

FAMOUS QUOTES

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Cast*

Rickie (or Ricky)

Bobbie (or Bobby)

*Characters may be male or female.

Scene: Anywhere.

Rickie and Bobbie meet.

RICKIE: Hi, Bobbie.

BOBBIE: Hi, Rickie. What did you think of English class. Those famous quotations were really neat. My favorite one was the one by Ben Franklin: "Necessity is the mother of invention". What one was your favorite?

RICKIE: It was the one by P.T. Barnum--but I can't think of it right now. (Up to something) Oh... it'll probably come to me. Hey, Bobbie, I'll bet you that I can prove that planes come from water.

BOBBIE: What?

RICKIE: Airplanes, I'll bet you that airplanes come from water.

BOBBIE: They do not.

RICKIE: Want to bet?

BOBBIE: You mean to tell me that airplanes are made from water? No way! OK, I'll bet you. I'll bet you... the use of my Game Boy for a week that planes don't come from water.

RICKIE: OK, you're on.

BOBBIE: (they shake) OK. Now try and prove it.

RICKIE: OK... (planning the attack) ... Would you agree that the airplane is one of the world's greatest inventions?

BOBBIE: No. There are lots of better ones, like the wheel, penicillin---

RICKIE: Oh, come on! OK, there are lots of other inventions, but out of the millions of inventions over the centuries, you have to agree that the airplane was a pretty good one. You don't have to say it was the greatest--but it was good.

BOBBIE: Ok, out of all the world's inventions, the airplane is a pretty good one.

RICKIE: Alright. Now, name something that the body can't live without.

BOBBIE: Food. Yeah, food.

RICKIE: Yeah, we'd die without food alright. But we'd die sooner if we didn't have any water, right? Remember we learned that in science class?

BOBBIE: Yeah, I remember.

RICKIE: OK, so would you say that since we'd die without water, it's a necessary thing?

BOBBIE: OK, yeah, it's necessary.

RICKIE: So an airplane is an invention and water is a necessity, right?

BOBBIE: Yeah, so?

RICKIE: What was your favorite quotation again?

BOBBIE: What's that got to do with---

RICKIE: What's your favorite quotation? You just told me.

BOBBIE: "Necessity is the mother of invention."

RICKIE: See? Necessity--water--is the mother of invention--an airplane. Water is the mother of the airplane. Planes come from water. Right? Right. I win. I'll take the Game Boy next week.

BOBBIE: Hey, wait a minute, Rickie! That's not--

RICKIE: Bobbie, Ben Franklin wouldn't lie. Hey, I just remembered my favorite quotation from P.T. Barnum: "There's a sucker born every minute." (exiting) Happy birthday!

Bobbie can only stand there, wondering what in the world just happened....

THE END

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