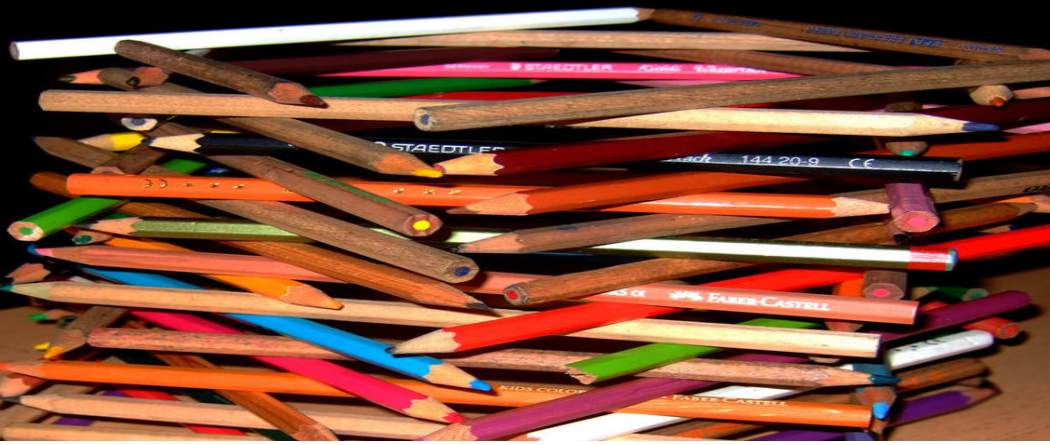


Endless Paths to Happiness

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Bored in class? There's help!

We've all been there. Sitting in a muggy, overcrowded classroom, with a teacher who is explaining the process of bread rising in real time with a voice that is so bland, every now and again, his speaking is mistaken for yawning. Let's face it. It's nearly impossible to get something worthwhile or productive done during this class period, because the concentration and brainpower required to produce something of value is difficult to attain while the teacher's droning voice is drilling into your head. So, that leaves only one solution. Find a more entertaining way to waste time.

in class for beginners. As you waste time, you'll find new avenues to entertain yourself without getting anything accomplished.



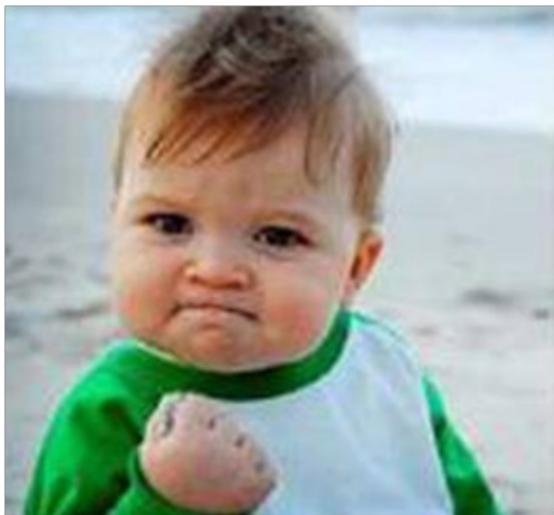
While wasting time is a talent embedded into everyone's soul (except the exceptionally strange ones), it takes practice to find wasteful entertainment in any setting. For example, amateurs should never try to entertain themselves with a bouncy ball while in class. That's expert level. This article will discuss ways to waste time



One simple way to waste time requires at least 4 coins, one quarter, one nickel, one penny, and one dime. The goal is to stand each coin on its side in descending order by size, with the head right-side up, facing you. For example, you stand up the quarter first, then the nickel immediately in front of it, then the penny, and finally the dime. A wondrous way to waste time and get strange looks from your peers. This works with pens and pencils as well.

Of course, we can't forget the simplest and overall easiest way to waste time. Daydreaming. While this method is one of the simplest forms of wasting time, it reaps a very large benefit. The teacher has no idea what's going on in your head. Your mind can be destroying the death star, fighting vampires, or even flying, while the teacher thinks you're actually paying attention. It's a priceless getaway.

Another benefit of daydreaming is the boundless possibilities. You can do anything. You can be a knight or a princess, an elf or a dwarf, a superhero or super villain. Have you ever imagined yourself riding Toothless from How to Train Your Dragon? How about using the force as a Jedi fighting the Sith? Or perhaps saving the day, getting the girl, and having the Queen of England knight you? (OK. That's one that I've had.) Point is the mind is limitless. Albert Einstein once said "Imagination ... is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world" (Viereck). Use the boundless power you have and waste mountains of time.



There you have it, a couple ways to waste time if you are ever bored, stuck, or downright lazy. By this point, I'd say you should try what you've learned and go waste time, however, you've already wasted at least 3 minutes reading this. Good job.

Other wondrous ways to waste time in class:

- Count something (Ceiling tiles, green shoes, strange haircuts).
- Teach yourself how to sneeze.
- Get on twitter and post that you're using twitter, every five minutes.
- Find the longest hair on your arm.
- Train yourself to write your name backwards.
- Actually listen to the teacher.

Viereck, George Sylvester (October 26, 1929). "What life means to Einstein: an interview". The Saturday Evening Post.