



Stewart Francis Transcript

IMPORTANT:

When you work with transcripts, don't just read the transcript. Isolate each joke and identify what Stewart did in the joke.

Take the first joke.

If you were to write down 10 things about your family in an email to someone, what would you write and how would you write it?

So he comes up with "A Little about my family. I'm the youngest of three."

As a comedian he asks,

"What do they see?" They probably see three siblings. So he simply reframes the assumed meaning.

The statement is so logical and normal, we just accept it wholeheartedly for what it usually means. But comedians change the meaning to mean something else. In this case Stewart reframes "youngest of three." And the other two become his parents.

It's like the joke, "I come from a large family; Four moms, three Dads."

Exercise:

Try to identify each set up line and see if you can clarify the technique Stewart uses in each. Then Write 5 sentences that are similar and see if you can identify the same opportunity to switch the intended meaning.

For example, with the above joke, "I come from a large family..."

I can spin the intended meaning: "I come from a large family. Or as doctors call them, 'Morbidly Obese.'"



A Little about my family. I'm the youngest of three. My parents are both older and...

I have mixed race parents my father prefers the 100 meters and... my mother is Pakistani.

A joke with two punch lines. This guy's good. I was raised by my father, my mother left before I was born and...

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I like being raised by my father. He's schizophrenic, but he's good people. I remember one summer, I was five and he was Mussolini...

We went to the park that day. I love parks... standing in the park that day wondering why does the Frisbee appear larger the closer it gets? And then it hit me...

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Growing up I was of the impression that my dad didn't like me very much because he hardly ever did anything with me only took me fishing once and I remember swimming back to shore thinking my dad doesn't like me very much.

I only went golfing once and I remember swimming back to shore thinking. Golf is a lot like fishing. My dad doesn't like me very much. Actually growing up I was on the impression that I was adopted. A lot of kids have that insecurity and feel for whatever reason they were adopted. I was one of those children who's about nine years old. Finally I asked my parents I said Mom, Dad, I don't know why, but I think I'm adopted, am I they both chuckled and my dad said to me, ha Chang ha ha Iligan guy and boy Iligan guy, boy. It's true. When you think about it. I like to dedicate my performance to my father who was a roofer. So dad if you're up there really good guy and boy, oh man. My elbows a hypnotist who has never inappropriately touched me.

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So Halloween just passed while they wrote this joke. I hope you like it. I remember the first time my father took me trick or treating. I remember swimming back to shore thinking.

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Snoopy costumes are heavy when they're wet. Because of ridiculous stereotypes, people can be so ignorant towards other nationalities. I'm thin I don't play the banjo. I don't have sex with my cousin and still, people assume I'm American. What's that all about? I'm Canadian, although I truly do feel British because both my parents are alcoholics. In school, the other kids used to push me and call me lazy. I love that wheelchair.

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So what if I can't spell Armageddon? It's not the end of the world. When I was a little boy I used to sing in the choir and all the other boys in the choir used to tease me and to this day, I still don't know why. But one afternoon when they're teasing me I just stood up to him and said

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should meet the shadow me that afternoon. As a kid my dad used to always hit me with a camera I still have flashbacks. And a really weird photo album

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boom, boom, boom. Boom, boom, boom, boom. Boom. Excuse me. But, Ben, Ben, Ben, Ben. Ben.

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Why are you holding the back of my neck? While tickling my genitals? As a true story I want to write a mystery novel or do I



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think bad spellers should form an onion I think the guy who designed the thongs a bit up his owners

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think my friends I'm one liner comedian. I'm not a storyteller and but interesting how that all started. When I was a kid, my fairy godmother asked me if I wanted a long penis or a long memory I forget my response.

This practice should start helping you to train your brain to recognize the opportunities that are available to you in reframing the intended meanings of words and sentences. The more you practice, the more opportunities you find.

Have fun!