

ELLEN WRITING PACKET

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WEDDINGS - MONOLOGUE

I'm feeling good today because I spent the weekend at a friend's wedding. It was nice. Don't ya'll think wedding's are nice? Especially when you're not the one paying for it?

It's a cash bar? I'll take a water. Oh, open bar? Make it a double - of everything.

The Father of the Bride. You gotta love him. What's not to love? He gets to see his baby girl get married! He's proud, overjoyed, and broke.

Weddings are great because you get to see everyone all dolled up. Until you remember that the groom is wearing a rented tux that 15 other sweaty grooms wore before him.

I think bridesmaids are funny. Not all of them, some are just ready for you to commit already.

And the bridesmaids always buy their dress. It's a keepsake, right? But, buying your bridesmaids dress is sorta like buying running shoes. After that first jog, you will never wear them again.

One of my favorite things about weddings are the photos. Little picture perfect keepsakes. Or a last reminder that you'll never look that skinny ever again.

My friends are very traditional, so they were married in a church. It was a catholic wedding, so there was a lot of, stand up, sit down, roll over, play dead. Aaaannnd stand up again, Amen.

It was like jazzercise in a dress. Otherwise known as a 4 year old's activity after nap time.

Oh, and the flower girl. She was so precious. The flower girl is really the one who gets to steal the show, right? Unless of course the ring bearer looses the rings.

Nothing says timeless tradition like leaving thousands of dollars worth of jewelry in the care of a 5 year old boy.

For me, it's always awkward bringing a gift to a wedding. "I'm here for your special day, and I'm carrying around this blender. Oh, you'll never use the blender cause it's annoying to clean? I know, but somebody else probably got you a second one."

But in the end my friends were married and it was a great day. And the best part of weddings are the receptions, because there is - dancing! Come on, join me!

NEW PHONE - MONOLOGUE

I just got my new iPhone yesterday. I'm really excited about it. Isn't a new cell phone the best feeling? Until you realize you forgot to sync your contacts.

I'll be the first to say that I have phone envy. Ya'll know what I'm talking about? The new version of your phone just came out and you have to get your hands on it. You're like Gollum with a data plan.

There are two kinds of iPhone users in my opinion. Ones that have a password and ones who don't. Ones that always keep their phone charged, and ones who think that bumming a charge cord is acceptable behavior at work.

It's not.

I like to stream Netflix on my phone. It's great. I can take my shows anywhere I want to go. But, that's usually on my couch in front of my giant TV.

Seriously, who uses their cell phone as an actual phone anymore? Not me. I get a phone call and I immediately wish it were a text. It could be Barack Obama on the line and I'd press ignore, just out of convenience.

But we all know about auto correct, right? I've misspelled so many words, that my friends just assume I'm drunk all day long.

I'd have to be drunk to actually take a phone call.

My favorite part of my iPhone are the apps. I love the app store. Always something new to download. Always something you swore you already had on your phone, but after the last update, the logo changed, so you can't find it anymore.

Isn't it funny to grab someone else's iPhone by accident. I wasn't paying attention the other day and I grabbed someone else's iPhone by mistake. Seriously, looking for the weather app was like playing Where's Waldo.

Do any of you have apps where they make you pay to upgrade for the full version? Imagine if that's how we ran this show. "Hi, everyone. Here's my monologue, now upgrade to the full version to see me dance!"

That'd be absurd. Cause we're dancing anyway!!

HIGH SCHOOL REUNION - MONOLOGUE

I had an interesting weekend. We went to my school reunion. It's weird seeing the people you went to high school with. They're the same people but with less hair.

People could recognize me right away, because TV.

But, I struggled with remembering a majority of my classmates and had to keep looking at the name tags. Aren't name tags funny? Cause where do you put them? Over your breast. So, everyone is just walking around staring at breasts.

For some of us, things haven't changed.

It was great to see Henry the nerdy kid with a total chizzled body though. And Tommy the football jock just looked like the before picture for everything.

We got to look at yearbooks. Yearbooks are like a Throwback Thursday photo that exists whether you like it or not.

Yearbooks are like time machines to bad fashion statements. Was I smiling in the photo? Who cares! All I can see are bangs and braces.

Everyone was bragging about their jobs and kids. One guy just kept calling me Nemo's friend.

We were all surprised to see the one teacher who seemed old when we were there, still somehow teaching at the school though.

I was encouraged to give a speech, which was flattering, but it's also sort of what I do for my job. So I was a little reluctant. I didn't show up expecting, Dr. Bob to perform open heart surgery even though that's his day job. That's just silly.

Nothing is more weird than walking down the halls of your high school as an adult. It sort of feels like you were left in a unnecessarily long detention.

And of course, if seeing strangers for the first time in decades wasn't weird enough, dancing with them did the trick. Come on! I'll show you how we did it at my prom!

BITS & GAMES

1. Alternative Birthday Gifts From Cheap People: Ellen would give a list of alternative items to give as gifts. This could double up for holidays, such as Valentine's Day or Christmas.

Examples:

Good gift: A toy light saber. Bad Gift: An led flashlight.

Good Gift: An Xbox. Bad Gift: Just a box.

2. Kanye That Movie: Ellen would take a list of upcoming movies as if Kanye was saying them. The audience members would need to guess what the real film title Kanye was talking about

Examples:

Kanye Title: Some White Guy in Funky Outer Space.

Actual Title: The Martian.

Kanye Title: Cold As Hell Oscar Movie.

The Revenant.

Actual Title:

3. Mouthful Shakespeare: Guests are under the clock read Shakespeare sonnets while their mouths are full of giant marshmallows.

Example:

The guest is tasked to read Hamlet with a mouth full of marshmallows in 20 seconds or less.

*TO BE, OR NOT TO BE: THAT IS THE
QUESTION: WHETHER 'TIS NOBLER IN
THE MIND TO SUFFER THE SLINGS AND
ARROWS OF OUTRAGEOUS FORTUNE,
OR TO TAKE ARMS AGAINST A SEA OF
TROUBLES, AND BY OPPOSING END THEM?
TO DIE: TO SLEEP; NO MORE...*

4. Dad Dance Off: Fans would send in a video of their dad dancing. The most ridiculous dancing dads would be invited to the show to have a dance off. The dad with the best dad moves would be awarded the winner!

5. Bobbing For iPhones: Lucky audience members are picked to participate in a traditional game of Bobbing for Apples, except there would be one decked out iPhone in a box floating with other boxes that have nothing inside. For extra fun, the participants would be blind folded.

FIELD PIECES

1. **Fake Snow Day:** Video compilation from fans, requesting parents to trick their kids in believing they have a day off of school due to snow. Then capturing the reaction of the kids realizing their parents are lying. This would be especially funny for kids who live in Southern states that don't get regular snow.

2. **Stick Figure Artist:** Plant an actor on Hollywood Blvd as a street artist who can draw amazing photos of tourists. Except he just draws simple stick figures and pretends it's the best work he's ever done.

3. **Left-Handed Day:** Pre-film a guest being forced to use their left hand during their day. This would allow the guest to embark on the simple tasks of the day with a hilarious obstacle, and maybe a few freak out moments.

4. **Hug A Stranger:** Guests/Actors are tasked to hug random strangers on the sidewalk, park, subway, etc. The goal is to acquire multiple reactions of surprised participants that don't know how to react, and maybe a few love filled hugs. This could be cut into a segment video or a competition between two guests.

5. **Spare Hands Food Cart:** A guest actor or one of Ellen's team members would be posed as a food cart employee. Except there would be a second person who's hands are actually preparing the food. The main actor would need to be talking the "hands" through the steps. Together they would be preparing an ugly plate of food.