



THE LAST LAUGH



LANGUAGE LEVEL
C2 (Proficiency)
TRACK 18
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 Standard American accent

Computer Technology

There are four engineers traveling in a car. They are: a mechanical engineer, a chemical engineer, an electrical engineer and a computer engineer.

The car breaks down¹.

The mechanical engineer says: "Sounds to me as if the pistons have seized². We'll have to strip down the engine³ before we can get the car working again."

"Well," says the chemical engineer, "it sounded to me as if the fuel⁴ might be contaminated. I think we should clear out the fuel system."

"I thought it might be a grounding problem⁵," says the electrical engineer, "or maybe a faulty plug lead⁶."

They all turn to the computer engineer, who has said nothing. They ask him: "Well, what do you think?"

"Uhm," he replies, "perhaps if we all get out of the car and get back in again?"



Glossary

- 1 **breaks down** - si guasta.
- 2 **as if the pistons have seized** - come se si fossero grippati i pistoni.
- 3 **to strip down the engine** - togliere e aprire il motore.
- 4 **fuel** - benzina.
- 5 **a grounding problem** - un problema elettrico.
- 6 **faulty plug lead** - una candela difettosa.
- 7 **if we all... back in again** - se usciamo tutti dalla macchina e rientriamo di nuovo?
- 8 **identity theft** [θeɪt] furto d'identità.
- 9 **awful** ['ɔːfl] terribile.
- 10 **actually it turned out ok** - in realtà è andata a finire bene.
- 11 **demanded an apology** - ha preteso delle scuse.

Herman



"You can stop waving goodbye. I'm staying!"

Lola



WELL, ACTUALLY IT TURNED OUT OKAY...¹⁰

