

# HUMOR

## Don't Worry, Get Inflated

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Do you feel that the current inflation is biting into your income more than before? This morning, I called to get the Blue Book value of my car. They asked if the gas tank was full or empty because the value of a full tank of gas may be more than the value of my 2010 Chevy. I perspire profusely when I fill my tank, and when I pay the bill, I feel the pain of Bidenomics.

Even the air is expensive. It now costs \$3 to pump air into your tires. It takes five apples a day to keep the doctor away. Did you

notice that Vin Diesel has changed its name to Vin Electric? Inflation is so rampant that parents in Beverly Hills have fired their nannies so now have to learn their children's names. The other day I was in San Diego, CA, and I saw the Americans trying to sneak into Mexico illegally.

Not only that, the oil companies are laying off congressmen. The Americans are receiving pre-declined credit cards in the mail. McDonald's is selling the quarter ounces instead of quarter pounders; a

picture is now worth only 200 words; cats are allotted only five lives; Netflix is screening “the Four Dwarfs,” “The Five Commandments,” “25 Shades of Gray,” and “51 Dalmatians.” it takes five apples a day to keep the doctor away,

That reminds me that many years ago, Victor Borge created the game of Inflationary Language. Since prices keep going up, he reasoned, why shouldn't language go up, too? In the English language, there are words that contain the sounds of numbers, such as wonder (one), before (four), and decorate (eight). If we inflate each sound by one number, we come up with puns — twoder, befive, and decornine (wonder, before and decorate).

Have you ever been shopping and noticing that the prices of things you typically buy have gone up? If the items in your shopping basket cost \$100 last year and now they cost \$105. The best way to bear the pain of inflation is not to remember what the prices were before. To tell the truth, inflation only worries me when I read about that in newspapers or hear on television.

Prices are changing all the time so does household income. I remember the median income of households in the United States was \$11,100 in 1974 and it increased to \$26,000 in 2023. I don't hear anyone complaining about that.

Prices can change for different reasons and in different ways. The prices of individual goods and services can change because the supply or demand for the items has

changed. For example, if Kim Kardashian reveals that the secret of her beauty was eating avocado, everyone will start eating that pushing the price of avocados up.

These higher prices are *not* examples of inflation. In the first place, these higher prices probably won't last for long. The prices of apples and avocados will return to where they were once the supply and demand conditions change again. So, eat, drink and inflate without worrying about it.