

MANURE

THE HISTORY OF

In the 16th and 17th centuries, everything had to be transported by ship and it was also before commercial fertilizer's invention, so large shipments of manure were common. It was shipped dry, because in dry form it weighed a lot less than wet, but once water (at sea) hit it, it not only became heavier, but the process of fermentation began again, of which a by-product is methane gas.

As the stuff was stored below decks in bundles you can see what could (and did) happen. Methane began to build up below decks and the first time someone came below at night with a lantern, KA-BOOM ... the S _ _ T hit the fan!

Several ships were destroyed in this manner before it was determined just what was happening. After that, bundles of manure were always stamped with the term "Ship High In Transit" on them, which meant for the sailors to stow it high enough off the lower decks so that any water that came into the hold would not touch this volatile cargo and start the production of methane.

Thus evolved the term "S.H.I.T"., (Ship High In Transit) which has come down through the centuries and is in use to this very day. You probably did not know the true story of this word. *Neither did I and I always thought, it was a golf term!*

In addition and through time, the term **S.H.I.T.** has become one of the most functional words in the English language. That's right ... it's shit! Shit may be the most used and functional word in the English language ... *especially if you've had a bad day!*

CONSIDER THIS:

You can get shit-faced, be ... shit-out-of-luck, or have shit for brains!

There are lucky shits, dumb shits, and crazy shits ...plus ... bull shit, horse shit, and chicken shit.

With a little effort, you can get your shit together, find a place for your shit, or be asked to shit or get off the pot!

You can smoke shit, buy shit, sell shit, lose shit, find shit, forget shit, and tell others to eat shit.

Some people know their shit, while others can't tell the difference between shit and shineola.

You can throw shit, sling shit, catch shit, shoot the shit, or duck when shit hits the fan.

You can give a shit or serve shit on the shingle

You can find yourself in deep shit or be happier than a pig in shit.

Some days are colder than shit, some days are hotter than shit and some days are just shitty.

Some music sounds like shit, things can look like shit, and there are times when you feel like shit.

You can have too much shit, not enough shit, the right shit, the wrong shit or a lot of weird shit.

You can carry shit to extremes, have a mountain full of shit, or find yourself up shit creek without a paddle.

Sometimes everything you touch turns to shit and other times you fall in a bucket of shit and come out smelling like a rose.

When you consider all the facts, it's the basic building block of the English language.

And remember, once you know your shit, you don't need to know anything else.

You could pass this along if you give a shit, or not do if you don't give a shit!

Well shit, it's time for me to go. Just wanted you to know that I do give a shit and hope you had a nice day without a bunch of shit, but if you happen to catch a load of shit from some shit-head ...

Well, what can I say ... Shit Happens!

By the way! What do you suppose the 2nd most functional word is ... _ _ _ _ , That's right!?