



PHUNNY PHONE?

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Take a smart phone with an 'intelligent personal assistant and knowledge navigator' function such as 'Siri'.

Ask Siri to tell a joke. You could do this more than once.

Task Question:

- ✓ Is Siri funny?

Nested Questions

- ✓ What is 'funny'?
- ✓ What makes someone funny?
- ✓ Can or could A.I. ever be funny?
- ✓ What is a joke?
- ✓ What makes a joke funny?
- ✓ How does one tell a joke well?
- ✓ What is Siri?
- ✓ Can intentional states be ascribed to Siri?
- ✓ Can someone/thing be funny without intending to be?

WHO'S A CLEVER PHONE, THEN?

A colleague of mine, Andrew West, does a session making use of his speaking 'intelligent personal assistant and knowledge navigator' function on his phone. He 'asks his phone' a series of questions such as:

What is the capital of France?

What is $2 + 2$?

What is $2 + 2 + 2 + 6098$?

Are there any train stations nearby?

What's the weather going to be like this evening?

Are you clever?

Task Questions

- ✓ Is my phone clever?'
- ✓ What question could you ask my phone to find out if it's clever or not?
- ✓ Is my phone cleverer than a baby?