

storyville 17 laughter

LAUGHTER: There are rules operating in the brain and controlling the way we laugh that we can't overrule no matter how much we try. If you don't believe me, just try to laugh faster or slower. It sounds _____ and unnatural. And you never **hear anybody laugh** 'ha, ho, ha, ho.' It's always 'ha, ha, ha' or 'ho, ho, ho.' In other words, _____ ways to laugh. This **suggests** that the brain **can't be tricked into behaving** differently, not even by its owner.

AS OPPOSED TO
BE TURNED ON
COME ON TO ^{SB}
CUT IT OUT
DO I EVER!
FAKED
FRAUD
HAVE IT OUT
HAVE PLACES TO BE
INSECURE
KNOW-IT-ALL
LAY OFF ST
MONEY-GRUBBING
PRECIOUS
REACH OUT ^{TO SB}
THERE ARE ONLY SO MANY
THERE, ...
WHAT, ...
WHATEVER.
YOU GOT IT.
YOU NAME IT.

EXCHANGING INSULTS: Listen, **ever since** you arrived here, you **have been nothing but** condescending and **dismissive**. It's time **the two of us** __+__ it __+__. — _____. — _____, you did it again. — Oh grow up. We both know **what this is really about**. It's **about you losing** twenty minutes from your _____ show and **me getting** those twenty minutes and **being** much better than you've ever been. Now, if you'll excuse me, I _____. — No, I will not excuse you. Look, I am _____ to you. — Yeah, you are. And I want you to _____. It's like you're trying to make me your special project. Why don't you adopt a cat or something and leave me alone? — As your colleague, I do not **deserve to be treated** this way. I **will not be ridiculed** by a half-educated, _____ woman like you! — _____ some foreign-speaking **windbag**? — **That makes you** an _____! — You are a pompous **blowhard**! A _____! A snob! — What a great fight! Are you

as _____ as I am? — Did you just _____ me? You think I'll find you attractive just because you call me names? _____, are you sick?

NO MORE DRINKING: Honey, do you ever drink alone? — Does the Lord **count as** a person? — No. — Then yes. — Do you ever hide beer **around the house**? — _____! — Listen, **I'd like you to do** something for me. — _____. — I want you to _____ beer for a month. — _____. No deer for a month.