



Why the Long Face ?

Peter's number 7 favourite Joke is this one: (Well, except we edited it slightly, recently it said 'The Queen'.)

7. Who is the STRAIGHTEST person in England?

The King - he is a RULER.

That's right = He makes the rules! (He signs new laws to start.)
Ha! You know I am also referring to a 'straight stick' with measurements on it.

We use ours in class to draw straight lines on our paper. We now-a-days have computer-Tablets: which is funny as well, because many years ago each child would have a little black-board to write on with chalk: Also called a Tablet.
Oh, maybe I have to explain this as well: in Australian schools funding allowed improvements in the school classrooms and student tools:



Teachers used:

Blackboards (& maybe a big sized ruler)
Green-boards (with 'dust-less' chalk)
Whiteboard (with those squeaky marker pens)
Overhead Projectors, then Data-Projectors
Smart-Screens, Touch-screens & 'magic-pens'

Students used:

Feather-quill, ink-pot, paper, or their mini-blackboard tablet.
Biro or pens, after you graduate from using graphite pencils.
Little whiteboards (Don't mistake using permanent ink pens!)
Kids often had to help the teacher to get these to function.
Computer Tablets! (But maybe soon, if the power goes off – we will have to revert to our kindergarten days - to draw and write messages in our individual sand trays?)



< England, or the United Kingdom – where King Charles the 3rd is, and America, use Inches & Feet to do measurements: See the different tape measure markings (1 is wrong)
In Australia we use Metric, but now see the picture on the right with different tape measure markings? (Which are wrong – maybe all 3?)



For many years in the past, and maybe in your computer games or the ones at the fun 'arcade' at the shops, the King would lead the battle. Very often the king would be the biggest, strongest or most successful. The 'Game of Thrones' movie series is an example where the conflicts are all about who gets to be in charge!

In the Bible, the nation of Israel, begged God to allow them to having a King tell them what to do (+pay tax), rather than God directly through the prophets. A man who was 'head and shoulders' taller than all the men, was chosen. Now if you listed his attributes and achievements, and then made a similar list for the next king: it is sometimes hard to work out which person you are referring to, by most of their actions. The one thing that is a different measure-of-the-man (Another way of describing the word 'character' or 'quality') or in this case the straightness of the 'Ruler' = was that the first was chosen because he was tall. The second because he was closer to God, but not necessarily taller than the first king = "He had a heart after God." (With similar-attitude.)

This second king who had a heart after God, continues through his Blood-line onto a certain baby, that was born to be the 'King of the Jews.' In one of the most important and popular celebration and family reunion times of the year, in very many countries of the world: **Christmas**. Then a few months later these same countries, take even more days off work = over the **Easter** weekend. Workers are paid a lot more if they need to work over these holidays or 'holy-days' – for us to help say to the doctors, train drivers, police, waiters: "Thanks for working while we have special times to remember the reasons for the season." *I like this RULE!*



Now for some history about King Charles the 2nd and those in his 'Game of Thrones.' But not from England – the Habsburg descendants ruled over the **Holy Roman Empire, Austria, and in Spain** for 200 years, until the heirless death of Charles II. "The Habsburg dynasty was one of the most influential in Europe, but became renowned for their very long faces, because of their DNA or genes, which sadly - was their dynasty's end." (When we are sad, some may ask us, "**Why the Long Face?**")

This first time that close relatives appearances, such as the famous 'Habsburg Jaw,' helped medical understanding of 'herding' that is still common in some geographical regions, and among some religions, and some ethnic groups = including observations in wild animals: Such as, the African Cheetah with their hip-displacement tendency. The 'Jurassic Park' movie series is all about making dinosaurs from DNA. Farmers and vets work hard to avoid breeding problems. **Note that some cross-breeding in plants has given us MORE beneficial wheat crops, for a good example!**

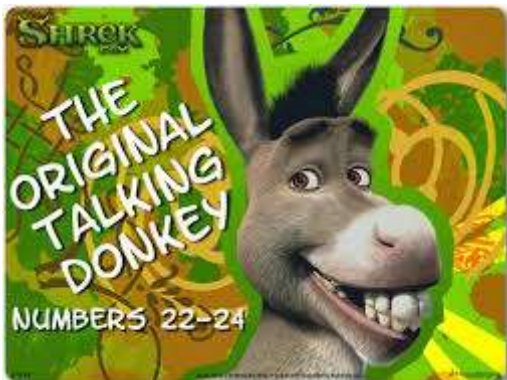
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Another Joke: "Why the Long Face" ... the horse asked the King, during the polo match?

Would it be funny if Charles the 2nd had *his horse ask him this question*, or maybe it would be rude? Maybe, that is why his horse with a much longer face, simply stayed quiet, nodded understandingly with empathy!

Now-a-days the royal families just ride in limousines ... They duck their heads and then keep their chin up. Fortunately (since royalty has many treasures) they can afford the best medical care for their chin, I mean kin!

(Kin = family, children ... where we get the word 'Kin-der-garten' or 'My kind-in-the(de)-garden' usually inside a fence to keep them safe. If the minder falls asleep / napping, and someone steals the kids, we punish the minder because it is called 'kid-napping' ... **Oh, so important, the responsibility of the teacher, the child-care worker, even the bus drivers. Please, please, please = leave no child unattended. They are so important!**



"His horse asked him this question "

The only time in recorded history

*That a horse, in fact a donkey, did talk back to his master –
was Balaam's Donkey (Yes = as in the Shrek movies)*

And he was only trying to save his master!

Read the Bible in the book of 'Numbers ch 22 v 21-39'