

Defiant Monkey Improv's **AWESOME ASK-FOR LIST**

Welcome to the Defiant Monkey Improv Awesome Ask-For List!

This list is composed of ask-fors and scene starters we've curated and created over the years, and are presented for here for your use. If you have any of your own you'd like to share for possible future inclusion in this list, please send them to us as improv@defiantmonkey.com. Thank you, and enjoy!

*Note: In most cases we've eliminated the *Who? What? Where? When?* and *Why?* parts of these ask-fors so you can tailor them to your own style.

Locations

1. An outdoor location
2. A place you never want to fall asleep
3. Place you don't like to go
4. A place where you are not allowed to touch anything
5. A place you like to go
6. A public place where you might catch a cold or bug
7. Favorite place to go to as a kid
8. A historical destination
9. A magical or imaginary place
10. A place two people might meet
11. A popular place people go for a family outing
12. A location that fits on the stage
13. A non-geographical location? (example: bathroom or a doctor's office)
14. A room in the house
15. Worst place to take someone on a date
16. A place where you have been lost
17. A place you would not want to be alone at night
18. A place where you would likely meet unusual people
19. Somewhere you would (never) want to go on vacation
20. A noisy location
21. A place where a lot of things happen
22. A famous attraction you've been to that has been the greatest disappointment?
23. A cool place you visited
24. A place where there could be a crisis
25. A setting from a favorite movie/TV show/book?
26. Oddest vacation place
27. What is the dirtiest place in your home?

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Event/Time Period

28. Your most embarrassing moment?
29. An important moment in history?
30. Something you dread happening at work
31. A fun thing you did this summer
32. A recent drama in your life
33. Ghostly encounter
34. Something good that happened in your life you wish other people could experience, too
35. Worst historical time period to travel to?
36. An insignificant, yet memorable, moment in your life?
37. A non-war-related world history event
38. Besides death, what is something that happened in your life that you wish happened to your worst enemy?
39. What is something that restored your faith in humanity?

Occupations

40. A bad job for someone who is accident prone
41. A profession where you might get bitten by an animal
42. An occupation where you might hear a lot of loud noise
43. A job that a celebrity has before they become famous
44. If you could work at a federal penitentiary, what job would you choose?
45. An occupation that involves no risk of physical injury
46. What did you want to be when you grew up?
47. What profession should/should not play with silly putty?
48. Dream job
49. If you weren't doing what you do now, what job would you like to have?
50. An unusual expert
51. A poor career choice for you
52. Grandkid's future job
53. A noisy occupation
54. A job one of your grandparents had
55. A job that used to be common, but you don't see anymore
56. What do you think your first boyfriend/girlfriend is doing now?

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People/Relationships

57. A famous fictional or imaginary character
58. A politician that you would not want to see in an X rated movie
59. A celebrity or pop star "has been"
60. A popular singer from the 80s
61. Favorite cartoon character
62. The name of an unlikely superhero
63. A person who irritates you
64. A relationship between two people?
65. Outside of your family, who is someone you don't like personally, but still have to see regularly?
66. A reason why you've gathered in a group of three or more
67. A reason why a person would not want to break up with bad boy/girlfriend
68. A person you see regularly, but really know nothing about
69. Outside of your family, someone you have treated poorly
70. A person you know who is the opposite of you
71. A person you know but your spouse/partner has never met
72. A relationship you don't have yet, but may when you are much older

Animals

73. An animal you can't fit in your car
74. What animal does your spouse/boss/parents remind you of?
75. An animal that reminds you of yourself when you are hungry
76. An animal people like to race
77. A dog is to a cat like a walrus is to a BLANK
78. If you could replace your boss with an animal, what animal would it be?

Things

79. Something you would bring for "show and tell"
80. Something you would hate to find under your bed
81. Favorite childhood toy
82. A used object that people often pawn or sell
83. A food that is hard to eat with chopsticks
84. A present someone might give a werewolf
85. An article of clothing you can't wash in a machine
86. Something you might find in the women's section of the department store
87. Something that gets lost around the house
88. A classic bad Christmas or birthday gift

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89. The dumbest thing you have seen in an infomercial
90. Something people are allergic to
91. First thing that comes to your mind when I say (Insert color)
92. Something kids get dirty
93. If you could invent a new human organ what would it be?
94. Fill in the blank: She has perfect _____
95. The heaviest piece of furniture in your house
96. Something you might find at the beach
97. Least favorite type of food
98. What am I holding in my hands? (hold up hands)
99. Something that doesn't come with an instruction manual
100. A poor choice for collateral
101. I'm sorry, but the dog ate my _____
102. If there was no fire what would you use to keep warm?
103. If you could replace your spleen with something, what would it be?
104. My Post It notes don't work because they are covered in _____
105. A bad non-clothing replacement for pants
106. They're not really fighting over oil; they are fighting over _____
107. An item you would find in the kitchen/garage/attic
108. A mode of transportation
109. The best birthday present you ever got
110. Something you would want but would never buy yourself
111. What do you have in your basement/attic/trunk of your car?
112. Best/worst Christmas present you've ever gotten/given
113. An object in your junk drawer
114. Commonly used product that will be obsolete in 10 years
115. The next great invention
116. The yard sale find of the year
117. Most exotic thing in your house
118. Last thing you bought online
119. What did you want to get for your birthday, but never got?
120. The best bargain you've found at a garage sale or thrift shop

Food

121. Favorite cereal topping
122. What vegetable should a computer be named after?
123. Favorite candy bar
124. The most adventurous thing you've ever eaten
125. The most exotic meal you've prepared

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126. Favorite meal as a kid
127. A food you look forward to at Thanksgiving
128. The most disgusting thing at the grocery store
129. The most unusual thing in your refrigerator

Title

130. A TV show that was made into a movie
131. Favorite fairy tale
132. Book title
133. Latest Broadway flop
134. Next great action movie
135. Title for a dramatic play
136. Title of your autobiography
137. "NAME + NAME Go to LOCATION" (In the manner of *Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle*)
138. NAME/VERB/NAME OF CITY OR TOWN (Example: *Stephen Preys on Pittsburgh*)
139. NAME/VERB/NAME becomes "When NAME VERB(ED) NAME" (As in *When Harry Met Sally*)
140. Name a TV show. Give me a made up title for an episode
141. Think about the day you've been having. What is the title of your day?
142. Name a historical figure. What is the name of the sitcom they now star in?
143. Get the name of a real Broadway musical. Now get a word and replace a significant word in the title with it (Example: *Phantom of the Opera* becomes *Phantom of the Breakroom*)
144. Have 2 or 3 cast members strike a pose (as in "Art Gallery"). Have an audience member give it a title

Activity

145. What are you planning to do on your next day off?
146. An annoying habit
147. A famous historical event
148. A stunt done on TV that you shouldn't try at home
149. An activity that requires special shoes
150. An activity that you broke a bone doing
151. Something people do when they listen to music
152. Something people do when on a carnival ride?
153. An activity that involves throwing something
154. Favorite back yard activity
155. European sport

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156. A(n unusual) tradition in your family
157. Your grandfather's hobby
158. An activity two people might do together
159. What's the manliest thing you've ever done?
160. Something planned for summer
161. What requires great skill and concentration?
162. What is way too dangerous to try?
163. Something you know how to do that you could probably teach me
164. Task you have to do at work
165. Something you got in trouble for doing as a kid
166. Most adventurous thing you've ever done
167. Something you regret not doing
168. What are you doing tomorrow?
169. A fun thing you did this summer
170. If you were given \$100, what would you do with it?

Holidays

171. Fill in the blank: The _____ holiday
172. If you could go on holiday in any year in history, when would it be?
173. What do you dislike most about holidays?
174. What did you do for New Year's (or other holiday)?
175. What is your New Year's resolution?
176. A place to travel for holidays
177. Favorite Halloween costume
178. Your most memorable childhood birthday? (Doesn't even have to be yours)
179. An unusual holiday tradition your family has
180. Aside from your birthday, what is something that is *not* a holiday that you wish was?
181. Name a traditionally ignored holiday. What is something unusual that can be done to celebrate it?
182. It's the year 2525. What is a major holiday they celebrate that doesn't exist today?

Misc.

183. Least favorite subject in school
184. Cancelled university course
185. Category that you'd never see on Jeopardy
186. A moral that they'd never try to teach in Sunday school?
187. Something that would surprise you

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188. A reason your boss might give you a raise
189. Something that people are often chased by in movies
190. A common secret kids keep from their parents
191. A lame excuse to get out of a speeding ticket?
192. What is the eleventh commandment?
193. A political party that doesn't exist
194. Why am I limping?
195. If you could defy any natural law, what would it be?
196. The worst excuse you have heard for missing work
197. A reason to be late for work
198. A stupid reason to go jail
199. A favorite color. Name something that is that color
200. A line of dialogue you heard on the telephone today
201. Your last surgical procedure
202. A multisyllable noun that starts with the letter D (F, G, etc.)
203. Fill in the blanks: For every _____ there are seven _____s
204. How do we know God is a woman?
205. If money can't buy you happiness, what can?
206. If you could change one thing about your life, what would it be?
207. A ridiculous subject to get a PhD in
208. Fill in the blank: The _____ family
209. The meanest thing a coworker ever did to your cubicle
210. Those are not tears of sadness they are tears of _____
211. We know the seven habits of highly effective people, what is the eighth?
212. What would you do to wake up a sound sleeper?
213. What is the thirteenth commandment?
214. The next "killer" phone app
215. A genre of film/literature/theatre/song
216. A problem that needs to be solved
217. Aside from profanity, what would you never want to hear from your 4 year old daughter?
218. A state of mind
219. An excuse for not having sex
220. A problem that a repairman can/can't fix
221. What's your favorite letter of the alphabet? What's a word that starts with that letter?
222. I can live without anything, but not without _____
223. Astrological sign: read today's horoscope
224. Read fortune cookie
225. Unlikely subject for a rap song
226. What's life's greatest mystery?
227. What have you worked really hard for, but never attained?

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228. Student: Topic of discussion in the last class you were in?
229. Student: Dream job when you graduate?
230. Something about your grandkids that baffles you
231. Something you learned at camp
232. Where will you/other person be in 20 years?
233. A secret you don't want anyone to know?
234. New Year's resolution
235. Something you enjoy that would surprise your friends/family
236. Get two words – a noun and an adjective – put them in the search box on Yahoo Answers and use the top question result as your suggestion
237. An unexplained phenomenon
238. Next new movie monster
239. What requires great skill and concentration?
240. A strange superpower you'd like to have
241. Get a racing sheet – ask for # of race and # of horse. Name of horse is your suggestion
242. An SAT-style vocabulary word
243. Favorite/least favorite word
244. An organization to which you belong
245. An organization that would not have you as a member
246. What's on your desktop/cell phone wallpaper?
247. Your pet peeve
248. Who has a recent positive announcement?
249. If you had to participate in a protest march, what would you protest?
250. In as short a sentence as possible, summarize the plot of the worst movie you've ever seen
251. In as short a sentence as possible, summarize the plot of one of your favorite books
252. Describe something for which you have no explanation
253. What is something you tried that you realized, "This is not for me?"
254. If you woke up tomorrow as the physically opposite gender, besides anything genital-related, what is something that you would do?
255. Choose a couple in the audience and ask them, "What would you do if you woke up and discovered you were body swapped (as in *Freaky Friday*)?"
256. The worst thing you've seen a stranger do

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Super Basic Top 10

1. Occupation
2. Location
3. Emotion
4. Style of movie/TV/theater
5. Relationship
6. Object
7. Animal
8. Event
9. Activity
10. Food

Have fun with these suggestions, and again, please share with us any particularly awesome ones you've been using. We'd love to include them in future expanded versions of this list.

Happy improvising!

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