

Leads from participants

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All happy families are happy in the same way and unhappy families have different problems. ~L. Tolstoy.
“Anna Karina”

You could mistake him for a dog.

As Lila blinked open her eyes to the warm, bright blinding morning sun, she heard the front door slam and she knew he was back.

One day, I went to the store...

I was once chased by a large orangutan in the forest of Sumatra.

I woke up in my backyard soaking wet; “What happened?!” I thought.

Did you ever wish you could live underwater for a long time?

I just heard the song “Tonight is going to be a Good Night” and I thought, “How appropriate!”

An increasingly older looking woman with Czech-red hair walked toward me as I was hunched over my map at the east end of Charles Bridge.

Every crack and crevice was a secret entry point for the wind whipped sand.

As I walked past the deserted house, I jumped at the sound of growls coming from the bushes next to the path.

Did you ever feel that today is going to be different?

The English language is dead!

The flashing lights and siren suddenly swerved into my lane.

When Casey came home, she put the key in the lock and turned it, but the door wouldn’t open.

He just kept walking round and round in the garage. I was sure he would have a heart attack.

“Creeeeek!” the rusty hinges announced we were not alone.

A great philosopher once said, “Audacious Fortune Ivant” which means “Fortune favors the bold.”

You are not alone in asking me why my left ear is bright magenta.

When I stand on that pier at the beach now and look at the ocean, the sand, the carnival rides, I can't believe what I did there last summer.

Cruising through the golden valley surrounded by snow capped mountains and feeling the crisp spring air permeating the cracks of my car window, I couldn't help but think it's great to be back in Montana.

Have you ever thought about how your life would change if your married children returned to live with you?

I pulled the blind up, and it came off the window, knocked me down; the blind and I tumbled down the staircase together.

My life had taken many twists and turns, but I was totally unprepared for the next phase of my life.

"The unexamined life is not worth living" ~Plato/Socrates

ELL students are awesome students to teach.

Once I fell in a pile of snow 6 feet deep.

The summer I turned 30 turned out to be the most adventurous in my life.

The windows were cracked, leaking in cold air, the furniture, what there was of it, broken or threadbare, and the children's eyes peered at me from behind the blanket they huddled behind.

Snow, snow and some more snow, where oh where will we put it all?!

Did you know the secret to happiness is in your bed?

It is the great author Gabriel Garcia Marquez who once said, "It's not true that people stop pursuing dreams because they grow old, they grow old because they stop pursuing dreams." In this sense, I will never grow old.

"What is that brown thing in the bathtub, Mommy?" said the two year old child.

I always wanted to have an alligator as a pet, so when my grandma went to Florida she asked me what I wanted as a gift. Of course, I said, "An alligator."

"I can't do this anymore!" I shouted to no one in particular, to everyone in general as I sped through the rush hour traffic, racing to get to day care before it closed.

I saw a car. It looked exactly like my mother's but she was not in it. Where was she? I jumped into the back seat, but I was about to find out.....the car belonged to someone very different from my mother!

Did you know that over 40% of Americans are immigrants?

The email said, "I'm leaving the team. I'm leaving my family. Don't try to contact me."