

Don Rickles

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Italians are fantastic people, really. They can work you over in an alley while singing an opera.

~Don Rickles

No matter where you go in this world, you will always find a Jew sitting in the beach chair next to you.

~Don Rickles

I think if I took therapy, the doctor would quit. He'd just pick up the couch and walk out of the room.

~Don Rickles

When you enter a room, you have to kiss his ring. I don't mind, but he has it in his back pocket.

~Don Rickles

When you stand alone and sell yourself, you can't please everyone. But when you're different, you can last.

~Don Rickles

Who picks your clothes - Stevie Wonder?

~Don Rickles

I always rib people, but nobody ever gives me a hard time. I don't know why. Maybe they're afraid of what I might say. There's probably a lesson in that somewhere, but I don't know what it is.

~Don Rickles

Yeah, I make fun of blacks, and why not? I'm not a black.

~Don Rickles

I used to play golf. I wanted to be a better player, but after a while I realized I'd always stink. And that's when I really started to enjoy the game.

~Don Rickles

Some people say funny things - but I say things funny.

~Don Rickles

Some people call me a legend and the last of the greats, and I appreciate it.

~Don Rickles

Asians are nice people, but they burn a lot of shirts.

~Don Rickles

My style is my personality. It's always been that way. Being a wiseguy and having fun. It's always been that way for me, when I was in high school, and in the Navy. It's not something I rehearse.

~Don Rickles

I have no idea what I'm going to say when I stand up to give a toast. But I do know that anything I say I find funny.

~Don Rickles

If I were to insult people and mean it, that wouldn't be funny.

~Don Rickles

It's very sweet to have people say nice things about you, and I always accept that.

~Don Rickles

Smartphones. Who cares? Smartphones. I only have dummy phones.

~Don Rickles

Women were afraid of me, they were scared to death. But I always say be yourself, if you're funny then let your sense of humor go there. I mean there's no sense hiding what you feel.

~Don Rickles

I have a problem, if the light goes on on TV and it blinks midnight, I don't know how to fix it.

~Don Rickles

Regis Philbin is very successful in his own right. We have a new thing where he have chairs and we sit and talk to each other about my career and his career. It works pretty well if I do say so.

~Don Rickles

When you talk about George Burns you're talking about a living legend . . . well, a legend, anyhow.

~Don Rickles

I've never had guys sit me down and say this is what you've got to do. It's my personality that makes me one of a kind, and I believe that.

~Don Rickles

I can sit all day in a comfortable chair and watch ball games, but I don't need a blanket.

~Don Rickles

You throw your best punch, otherwise don't do it.

~Don Rickles

You can't study comedy; it's within you. It's a personality. My humor is an attitude.

~Don Rickles

Eddie Fisher married to Elizabeth Taylor is like me trying to wash the Empire State Building with a bar of soap.

~Don Rickles

Struggling is hard because you never know what's at the end of the tunnel.

~Don Rickles

My main success was an attitude. Always an attitude.

~Don Rickles

I've got an accountant who's been with me forty years. If he makes a mistake, he dies.

~Don Rickles

They always use the word 'insult' with me, but I don't hurt anybody. I wouldn't be sitting here if I did. I make fun of everybody and exaggerate all our insecurities.

~Don Rickles

Who am I to judge is what I say. I'm 90 years old, for crying out loud, and I don't sit in any chariot.

~Don Rickles

Half the battle is that people have to like you before you say one joke, one bit of humor.

~Don Rickles

I'm not a big one for jokes. I can't tell a joke, believe it or not. If you gave me a thousand bucks and said, "Don, get up at a party and tell a joke," I'm the worst.

~Don Rickles

Whatever you do to gain success, you have to hang in there and hope good things happen. Always think positive.

~Don Rickles

An insult comic is the title I was given. What I do is exaggeration. I

make fun of people, at life, of myself and my surroundings.

~Don Rickles

I was with George Washington at Valley Forge, sitting around before an attack... gimme a break. That's over 70 years ago already.

~Don Rickles

I don't feel an obligation to give everyone a hard time, but when they're important people, it's fun.

~Don Rickles

I do situations and make fun of authority and life.

~Don Rickles

I've never had a writer, and I'm proud of that. Everything I've performed has been from my own head.

~Don Rickles

I'm very shy so I became very outgoing to protect my shyness.

~Don Rickles

Showbiz is great if you're successful.

~Don Rickles

When you're 18, you're just so busy being scared and having fun - a crazy mixture - that you never thought of dying.

~Don Rickles

I was sitting in the toilet and I was by myself. I was tired of playing with the roller, so I said I'd better write a book.

~Don Rickles

I take pride in being very unique in what I do. Nobody else can do what I do and I don't mean to say that egotistically, it's just something in my

personality.

~Don Rickles

In the old days, that was my ad-lib for hecklers in the joints I worked. It stuck with me. I hardly say it now, say, to fans, even though people do send me hockey pucks.

~Don Rickles

I have to have energy because I have a lot of expenses. A couple of cars, couple of dogs and a big estate.

~Don Rickles

I cannot tell a joke. But I can do a situation, that it becomes a joke.

~Don Rickles

To my knowledge, I was the first guy really to do what I do. And then later on different comedians started trying doing it.

~Don Rickles

In the 45 years I've worked in casinos, I dreamed of being honored by an organization like the American Gaming Association, especially since I don't even have a hunting license.

~Don Rickles

The old days were the old days. And they were great days. But now is now.

~Don Rickles

It's tough having the last name Rickles. Luckily, my kids handled it great.

~Don Rickles

Alan King, a comedian I adored, was considered society, and I was considered the Jewish kid from the neighborhood.

~Don Rickles

You lose your energy, you lose that excitement and it gets the audience up.

~Don Rickles

We show a lot of film [with Regis Philbin] from my career which is most enjoyable. I enjoy watching it.

~Don Rickles

Everything I do on stage, I made up in saloons. I started doing it in front of people, and that became my performance. I never had writers.

~Don Rickles

Everything I've ever done in my whole career, people might not know, I've never written anything down on paper.

~Don Rickles

Frank Sinatra enjoyed my humor, so I could say almost anything to him. I mean, within reason.

~Don Rickles

I don't really tell a joke per se, I build up an attitude and it becomes a joke.

~Don Rickles

The thing I love about Vegas is that it's a melting pot. It's like working Ellis Island.

~Don Rickles

I have my own gym. When you do jokes and they sell, you get a gym.

~Don Rickles

When I first went to Vegas, there were just high-rollers and gamblers

and the wise guys treated you great.

~Don Rickles

It's just to break things up between stand-up gigs. I would only do it periodically. Maybe just an East Coast thing.

~Don Rickles

You know what's funny to me? Attitude.

~Don Rickles

When I'm onstage, I'm acting.

~Don Rickles

When I got out of high school, I wanted to be an actor but was getting a lot of rejections. I was getting rejected by life. My mother, God rest her soul, told me not to quit.

~Don Rickles

Show business is my life. When I was a kid I sold insurance, but nobody laughed.

~Don Rickles

I don't really tell a joke, I react to situations. The whole thing is just looking at somebody and showing all our weaknesses and exaggerating them, and that's how it becomes funny.

~Don Rickles

The man I adored, and miss him terribly, was Johnny Carson.

~Don Rickles

I was always the guy - out of insecurities, I was always making fun, even as a kid.

~Don Rickles

To me, the stand up part in my life is great. I know I can do that. When I get an acting chance, I'm really thrilled.

~Don Rickles

People think being in your seventies means sitting around in a chair with a blanket over your legs, drooling.

~Don Rickles

I still think funny, and people young and old still come and see me. That's flattering. The day comes that they stop coming, then I'll know that it's time to retire to the Jewish ranch.

~Don Rickles

I was nice to the people in the Philippines for the two and a half years I was there, because I knew eventually I'd have to kiss up to them so my grandchildren could have toys.

~Don Rickles

So many young people think the big sex act is the whole movie, but that's not the case. You need to be able to talk and laugh and cry together.

~Don Rickles

It takes many years to be a great comedian.

~Don Rickles

I don't get into politics. I know [Donald] Trump, but I don't follow that. That's just an aside for him when he has nothing else to say. He never involved me in any of that stuff.

~Don Rickles

Room service is great if you want to pay \$500 for a club sandwich.

~Don Rickles

I knew most of the people there who ran the places, a lot of wiseguys. They're all gone now. All good people.

~Don Rickles

My whole act is off the top of my head.

~Don Rickles

Political correctness? In my humor, I never talk about politics. I was never much into all that.

~Don Rickles

Well, I call myself an actor. I always wanted to be one.

~Don Rickles

I still have drive, but everything is relative.

~Don Rickles

I've never gambled a dime. Never, in all my years in Vegas.

~Don Rickles

You've got to be able to sell yourself.

~Don Rickles

My health, thank God, has kept my brain alive.

~Don Rickles

My father wasn't much for show business. He was an insurance man - very well-liked, very warm. He had a lot of friends.

~Don Rickles

Hell, do I remember the first joke? I was never a jokester.

~Don Rickles

My father when walked into a room, you could tell that everybody loved

him. They really did. He was quite a man. My mother was more into the show biz atmosphere than he was.

~Don Rickles

I don't do impressions.

~Don Rickles

I've never been mean-spirited, in my opinion. I never did anything below the belt.

~Don Rickles

I never went out looking for glory.

~Don Rickles

I was a mother's boy.

~Don Rickles

I would describe myself as a guy that's very normal but has the tendency to rib people, but never in a mean-spirited way.

~Don Rickles

I grew up in an Orthodox family, as I grew older, I became Conservative and that's how it ended up. But I've developed that Jewish feel to my act from my surroundings and my family.

~Don Rickles

Sex is great, but when you get to be my age, you've got to pace it a little bit. Otherwise you get tired.

~Don Rickles

The transformation has been unbelievable. When I started here, I worked in a place where the Sky Room was on the second floor.

~Don Rickles

I'm always watching films. The Academy pretty much sends me every film that's ever been done. I enjoy watching them, especially with the people I know.

~Don Rickles

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