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*In a world where you can be anything, be yourself.*  
~Anonymous

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## Web Sites

### Backward Day

*Always January 31*

*Backward Day is a day to do everything backwards. Use your imagination, and Backward Day can be lots of fun. It's especially popular with school aged kids. Try writing backwards or reading backwards. Wear your shirt with the back in the front. Eat your meal, starting with dessert. Now that's what I call fun! Walk backwards, or talk backwards. Play a board game backwards, from the finish line to the start. Are you starting to get the picture!?*

*This day is limited only by your imagination.*

### History of Backward Day

*Backward Day has a really long history, far older than the name of the holiday itself. In almost every culture there came a time of year when all the societal rules got turned on their head. Rome had Saturnalia, a day when all social norms were turned on their head. Gambling was no longer forbidden, and the masters took the day serving their slaves at the high table. During no other time was free speech actually permitted, especially amongst the slaves, but during Saturnalia, all manner of insult was allowed.*

### How to Celebrate Backward Day

*It all starts when you get up in the morning. Wear your clothes inside out and your underwear as your outerwear, or be a bit more reasonable and slip into your pajamas. Have a nice hot pizza for breakfast, and answer the phone with "Goodbye! Thank you for calling!" When you get to work tell your boss you're glad he made it in today, and hand him a dollar as a bonus for all his hard work.*

*When lunchtime comes around, have yourself a nice big helping of dessert. Greet everyone throughout the day with a goodbye, and as you walk out the door, say hello to everyone and tell them to have a great day. These are just some of the wonderful doses of insanity you can add to everyone's day on Backward Day.*

*At night, when it's time to go bed, turn off that alarm, get into your work clothes, and crawl into bed. (Ok... Turn the alarm back on. You'll need that*

*tomorrow) This is the great way to celebrate Backward Day, and add a little madness to the mundanity of life, and free your mind from the tyranny of 'normal'.*

### **Sophia: Working Backwards: Lesson 1**

This lesson explains how to solve problems starting at the end of the problem. It is 1 of 10 in the series titled "Working Backwards."

<https://www.sophia.org/tutorials/working-backwards>

### **IRIS: New Madrid Earthquake: A River Runs Backward**

Watch a river change its course and even flow backward. An animated earthquake shows what happens to the water in a river and possible effects of the surrounding area.

[http://www.iris.edu/hq/inclass/animation/new\\_madrid\\_earthquake\\_a\\_river\\_runs\\_backward](http://www.iris.edu/hq/inclass/animation/new_madrid_earthquake_a_river_runs_backward)

### **LearnZillion: Understand figurative language: "Bend over Backwards"**

In this lesson, you will learn the meaning of the idiom "bend over backwards" by looking at a cartoon. Links to a parent letter, slideshow, and more can be found along the right side of this video lesson. Registration is required in order to access these additional resources.

<https://learnzillion.com/student/lessons/406-understand-figurative-language-bend-over-backwards>

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## **Hardware/Software**

### **Instantly Free Up 2.7GB+ of Storage Space on New iPhone by Removing iWork Apps**

Most new iPhone and iPad models ship with the pre-installed iWork / iLife suite of apps, including Pages, Keynote, iMovie, Numbers, and Garageband. While this is a great collection of apps, many users who won't be using them (or at least all of the apps) may rather have extra storage space available, which is nearly 3GB of storage in this case.

There's nothing unusual to this other than awareness of the space the apps take up, and you can easily see yourself if the iWork suite is pinching your available storage or not by going into Settings > About > Usage > Manage Storage.

If you decide that Pages, Keynote, Numbers, Garageband, and iMovie are superfluous and you never use them, go ahead and delete the apps like you would uninstall any others in iOS. While this removes the apps from your

iPhone or iPad, they will still be tied to your Apple ID, which means you can download them again at any time without paying.

For me personally, I like having the apps around since they allow for some additional mobile work on my well-sized iPhone Plus model, particularly iMovie, which is also great for editing and saving slow-motion and time-lapse videos taken with the camera.

At the very least, knowing you can quickly recover about 2.7GB of storage just by deleting these apps from your iPhone is good to know, so if you get that dreaded “out of storage” warning when trying to take a picture or download a new app, you could just remove these apps and get a temporary reprieve.

Note the iWork apps are not preinstalled by default on 16GB and 8GB iPhone models, because they can't really afford the space consumption. That means you'll only find these apps preinstalled on 32GB, 64GB, 128GB, and 256 GB devices.

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## Hints/Tips

### Quickly Open a New Browser Tab in Safari for iPhone

The latest versions of Safari for iPhone have an even faster way to open a new Safari tab, without having to enter into the broader tab view window. It's a great trick, but it's a little hidden and less than obvious, but nonetheless offers the quickest way possible to open a new browser tab in Safari for iOS.

#### *How to Instantly Open a New Tab in Safari for iPhone*

1. Open Safari in iOS if you haven't done so already
2. Tap and hold on the two overlapping square icons in the iOS Safari navigation bar
3. Tap on “New Tab” to immediately open a new browsing tab

Simple, fast, and easy. Even if the feature is a little hidden behind a long tap and hold, it's still easy to remember once you get the swing of things.

Note this feature is primarily aimed at iPhone (and iPod touch users), as it's less important on an iPad, since the iPad version of Safari in iOS always has the new tab “+” plus button in the navigation bar.

You can open as many new tabs as you want in the latest versions of Safari for iOS. Since it can quickly get overwhelming to have many dozens of tabs open, you can then narrow things down with the wonderfully helpful search tabs

feature of Safari in iOS, which allow you to narrow down your tabs by search terms.

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## Riddles You Can Tell in Class

***Why do your uncles, aunts, and cousins depend on you?***

Answer: Without U, they would not exist.

***Why is the letter D so aggravating?***

Answer: Because it makes Ma maD.

***What can turn a lad into a lady?***

Answer: The letter Y.

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## This Day in History

### ***Birthdates which occurred on February 1:***

1901 Clark Gable Cadiz OH, actor (Gone With the Wind)

1926 Stuart Whitman San Francisco CA, actor (Captain Apache, Ransom, Cimarron Strip, Revenge)

1937 Don Everly Brownie KY, singer (Everly Brothers–Wake Up Little Susie)

1938 Sherman Hemsley Philadelphia PA, actor (All in the Family, Jeffersons, Amen)

1952 Rick James [James Johnson], rock/soul/funk vocalist (Super Freak)

1965 Sherilyn Fenn Detroit MI, actress (2 Moon Junction, Twin Peaks)

1968 Lisa Marie Presley Keough Jackson Memphis TN, (Elvis' daughter)

### ***On This Day:***

1587 English queen Elizabeth I signs Mary Stuart's death sentence

1790 Supreme Court convenes for the 1st time (New York NY)

1861 Texas becomes 7th state to secede

1862 Julia Howe publishes "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

1892 Mrs William Astor invites 400 guests to a grand ball at her mansion thus beginning the use of the "400" to describe the socially elite

1893 Thomas Edison completes worlds 1st movie studio (West Orange NJ)

1920 1st commercial armored car introduced (St Paul MN)

1929 1st clean & jerk of 400 lbs (182 kg), Charles Rigoulet, 402½ lbs

1964 Beatles' "I Want to Hold Your Hand" 1st #1 hit & stays #1 for 7 weeks

1965 Martin Luther King Jr & 700 demonstrators arrested in Selma AL

1965 Peter Jennings, 26, becomes anchor of ABC's nightly news

1968 Vince Lombardi resigns as coach of the Green Bay Packers

1968 Former Vice-President Richard Nixon announces candidacy for President

1974 "Good Times" (spinoff from "Maude") premieres on CBS TV

1975 "Hoppy, Gene & Me" by Roy Rogers peaks at #65  
1976 "Rich Man, Poor Man" mini-series premieres on ABC TV  
1976 Sonny & Cher resume TV show, despite real-life divorce  
1978 Harriet Tubman is 1st black woman honored on a US postage stamp  
1979 Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini returns to Iran after 15 years in exile  
1979 Patricia Hearst is released from a San Francisco prison for bank robbery  
1982 "Late Night With David Letterman" debuts on NBC-TV  
1984 Daniel Stern becomes NBA commissioner  
1992 Barry Bonds signs baseball's highest single year contract (\$4.7 million)

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