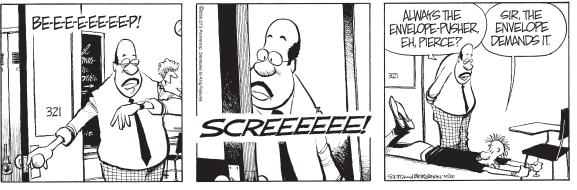
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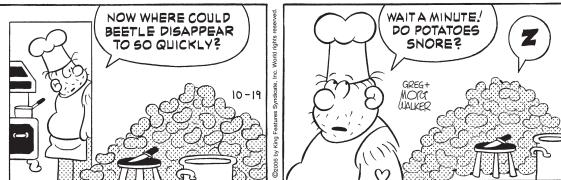


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Superstitious friend is annoying

Dear Dr. Brothers: Can you help me cope with a dear friend who is exceedingly annoying?

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YOUR TOE.

I don't want to be angry with her, but she is so overly superstitious that it's ridiculous! If you say, "We've had little traffic so far" or "It's starting out to be a beautiful day," she gets all excited and tells you not to say such things because of a possible jinx. It has gotten so that I am afraid to utter any kind of positive comment about anything!

This is an intelligent woman who seems to have this one quirk, but it is getting in the way of our friendship when I can't even express my thoughts without being called reckless.

Your take on this?

– F.N. Dear F.N.: Your friend's worry over jinxing a situation is indeed a type of superstition, although we generally think that superstitions involve things like ladders, black cats, stepping on cracks or perhaps the number 13. In your friend's case, she has taken the position that good things won't last if someone up there (commonly referred to as fate or the gods) gets wind of her good fortune.

The basic life view here is one of an angry or vengeful punisher waiting to catch someone like her having a good time or enjoying good fortune in some way, and then putting a swift end to it.

Some people have a religion that shapes their view of the world: some others. like vour friend, put their faith in good luck and keeping a low profile. Perhaps somewhere in her past, she was enjoying something "too much" and it was taken away from her.

You might ask her where she acquired her unusual views. Some people simply can't believe that they deserve the simple little things we like to comment on when the day is going our way. And others feel a profound sense of powerlessness, and ascribe all sorts of influence to imaginary forces that they might be able to control somewhat by monitoring their remarks. You might learn something by listening.

Quiz on fine art of whining Anyone who has kids of his or her that you can't own or works with them encounters whining from time to time - it's inevitable.

But understanding what the whining is all about and how to head it off or short-circuit it is an invaluable asset, especially if you would like to keep your sanity and help the child short supply of become a good kid instead of a humor, generally spoiled brat.

Take this quiz to see how much will take your ou know about the fine art of whin- imitation as huing. 1. Whining means your pre-



whining!" or "Stop whining; it won't get you anything!"

True() False() 3. Making fun of the "whine" by imitating it or responding in your own whiny voice is not a good idea.

True() False()

4. If the child responds to your request to stop whining, it is only fair to give her what she is now asking nicely for.

True() False()

5. How you treat whining today will help determine how the child behaves as an adult.

True() False()

6. If you tend to be a complainer, it is always bad to let the child hear you moaning and complaining. True() False()

Answers:

1. False. Whining is a combination of crying and trying to communicate, and it usually means one of two things: Either the child has failed to get the attention she wants and needs, or she has figured out that this is the way to get what she wants. The first cause of whining is the most popular one.

The child doesn't start out as a whiner; she usually starts out by asking for something or trying to get the parent's attention and failing.

Only then does the voice become annoying and the requests repetitive.

If the child starts out with a whiny voice immediately, it is a sign that she's learned that the whiny voice is the one that will get a response.

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youngster's whining. Little kids do not always understand what you mean by 'whining," so you need to define your terms: Let them know even listen to what they want until they talk in their regular nice voice.

3. True. A whining child has a speaking, and

you would like

whinier the child becomes, the quieter and more in control your voice should be to calm him down and show what kind of interaction you need.

4. False. Giving in to her unreasonable requests just because they Brothers are politely expressed will create the dreaded spoiled brat.

Plus, it indicates to the child that she can blackmail you into giving her whatever she wants with the unspoken threat that she will resort to whining if you say no.

If you do not intend to fulfill her request, say no firmly, tell her why, and thank her for asking politely. You can head off most whining by anticipating her feelings.

5. True. If you insist on being asked for attention, items or privileges in a polite way, using a nice voice, your child will see that there are rules that govern communication in our society, and he will feel much more in control of himself. Since he will get a more favorable response from adults as a nonwhiner, he is more likely to adopt that mode of expression as he grows

6. False. While it is not a great idea to expose your child to constant complaining on your part and then expect her to act differently, hearing Mommy use a whining or complaining voice once in a while will affirm to the child that she is not bad, but that everyone has a whiny time once in a while.

Ask her to listen to Mommy's voice and if she ever hears you whining, to remind you to talk or ask in a nice voice.

Then, if she does catch you play fair, take a deep breath and thank her for her help!

If you answered four of the six questions correctly, you have a good chance of helping your young children avoid whining to get their way, 2. False. These two responses are and a head start on avoiding spoiled





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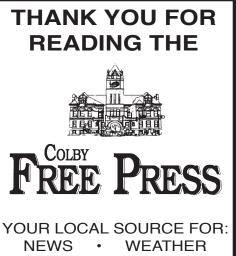


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Everyone Is Dealt 13 Cards

Opening lead — king of spades.

When declarer has a two-way finesse against a queen, he usually avoids making a decision until after he has gathered all the information he can about the defenders' hands.

Take this deal where South is faced with the question of where the queen of diamonds is located. West leads the K-A and another spade, East ruffing the third spade and declarer overruffing.

Since he must lose a trump trick sooner or later, South's only concern is to avoid a diamond loser. This would be easy enough to do if the location of the queen were known, but, lacking that knowledge, the best South can do is search for clues that might point the way to the habitat of the missing damsel.

At trick four, he leads the jack of hearts, which holds, followed by the ten. West takes the ace and exits safely with a heart.

By this time, declarer already knows a great deal about West's hand. West has shown up thus far with exactly six spades and three hearts. With nine of his cards accounted for, it is incumbent upon South to learn whatever he can about West's other four cards. He does this by cashing the A-K-Q of clubs, and, when West follows suit to each of them, South's problem is solved. He leads a low diamond to the king, to which West follows with the only diamond he can hold. South then continues with a low diamond to the ten with a 100 percent certainty that it will win the trick, and the game is home.

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