

1. I told you—he was Mexican.
2. That's all I am—a worn-out carcass, a walking slab of meat.
3. Come on, loosen up, baby. I don't bite. I'm a friendly guy—don't you like friendly guys?
4. She doesn't speak any English—what do you want with her?
5. It goes against my grain to live in a community that closes its streets to someone just because they don't have as fancy a car as mine or as big a house. I mean, what's next—wrist bracelets for I.D.? Metal detectors?

6. You stopped and offered help—the man refused assistance. What more could you do?

7. Fucking Beaners. Rip it up, man. Destroy it.

8. I want one of those houses. A clean white one made out of lumber that smells like the mountains, with a gas range and a refrigerator, and maybe a little yard so you can plant a garden and make a place for the chickens. That's what you promised me, didn't you?

9. I'm going to stand right here till somebody hires me—it's a free country, isn't it?

10. Maybe a motel, just for a night. We could take a shower, ten showers, shower all night. This water's dirty, filthy, full of scum and bugs. It stinks.

11. And yes, we're taking the car, of course we're taking the car—with this wind? My hair would be all over the place.

12. Married woman, you better call your husband.

13. You're no better than your sister, no better than a whore.

14. They're peasants, my friend. No education, no resources, no skills—all they've got to offer is a strong back, and the irony is we need fewer and fewer strong backs every day because we've got robotics and computers and farm machinery that can do the labor of a hundred men at a fraction of the cost.

15. Immigrants are the lifeblood of this country—we're a nation of immigrants—and neither of us would be standing here today if it wasn't.

16. Mexican chicks. They give killer head. Only you got to worry about the ten-pounds-a-year rule. At sixteen, they're killers, but from then on, every year they gain ten pounds till they wind up looking like the Pillsbury Dough Boy with a suntan—and who wants to stick your dick in something like that...?

17. I want to go home, and I don't care whether you're coming with me or not. I've had it. I'm finished. If you think I'm going to raise my daughter like a wild animal with no clothes, no family, no proper baptism even, you're crazy.

18. They are cunning, versatile, hungry, and unstoppable.

19. I'm not proud of it or anything—and I know how you feel and I agree that everybody's got a right to work and have a decent standard of living, but there's just so many of them, they've overwhelmed us, the schools, welfare, the prisons and now the streets...

20. Couldn't agree more. The idea of a wall is completely and utterly offensive and it's not going to be cheap, that's for sure.

PREREADING ACTIVITY Cut apart the above quotes and pass them out to students.

Read your quote aloud to your classmates. Consider the type of person who would say this—male, female, legal, illegal, rich, poor,... Read the quote like you think they would have said it. Would they be angry, amused, scared, friendly, threatening,... when they said it?

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