

## Abbott and Costello "Who's On First?"

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Abbott: How do youÂ...how do you like my lawn club for St. Lou?

Costello: Hey, all those people gonna be at the game today?

Abbott: Certainly.

Costello: Ah, this is gonna be a whopper of a game!

Abbott: Well it should be.

Costello: Hey, AbbottÂ...

Abbott: What?

Costello: I understand they made you the manager of this here whole great team.

Abbott: Why not?

Costello: So you the manager?

Abbott: IÂ'm the manager!

Costello: Well, you know, IÂ'd like to know some of the guysÂ' names on the team so when I meet Â'em on the street or in the ballpark IÂ'll be able to say, Â"Hello,Â" to those people.

Abbott: Why sure IÂ'll introduce you to the boys. They give Â'em funny names though, St. Lou.

Costello: Oh I know they give those ball players awful funny names.

Abbott: Well, letÂ's see, on the team we have uh WhoÂ's on first, WhatÂ's on second, I DonÂ't Know is on thirdÂ...

Costello: Are you the manager?

Abbott: Yes.

Costello: You know the guysÂ' names?

Abbott: I sure do.

Costello: Then tell me the guysÂ' names.

Abbott: I say, WhoÂ's on first, WhatÂ's on second, I DonÂ't KnowÂ's on third and then youÂ...

Costello: You the manager?

Abbott: Yes.

Costello: You know the guysÂ' names?

Abbott: IÂ'm telling you their names!

Costello: Well whoÂ's on first?

Abbott: Yeah.

Costello: Go ahead and tell me.

Abbott: Who.

Costello: The guy on first.

Abbott: Who.

Costello: The guy playin' first base.  
Abbott: Who.  
Costello: The guy on first.  
Abbott: Who is on first!  
Costello: What are you askin' me for? I'm askin' you!  
Abbott: I'm not asking you, I'm telling you.  
Costello: You ain't tellin' me nothin'. I'm askin' you, who's on first?  
Abbott: That's it!  
Costello: Well go ahead and tell me.  
Abbott: Who!  
Costello: The guy on first base.  
Abbott: That's his name.  
Costello: That's whose name?  
Abbott: Yes.  
Costello: Well go ahead and tell me.  
Abbott: That's the man's name!  
Costello: That's whose name?  
Abbott: Yeah!  
Costello: Well go ahead and tell me!  
Abbott: Who is on first.  
Costello: What are you askin' me for? I'm askin' you, who's on first?  
Abbott: That's it.  
Costello: Well go ahead and tell me.  
Abbott: Who.  
Costello: The guy on first.  
Abbott: That's it.  
Costello: What's the guy's name on first?  
Abbott: No, What's on second.  
Costello: I'm not askin' you who's on second!  
Abbott: Who's on first.  
Costello: That's what I'm askin' you! Who's on first?  
Abbott: Now wait a minute. Don't...don't change the players.  
Costello: I'm not changin' nobody! I asked you a simple question. What's the guys' name on first base?  
Abbott: What's the guy's name on second base.  
Costello: I'm not askin' you who's on second!  
Abbott: Who's on first.  
Costello: I don't know.  
Abbott: He's on third. Now we're not talking about him.  
Costello: Look, you got a first baseman?  
Abbott: Yes.  
Costello: Then tell me the fella's name playin' first.  
Abbott: Who.  
Costello: The guy playin' first.

Abbott: That's his name.

Costello: Wait... What's the guy's name on first base?

Abbott: What is the guy's name on second base!

Costello: Who's playin' second?

Abbott: Who's playin' first.

Costello: I don't know.

Abbott: He's on third base.

Costello: Look, when you pay off the first baseman every month, who do you pay the money to?

Abbott: Every dollar of it.

Costello: Yeah. Look, you gotta pay the money to somebody on first base, don't you?

Abbott: Yeah.

Costello: Does he give you a receipt?

Abbott: Sure.

Costello: How does he sign the receipt?

Abbott: Who.

Costello: The guy that you give the money to.

Abbott: Who.

Costello: The guy you give the money to.

Abbott: That's how he signs it.

Costello: That's how who signs it?

Abbott: Yes.

Costello: Well go ahead and tell me! Abbott: That's it.

Costello: That's who?

Abbott: Yeah.

Costello: When you give the guy the money, doesn't he have to sign the receipt?

Abbott: He does!

Costello: Well how does he sign his name?

Abbott: Who.

Costello: The guy you give the money to.

Abbott: That's how he signs it!

Costello: You! You... You just don't give money to someone without having 'em sign the receipt!

Abbott: No! Who signs it.

Costello: What are you askin' me for?

Abbott: Now calm down. I'm not asking you, I am telling you. The...

Costello: Well go ahead and tell me. What's the guy's name that signs the receipt on first base?

Abbott: Well now wait a minute. What signs his own receipt.

Costello: Who signs his own receipt?

Abbott: No, Who signs his.

Costello: I'm askin' you, when the guy on first base gives you a piece of paper...

Abbott: Yes, now wait...

Costello: ...he puts his name on it.

Abbott: No, Who puts his name on it...

Costello: Howâ€¦

Abbott: Â€...and what puts his name on itâ€¦

Costello: How does the fellaâ€™s name on first base look to you when he signs his name?

Abbott: Who.

Costello: To you.

Abbott: Thatâ€™s how it does.

Costello: How does it look to you?

Abbott: Who!

Costello: To you.

Abbott: Who!

Costello: To you.

Abbott: Who! Lookâ€¦

Costello: When the guy signs his name, how does it look to you?

Abbott: Now thatâ€™s how it looks. Who.

Costello: Hâ€—Howâ€¦Who?

Abbott: Who.

Costello: Iâ€™m askinâ€™ you. Whatâ€™s the guyâ€™s name on first base you give the money to?

Abbott: Who! After all, the manâ€™s entitled to itâ€¦

Costello: Who is?

Abbott: Yes. Sometimes his wife comes down and collects it.

Costello: Whose wife?

Abbott: Yeah, sure.

Costello: All Iâ€™m tryinâ€™ to find out is whatâ€™s the guyâ€™s name on first baseâ€¦

Abbott: What is on second base.

Costello: Iâ€™m not askinâ€™ you whoâ€™s on second.

Abbott: Whoâ€™s on first.

Costello: I donâ€™t know.

Abbott: Heâ€™sâ€¦

Costello: Third base, I know.

Abbott: Yeah.

Costello: You got a outfield?

Abbott: Sure.

Costello: The left fielderâ€™s name?

Abbott: Why.

Costello: I just thought Iâ€™d ask you.

Abbott: Well I just thought Iâ€™d tell you.

Costello: The left fielderâ€™s name?

Abbott: Why!? Costello: Hmmâ€¦Because!

Abbott: Oh, heâ€™s centerfield.

Costello: Ohâ€¦

Abbott: Told you all these players gotâ€¦

Costello: All Iâ€™m tryinâ€™ to figure out is whatâ€™s the guyâ€™s name in leftfield.

Abbott: Now, Whatâ€™s on second.

Costello: Iâ€™m not askinâ€™ you whoâ€™s on second.

Abbott: Who's on first.  
Costello: I don't know...  
Both: Third base.  
Costello: You got a pitcher on this team?  
Abbott: Wouldn't be a fine team without a pitcher.  
Costello: What's his name?  
Abbott: Tomorrow.  
Costello: You don't want to tell me today?  
Abbott: I'm telling you.  
Costello: Then go ahead.  
Abbott: Tomorrow!? Costello: What time?  
Abbott: What time what?  
Costello: What time tomorrow are you gonna tell me who's pitching?  
Abbott: Now listen. Who is not...  
Costello: I'll break your arm, you say who's on first! I want to know what's the pitcher's name?  
Abbott: What's on second.  
Costello: I don't know.  
Both: Third base!  
Costello: You got a catcher?  
Abbott: Sure.  
Costello: The catcher's name?  
Abbott: Today.  
Costello: Today. You don't wanna tell me, today... tomorrow... do you?  
Abbott: I'm telling you.  
Costello: So the catcher's name?  
Abbott: Today.  
Costello: Today. And Tomorrow's pitching.  
Abbott: Now you've got it!  
Costello: Now I've got it...  
Abbott: Hey!  
Costello: All we got is a couple of days on the team!  
Abbott: Well I can't help that.  
Costello: All right. You know now, I'm a good catcher. Now, I get behind the plate and...and Tomorrow's pitching on my team and a heavy hitter gets up.  
Abbott: Yes.  
Costello: Now when he gets up, me being a good catcher, I'm gonna throw the guy out at first base. So the guy bunts the ball. I pick up the ball; I'm gonna throw the guy out at first base. So I pick up the ball and throw it to who?  
Abbott: Now that's the first thing you've said right.  
Costello: I don't even know what I'm talkin' about!  
Abbott: Well that's... That's all you have...  
Costello: That's all I have to do is to throw the ball to first base. Now who's got it?  
Abbott: Naturally. Now you've got it.  
Costello: I throw the ball to first base, somebody's

gotta get the ball! Now who's got it?  
Abbott: Naturally.  
Costello: Who?  
Abbott: Naturally.  
Costello: Naturally?  
Abbott: Naturally.  
Costello: So I pick up the ball and I throw it to Naturally.  
Abbott: No, no, no, no...  
Costello: He gets the ball. Naturally gets the ball  
and...Nat—  
Abbott: You throw the ball to first base.  
Costello: Then who gets it?  
Abbott: Naturally.  
Costello: So I pick up the ball and I throw it to Naturally.  
Abbott: No!  
Costello: Naturally gets the ball and...and...  
Abbott: You throw the ball to Who.  
Costello: Naturally.  
Abbott: Naturally.  
Costello: That's what I'm saying!?Abbott: You're  
not saying it...  
Costello: I said, I throw the ball to Naturally.  
Abbott: No you don't!  
Costello: I throw it to who?  
Abbott: Naturally.  
Costello: That's what I'm saying!  
Abbott: No it isn't.  
Costello: I throw the ball to first base, somebody's  
gotta get it.  
Abbott: So Who gets it.  
Costello: Naturally.  
Abbott: That's it.  
Costello: Okay. Now I ask you, who gets it?  
Abbott: Naturally.  
Costello: Same as you!  
Abbott: Now listen...  
Costello: I throw the ball to Naturally.  
Abbott: You throw the ball to Who!?Costello: Then who  
gets it?  
Abbott: Naturally.  
Costello: He better get it! So I throw the ball to first  
base.  
Abbott: All right.  
Costello: Whoever gets it drops the ball and the guy  
runs to second. Now, Who picks up the ball and throws  
it to What. What throws it to I Don't Know. I Don't  
Know throws it back to Tomorrow, triple play.  
Abbott: Could be.  
Costello: Another guy gets up and hits a long fly ball to  
Because.  
Abbott: Yes.

Costello: Why? I don't know! He's on third and I  
don't give a darn!  
Abbott: What'd you say?  
Costello: I said, I don't give a darn!  
Abbott: Oh, that's our shortstop!

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