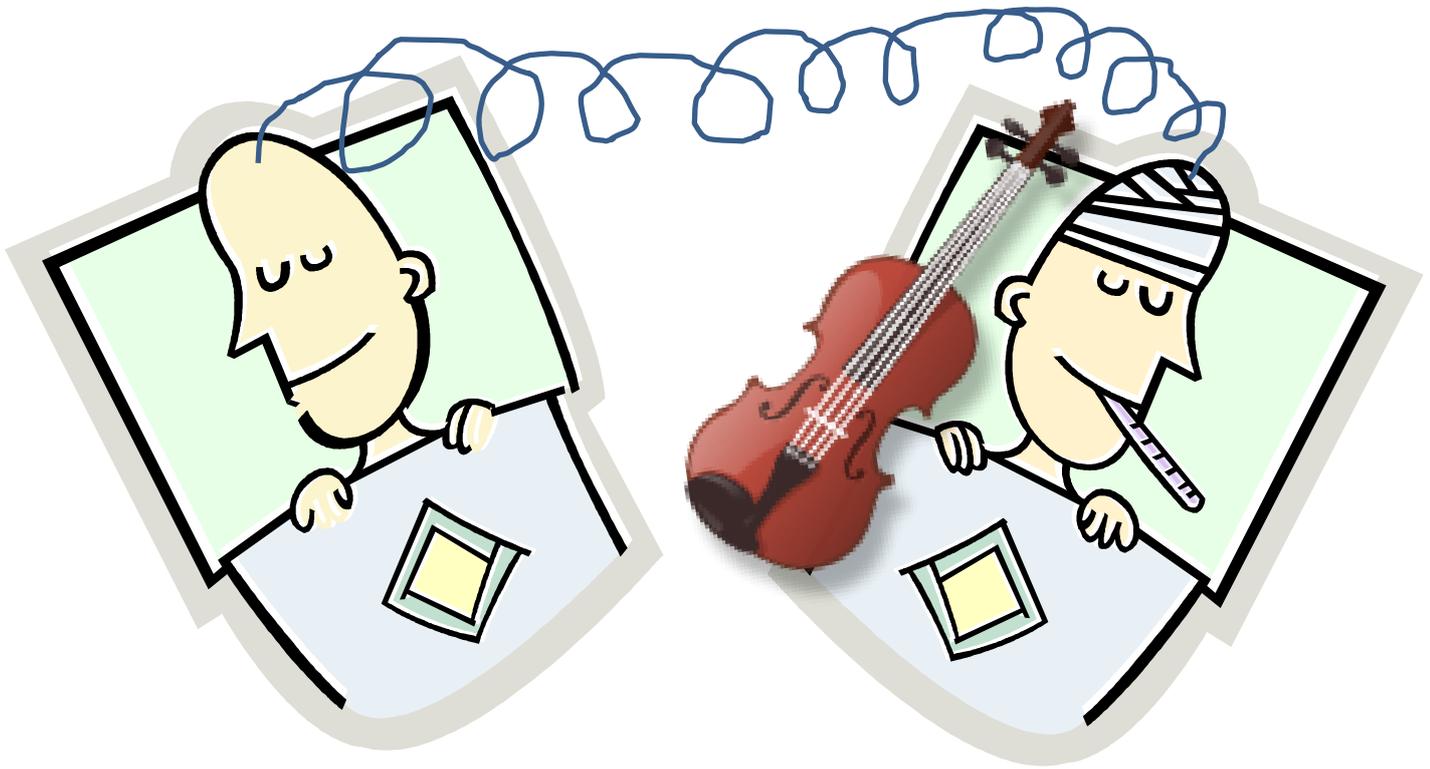
I can make men rich

And though my looks may be average

I am a great breaker of hearts

You wake up, confused, in a hospital bed. In the bed next to you is a world famous violinist. Connecting the two of you are a range of pipes, wires and tubes.

You discover that you have been kidnapped by the Music Lovers Society. To save the beloved performer from dying from an unpleasant wasting disease, they have kidnapped you and are using you for a transfusion. As a very rare, perfect tissue match, only you can keep the violinist alive.



If you stay connected to the violinist for nine months, he will be cured and you will both be able to resume your normal lives. If you disconnect, he dies and nobody else can save him. Must you stay connected? Should you?

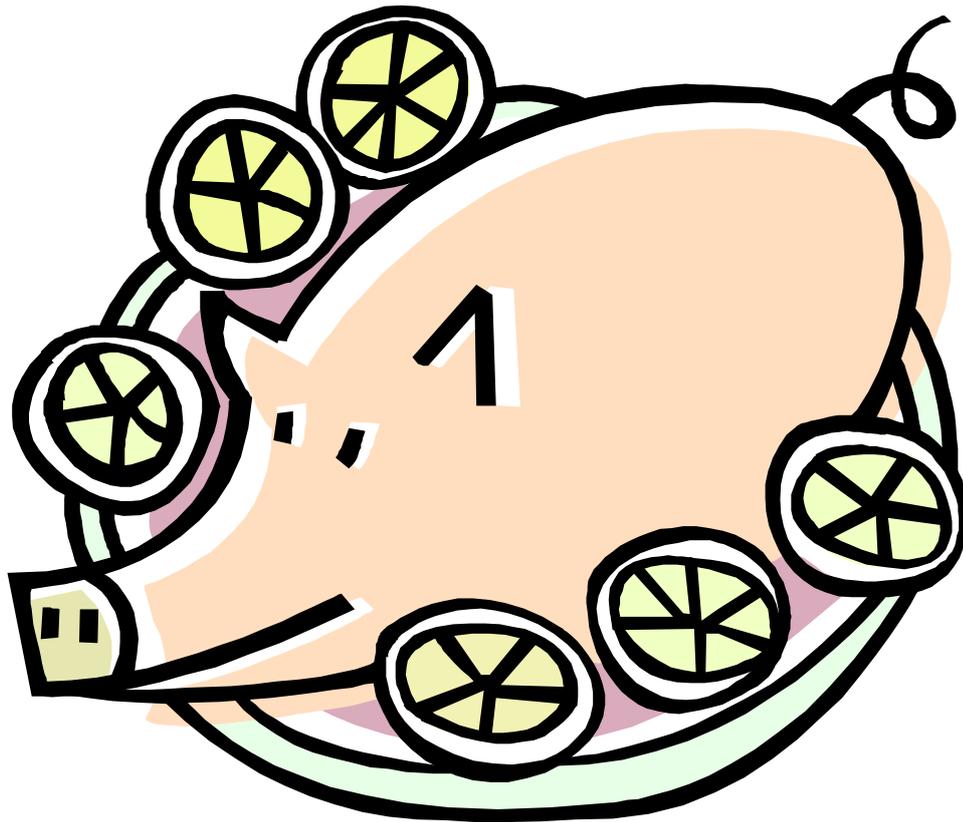
Your school is upgrading its computers. A school in a poorer country is keen to make use of the ones you are throwing away.

“They’ll be very helpful. As well as using them for lessons, we can keep track of pupils’ behaviour. Teachers will be able to put a cross against a pupil’s name on the system when they misbehave. When they have three crosses, the child will get a message to go to the headmaster for the cane. At the moment, children get away with misbehaving because it takes too long for teachers to fill in bits of paper and add them up.”



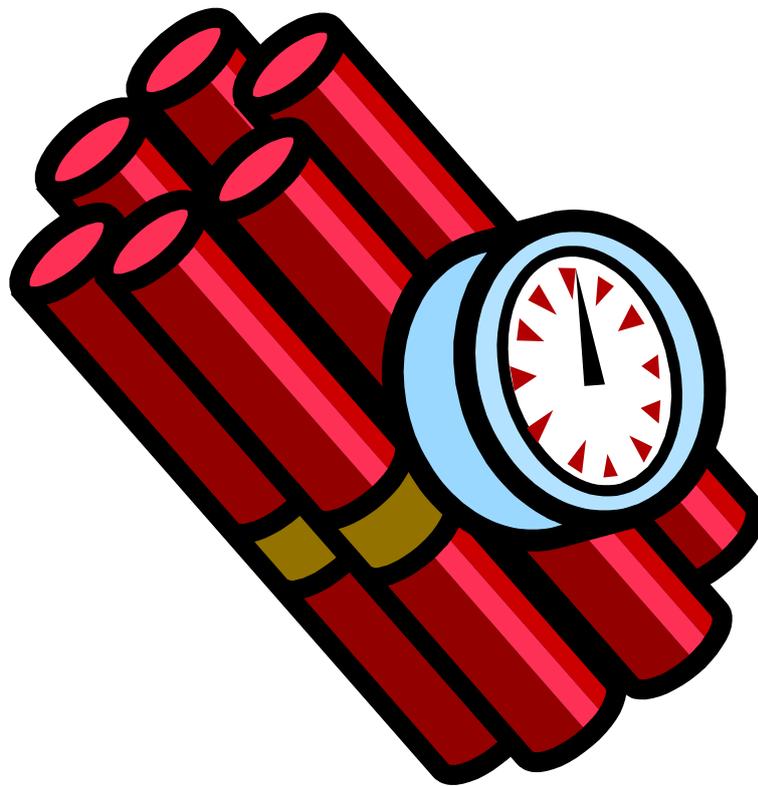
Should you insist the school stop using the cane to receive your support? Or that the computers aren’t used to help with caning children? Or just give them the computers and ignore how they will be used?

It's the year 2200. Like most people, you're a vegetarian. So you're shocked to find that Elvira, an intelligent, talking pig you met the other day has had herself delivered to your door with a selection of trimmings and a recipe.

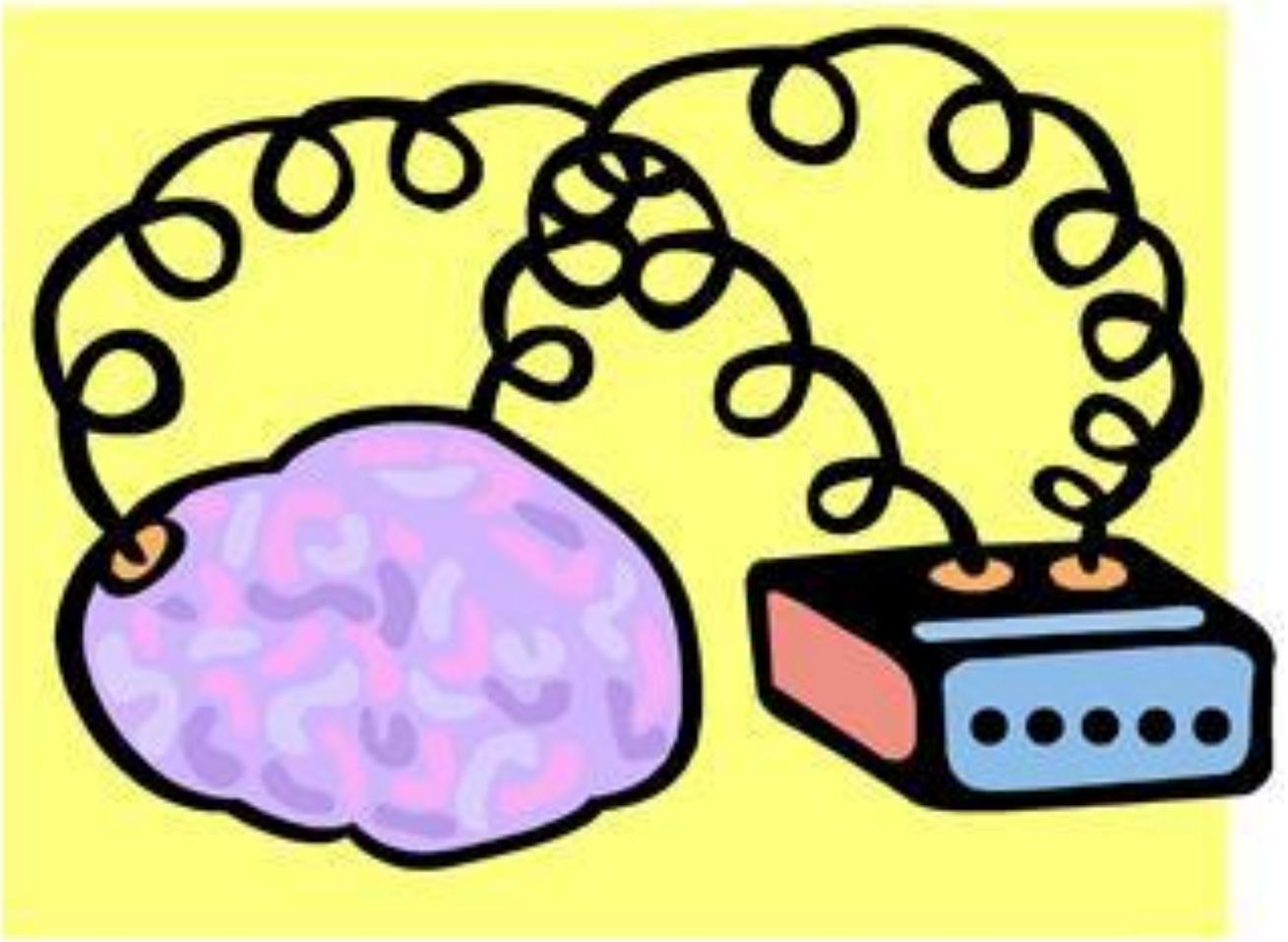


Elvira has been genetically engineered to be talkative, tasty and very keen to be eaten. You've always rather liked the smell of bacon, but have never eaten meat for ethical reasons. But if Elvira *wants* to be eaten...

A terrorist has planted a bomb somewhere in the city. You have captured him at his family home, but he refuses to tell you where it is. If you attempt to evacuate the city, the streets will be flooded with people and it's possible even more will die when the bomb goes off.



Another official suggests torture, which is illegal. But in these circumstances, should you use it and face the consequences? What about torturing his innocent wife and child if that is the only way to get him to reveal the location of the bomb and save hundreds of lives?



Here's the bad news.

Last night, you got abducted by aliens. They wiped your memory of the abduction. They ate most of you.

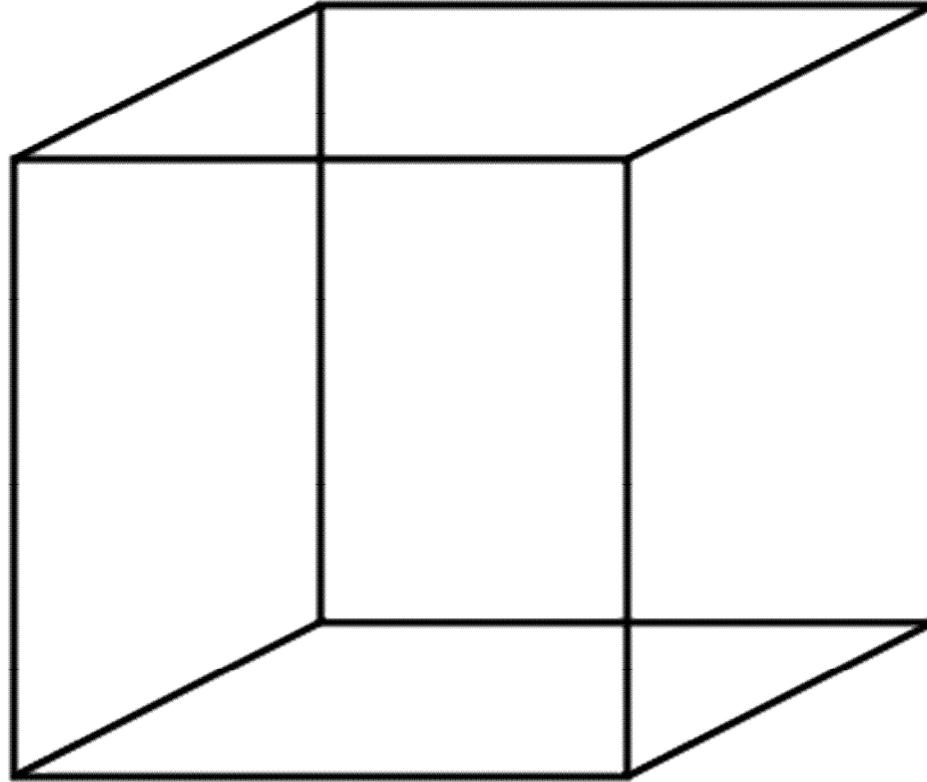
The good news is, your brain is still alive. And right now, it's plugged into a quantum supercomputer which is running a perfect simulation of life as you knew it.

Can you prove I'm lying?



If a broom has had four heads and six handles, is it still the same broom?

Most of the atoms in your body are not the same ones that made you up as a baby and will not be there when you are old. But are you still the same person?



How much of what you see is in your mind?

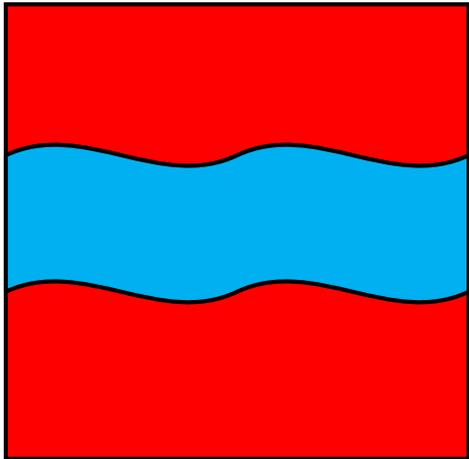


HURRAH!



BOO!

How is saying something is right or wrong different to just going “hurrah!” or “boo!”?



Is there any way you can tell that the next person to look at this card doesn't see the colours in these two pictures swapped around?

