

life of brian /4/ **getting better** all the time

The more I talked about it, **the more** I **wished I could** build my own autogyro. Timo asked me **what I thought I would do** with it.

"You really **come up with** some stupid questions," I told him. I **did have** a special **purpose in mind, though. I've had** my amateur radio license **for a couple of** years now. My dad **isn't paid very well** in his job and we **don't have** enough money for **fancy** radio equipment. So I build my own. I started building radio equipment **a long time ago**, and **I've been getting better at** it all the time. I really think I'm pretty good at it **by now**.

Most people don't understand that amateur radio operators can sometimes **get in touch with** people on the other side of the world. Once I communicated with a guy in Africa **using** no more power than you have in your pocket radio. Code **makes it easier to** contact far-away stations. The signal's always **easier to hear** than a **human** voice.