

# PROPER NAMES, IMPROPER USES

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Leonard R. N. Ashley presented a quiz titled "The Proper Name in the Proper Use" in the February 1995 issue of **Word Ways**. I worked it. I did my best, and although my answers differ somewhat from Ashley's, anyone who has (or has had) a teenage daughter and/or son will surely agree that my answers come as close to the mark (whoever she is) as Ashley's.

I have modified Ashley's answers to 20 questions, leaving out items 8, 10, 12, 15 and 24. For several of these there are at least three answers, but I won't touch any of them!

1. Let DADDY do it
2. Rob FATHER to pay FOR THE GAS
3. My name is SANTA CLAUS
4. QUIET doesn't live here anymore
5. Will you love me in THE POORHOUSE as you did in THE CONDO?  
["Good Lord, no!" exclaimed my wife. At such a time she plans to ambush Robin Williams (who's he?)]
6. Don't be a TEENAGER'S FATHER
7. Keep hoping but don't be a HAMMURABI [a lawgiver]
9. A free pass is an ETERNALLY FORLORN HOPE
11. A stupid woman is a Dumb WAITER
13. A Confederate \$100 bill was MY \$10 MILLION SWEEPS WINNINGS
14. A hunchback is a RAINY-DAY COMMUTER
16. Three jacks in poker are FRED'S, ELTON'S and HOWARD'S  
MINIMUM HANDS
17. A person who was not hip was a TEENAGE DAUGHTER'S PARENT
18. An auctioneer's accomplice raising bids is a SON'S BEST FRIEND
19. A highly virile man is called YUMMY
20. A female square is THE AREA ENCLOSED BY THE BATHROOM AND  
THE LARGEST CLOSET
21. The climax line of a play is an OVERTRICK, IN BRIDGE
22. An overseer or stupid lad is an EXASPERATING PARENT
23. A British stooge is a U.S. FATHER
25. A life jacket is a PADLOCK ON THE TV ROOM