

# FRAME JOKES & ANECDOTES

For Trainers, Lecturers, Presenters, Sales People and Managers

*'Learn to Laugh  
and  
Laugh to Learn'*



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*Spice up your training, lectures, sales, presentations and meetings.*



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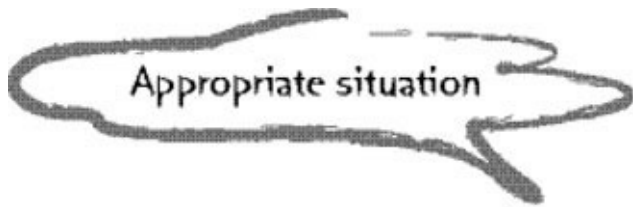
# 1

A farmer went to church on a Sunday. To his surprise, he found that only the preacher and he were present.

The preacher asked the farmer, "Do you want me to go ahead and preach?"

The farmer replied, "I'm not too smart, but if I went to feed my cattle and only one showed up, I'd feed him."

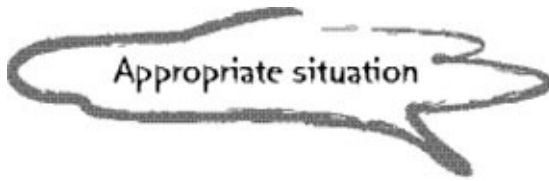
So the preacher began his sermon. It continued for over three hours. When the preacher finally finished, he asked the farmer how he had liked the sermon. The farmer answered slowly, "Well, I'm not too smart, but if I went to feed my cattle and only one showed up, I sure wouldn't feed him all the hay."



•Training



My wife once asked me about my workouts in a posh gymnasium. “Why is it that businessmen go from their air-conditioned houses to their air-conditioned offices in their air-conditioned cars, then go to a health club and pay one hundred dollars an hour to sweat?”



•Quality of life

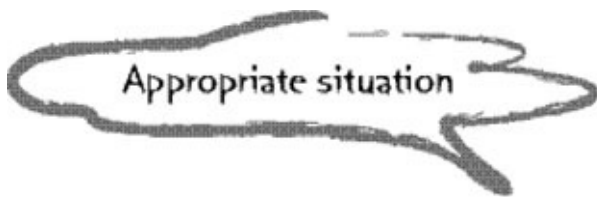
# 3

I overheard this conversation between my wife and my two sons, Maha and Subbu.

“Mom, can I do my homework on the bed?” asked Subbu.

“No, you can’t. The moment you lie on the bed, you lose your concentration, straightaway!” replied my wife.

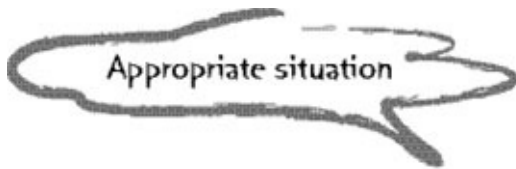
“But enjoyment starts straightaway, mom,” remarked Maha.



•Perception

*Johnny's* family had just moved into the neighbourhood. A few weeks later, 10-year old *Johnny* had to go to church for Sunday mass by himself. The priest, overjoyed with his new church-goer, looked at him and asked, "*Johnny*, where is God?"

Finding no response from *Johnny*, the priest raised his voice and repeated, "*Johnny*, tell me now, where is God?" *Johnny* was so frightened that he ran out of the church and did not stop until he arrived at his house. On meeting his mother, he reported breathlessly, "Mom, you know what happened at church today? They lost God! And you know what else? They **tried to blame me** for it!"



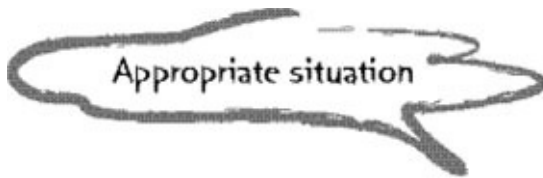
•Corporate culture

# 5

A family had just settled down to dinner when the doorbell rang, for the fifth time that night.

In disgust, the *home owner* opened the door and shouted, “And now what are you selling?”

The *salesman* replied, “**Nothing** and oh boy, my boss is really upset.”

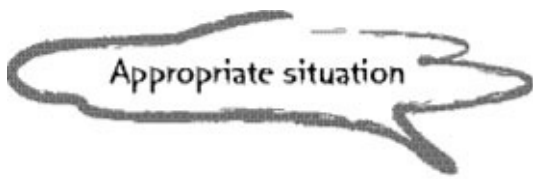


•Communication

St Peter, who guards the gates of Heaven, stopped the men who had died and who were arriving in Heaven. “All of you who listened to your wives when making your decisions, please line up on the left. The others, please line up on the right.”

When all of them had lined up, St Peter addressed the *lone person* who had lined up on the right “And now tell me, brave man, why you chose the right line.”

The *man* stammered, “I don’t know... my wife told me to!”



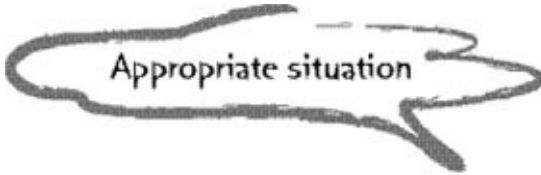
•Decision-making

# 7

A university registrar was briefing new students. “Female residences are out of bounds to male students, as are male residences to female students.”

The registrar continued, “Anyone caught breaking this rule will be fined 10 dollars for their first offence, 25 dollars for their second and 60 dollars for their third. Are there any questions?”

“Yes,” a student shouted out, “**How much for a season pass?**”

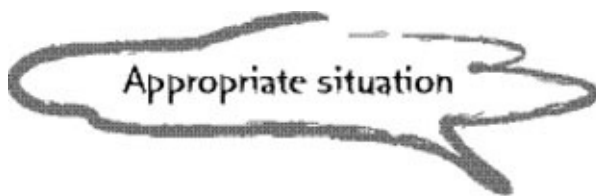


•Communication

The King of an Indian kingdom had called upon the young men in his land to demonstrate their bravery and valour. The prize was an exciting one. The successful person would win the right to wed the king's daughter and succeed him as ruler of the kingdom.

The King described the task, "All want you to do is swim across this river. The challenge is to survive and not be eaten by the crocodiles." As the young Indian men continued to debate over how to meet the challenge, all of a sudden there was a splash and everyone's eyes were glued on a young person furiously trying to swim across the river. On seeing this brave *young man* succeed in his effort, the king ran up to him, hugged him, and said, "Oh! *Young man*, you can have my daughter and my kingdom, but just tell me the secret to your bravery. How did you manage to evade the crocodiles?"

In a huff, the *young man* replied, "Just a minute, Your Majesty. First, let me catch the idiot who **pushed me** into the river."



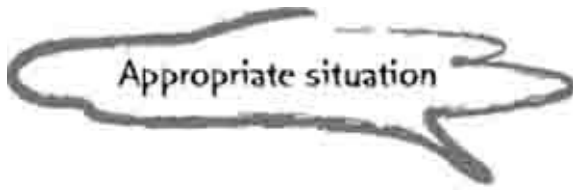
•Motivation

# 9

A *lecturer* complained to his friend, “I had it all ... money, a magnificent house, a Porsche, the love of a beautiful woman. Then bang! It was all gone.”

“What happened?” asked the friend.

The *lecturer* replied, “My wife found out.”

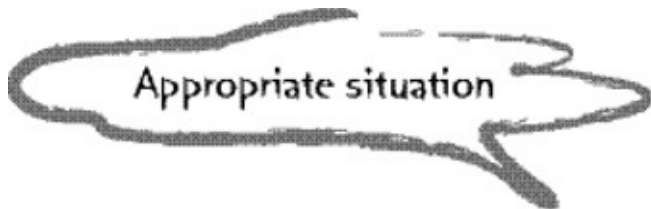


•Perceptions / Assumptions



After I married, my *wife*, Kamu, was surprised to find that I did not wear branded ties. She was quite firm that I should only wear branded ties, such as Dunhill or Pierre Cardin. I was adamant that I did not want to spend a fortune on such luxury. One day, I was horrified to find that my wife had bought me a pair of Dunhill ties at a price of 300 dollars each. Before I could say anything, she said, “Don’t complain about the price tag. This is my birthday present to you. When you wear these ties, you make me feel good.”

I received the credit card bill at the end of the month, and, I had to pay for the ties, which were charged to her supplementary card.



•Selling

# 11

Eve, in the Garden of Eden, called out to the Lord, “Oh Lord, I have a problem. You created me and a beautiful garden, but I’m lonely, and I’m sick of eating apples.”

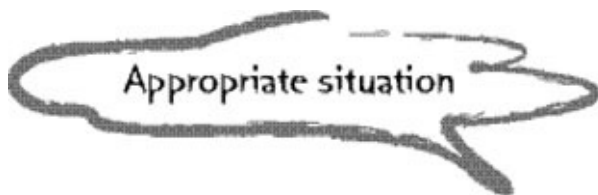
“Well, in that case, I’ll create a man for you,” replied the Lord.

Eve asked, “What’s that?”

“He’s a flawed creature with aggressive tendencies, a big ego and does not listen; but he’s big, fast and muscular. He is good at fighting, hitting and kicking - and not bad company.”

Eve replied, “Sounds great!”

“There is one condition,” added the Lord. “You’ll have to let him believe I made him first.”

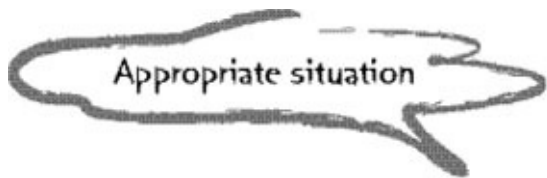


•Perception

When *Alfred Adler* parted company with his mentor, the great psychoanalyst Sigmund Freud, Freud was so angry that he commented at a press conference, “I made a pygmy great.”

*Adler* replied, “A pygmy perched on the shoulders of his master can see much further than his master can!”

*Note: Pygmies are short-statured peoples of Africa. When used figuratively, it means small / dwarfish or, in this sense, a person of small importance or lacking in some important attribute.*

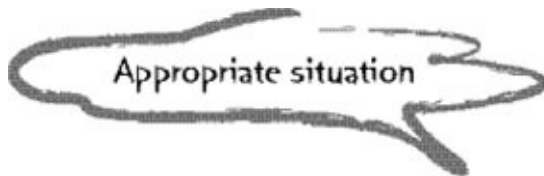


•Communication

# 13

I was introducing my colleague and professional speaker, Subra, at the Trainers Meet Trainers regional conference.

I started off by saying, “Ladies and gentlemen, last night I had a dream. I died in an accident and was on the way up to Heaven. On arriving at the gates of Heaven, the Saint offered me the ugliest lady imaginable as my companion. When asked why I should be given the ugliest lady, the Saint replied that it was because I was paying the price for my mortal sins. As I was ready to move, I saw Subra arriving on another cloud but I was stunned to see him in the company of Julia Roberts. I immediately confronted the Saint and demanded to know why Subra, who was just another trainer like me, had the privilege of Julia Roberts’ company. The Saint replied coolly that it was perfectly understandable. Julia Roberts was paying for her mortal sins.”



•Communication

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