Toy Story

Monte Williams is a regular guy: a teacher from Idaho with a wife and daughter. And not unlike many other regular guys, he’s a self-proclaimed geek. He collects action figures of favorite childhood heroes—G.I. Joe, He-Man, Star Wars. But what’s unique about Monte is that he photographs them. These are not your typical online auction site photos of toys in pristine boxes. These are Hollywood-style action shots. They make geek look cool.

“The first time I photographed a toy outdoors, I thought to myself, ‘You’ve really crossed a line here, dude,’” Monte says. “But when I decided to post them online, I discovered that toy photography is a thing. Who knew?” If you don’t believe him, try a Google image search for toy photography and prepare to be amazed.

You can see more of Monte’s photos on Flickr (www.flickr.com/photos/geekcreek), or read his blog, Two-Fisted Toy Talk (http://twofistedtoytalk.wordpress.com).

Catch Phrase

Catch phrases from TV shows have made their way into popular culture. Can you match these iconic phrases with their television origin?

1) Book ‘em, Danno.
2) Danger, Will Robinson!
3) Don’t have a cow, man.
4) Good night, John Boy.
5) I pity the fool!
6) Live long and prosper.
7) No soup for you!
8) One of these days, to the moon, Alice!
9) This tape will self-destruct in 5 seconds.
10) Smarter than the average bear.

A) The Simpsons
B) Star Trek
C) Yogi Bear
D) Hawaii Five-O
E) Seinfeld
F) The Waltons
G) Mission: Impossible
H) The Honeymooners
I) The A-Team
J) Lost in Space

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A Familiar Ring

With changes in technology, many things that used to be standard household items can now only be found in an antique shop. The sounds that many of us grew up with are imprinted upon our brains such that we could identify them anywhere. Have you ever stopped to think that your kids have probably never heard those sounds? Mental Floss put together a handy list:

- Rotary dial telephone
- Manual typewriter
- Coffee percolator
- Flash cube
- TV channel selector
- Record changer
- Gas station
- Driveway bell
- TV station sign-off
- Cash register
- Film projector
- Broken record

Check out www.mentalfloss.com/blogs/archives/106713 to hear these sounds.

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“Even in high school I was very interested in history—why people do the things they do. As a kid I spent a lot of time trying to relate the past to the present.”

George Lucas