

Jack Benny

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I don't deserve this award, but I have arthritis and I don't deserve that either.

~Jack Benny

My wife Mary and I have been married for forty-seven years and not once have we had an argument serious enough to consider divorce; murder, yes, but divorce, never.

~Jack Benny

Age is something that doesn't matter, unless you are a cheese. Age is strictly a case of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.

~Jack Benny

No matter how often I tell people I'm thirty-nine some of them refuse to believe I'm that old.

~Jack Benny

A rich man is one who isn't afraid to ask the salesperson to show him something cheaper.

~Jack Benny

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Comedy itself is based upon very old principles of which I can readily name seven. They are, in short: the joke, exaggeration, ridicule, ignorance, surprise, the pun, and finally, the comic situation.

~Jack Benny

It's not so much knowing when to speak, when to pause.

~Jack Benny

A scout troop consists of twelve little kids dressed like schmucks

following a big schmuck dressed like a kid.

~Jack Benny

Give me golf clubs, fresh air and a beautiful partner, and you can keep the clubs and the fresh air.

~Jack Benny

I went to a meeting for premature ejaculators. I left early.

~Jack Benny

I gambled at the crap table all night and finally lost \$8, but during that time the house gave me four drinks and two cigars, so it was still a lot cheaper than renting a room.

~Jack Benny

I took my girl to dinner, and she laughed so hard at one of my jokes that she dropped her tray.

~Jack Benny

I feel responsible for Johnny Ray's success. See many years ago I asked him to be on my show and he asked for a lot of money and I cried. And he stole that from me.

~Jack Benny

Hors D'oeuvre: A ham sandwich cut into forty pieces.

~Jack Benny

I was born in Waukegan a long, long time ago. As a matter of fact, our rabbi was an Indian.

~Jack Benny

How do I get to Carnegie Hall? Practice. Practice. Practice.

~Jack Benny

I practice three hours daily on my violin so I won't get worse.

~Jack Benny

When you talk about the world's greatest entertainer you have to say Al Jolson because there was no one like him. Only Judy Garland and perhaps Frank Sinatra got anywhere near him!

~Jack Benny

Everything good that happened to me happened by accident.

~Jack Benny

I'm living in a very modest place. I have a room over-looking beautiful Claridge's Hotel. I thought it was better than paying Claridge's prices and overlooking the dump I'm living in.

~Jack Benny

There's only five real people in Hollywood. Everyone else is Mel Blanc.

~Jack Benny

Try to save something while your salary is small; it's impossible to save after you begin to earn more.

~Jack Benny

The doctors couldn't find anything wrong with me except that I have a slight stomach pain. Wait till I get my hospital bill! Then I'll really have a pain the stomach!

~Jack Benny

I don't want to tell you how much insurance I carry with the Prudential, but all I can say is: when I go, they go too.

~Jack Benny

I was going to buy my girl a Packard car for Christmas, but it took too long to deliver, so I bought her some handkerchiefs.

~Jack Benny

Try saving when your salary is low. So after making more money, you will not be able to do this anywhere

~Jack Benny

Modesty is my best quality.

~Jack Benny

Gags die, humor doesn't.

~Jack Benny

I'm happy to be making my first appearance on air professionally. By that I mean I'm finally getting paid, which I know will be a great relief to my creditors.

~Jack Benny

When another comedian has a lousy show, I'm the first one to admit it.

~Jack Benny

I'm an old newspaper-man myself, but I quit because I found there was no money in old newspapers.

~Jack Benny

I believe in being honest with myself. If there's one thing I hate it's when a comedian is great and won't admit it. I've never met one like that, but if I did, I'd hate them.

~Jack Benny

I began my show business career playing violin in San Francisco at the corner of Market and Taylor. I understand that there is a theater there now.

~Jack Benny

Bill Paley is not only the greatest boss I ever had, but he's the most brilliant, honest and warm human being I've ever met. And I'll say that to his face - even if it costs me my job.

~Jack Benny

Any man who would walk five miles through the snow, barefoot, just to return a library book so he could save three cents - that's my kind of guy.

~Jack Benny

The only way I'll ever get hurt in the casino is if there's an earthquake and a slot machine falls on my foot.

~Jack Benny

I'm like Will Rogers, I never met a man I didn't like... well, Eichmann maybe.

~Jack Benny

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