

Unmašk a Mišer



TK-ed Off **+7** for a miser on camera trying to lever a coin off of the pavement.

TK-ed Off **+14** for every additional time you catch them out in the same way.

Really short arms but long pockets? First in the queue for ice cream, last in the queue to pay? We all know a cheapskate or miser. It is your teenage duty to teach such tight-wallets a lesson. Here's how.



1. You need to pick a quiet place where your target miser will walk along. Invite them over and offer free food or toys. Misers love free stuff.

2. Use strong glue to glue a coin, not your fingers, on to the pavement. Choose the lowest value coin you reckon they'll still scabble for. A Euro? 50p? How low will they go? 'Cos the lower the dough, the more it's a no, no!

3. Stake out your target area with a clear camera view and hide behind a tree or below an upstairs window.

4. Make sure your digicam is running and stifle any laughs as the miser tries to prize the coin off the pavement. Video is great but a series of snaps in a row also provide excellent penny-pinching evidence. Show them the video or slip a few snaps into their schoolbag – what you do next is up to you.



U Devil (TK+3)

Got a tech-head friend? Get them to run up the best picture as a screensaver for a PC or go for the full-on multimedia presentation!

**What's a miser's favourite clothing gift?
Anything you give them which contains
big checks!**

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Poet and You Know it



TK-ed Off **+6** for completing a passable poem.

TK-ed Off **+11** for actually handing it to the person.

Write a love poem. Bin it. And then write a better one.

Forget flowers. Nothing declares your interest more fully than a love poem. Unfortunately, nothing tends to show up your English skills more, either. So, if your longest successful poem up until now was no longer than, 'Mel Smells' here are a few poetry pointers.

A Brief History of Rhyme

Your poem doesn't have to rhyme all the time. To be honest, it doesn't have to rhyme any of the time. Study different types of poems, from epic narratives like *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner* to the super-short three-line Japanese haiku to find a style that's right for you.

Plus Points Please

Concentrate on getting across some plus points of the person you're writing about. 'Your eyes are as dark as the sludge pit by the gasworks' isn't going to win you any affection, but reflecting on their glorious smile, their generous nature or the way they laugh will.

Compare Thee To Nature

Compare your love to various things found in nature, a staple of love poems old and new. Use objects and places from afar to make your writing seem exotic and from where you live which can make your

poem seem very personal. Be careful, though, here is how not to do it.
*I wandered lonely, long and far
Until I reached the abattoir.
There an old dog gnawed at a bone
I thought of you and so wrote this poem.*

Signed, Sealed, Delivered

Once you've completed your poem, sit on it for a couple of days and then read it through both silently and out loud. Chances are something will make you wince. Change it. Change everything you don't like. Once you're satisfied, write it out beautifully on some fancy paper, keep your nerve and send it.



U Devil

Stumped? Can't be ars**, sorry, bothered? Dock yourself 5 TK points and cheat, using one of the following three random poem generators. Remember to run the generator a few times until you get a poem that you like. Try, at least, to alter some lines and words to tailor it to your target.



http://links2love.com/poem_generator.htm

Type in your choice of fruit, birds, colours and noises, press a button and BOSH! Your own, albeit cheesy, love poem is generated.

<http://www.dotsphinx.com/love.en/poems/>

Similar to the above but with drop down menus offering you different options for each line.

<http://www.everypoet.com/haiku/default.htm>

The excellent EveryPoet site has lots of poems and tips as well as an automatic haiku generator.

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Grand Prix Free



TK-ed Off **+23** for a four trolley or more grand prix

Abandoned supermarket trolleys in their thousands are a blight around Britain. Help your local area out and collect and return as many as you can find (pocketing the pound as a finder's fee) and have some fun with them beforehand. A survey by a well-known supermarket chain (I'm not allowed to say it was Tesco ... oops) revealed that British shoppers clock up 928 million trolley kilometres a year at an average speed of 0.8km/h. That speed's peanuts. Go far faster.

Organize a trolley grand prix in your school grounds or park (with permission). Mark out a clear circuit on the grass and have teams consisting of a driver and a passenger wearing safety gear. Decide on the number of laps and allow teams to make pit stops a few metres off the circuit to change drivers or refuel (i.e. have a drink). You never know, done well, you may get a bit of interest and a decent winner's prize from the local supermarket.

Pinp Your Ride

As the race organizer, you want to set the style on the starting grid as well as, ideally, end the race as winner.

Here's Some Pinping Ideas

Flames painted on card and fitted to the side of trolley with gardening wire adds a dash of colour.

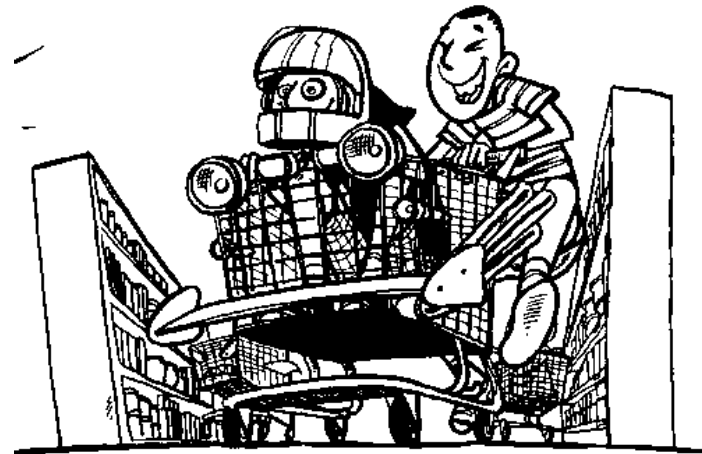
Old scoobies as tassles on ends of handle.

Spare bicycle rear view mirror can give you crucial views of racing rivals without you turning your head.

Airhorn or Horn can warn others or be tooted in triumph.

Choose your passenger carefully. They should be light but strong enough to push you if you run out of gas with just a lap to go.

Your passenger should stay low whilst racing moving side to side to help you take corners smoothly. Try out a few test laps to hone your racing style.



Little Angel: Load Of Rubbish TK+11

The average Brit throws away their own body weight in rubbish every three months. Fill the trolley with old rubbish and 'enjoy' a major calorie-busting workout pushing the thing to your supermarket's recycling area before handing in the trolley.



U Devil: Trolley Dolly TK+2

Been told off by your little sister or a female friend and feeling unfairly treated. Pretend to repent and offer them a ride to the local cinema. Keep schtum about the vehicle until the last minute then bundle her inside!