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The Intrepid Interviewer Series



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Today's Interview Topic: The Most Important Household Appliance

This week I took to the streets, well, actually to the malls to ask people which is the most important appliance in their home. If this was a contest, there was no clear winner but there were some surprising answers.

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Intrepid: Excuse me, ma'am, I'm Will Penwright the Intrepid Interviewer from *Periwinkle Press*. I'm asking people shopping in the mall today what household appliance they consider the most important. What is your name?

1st Interviewee: Nora Kachoon. I read your column. You sure missed the boat in your interview of Billy Prigmore. How come you didn't ask him where his uncle Frank buried the money from the bank robbery? Boy you *really* missed on that one!

Intrepid: Yes, well, *today* I'm interviewing folks like you in the mall to find out what they consider to be their most important household appliance. So, what's *your* most important appliance?

1st Interviewee: And how come you didn't ask the mayor's nephew about his truancy record? Instead you just let him ramble on and on about his center for street kids. . .

Intrepid: Yes, well, **do you in fact have an opinion about the most important household appliance?**

1st Interviewee: Well of course I do! I'm not like that Cindy Wasserman you interviewed who could never get to the point. That wasn't much of an interview, either. . .

Intrepid: And your answer is. . . ?

1st Interviewee: It has to be my vacuum cleaner. My husband's a real slob. He eats food wherever he is in the house and get crumbs and stuff I can't even tell what it is all over the place, including in our bed! You know, I could tell you a lot about what women have to put up with. . . how come you don't do interviews about stuff that's important to women. . . .

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Intrepid: Excuse me, sir, I'm Will Penwright the Intrepid Interviewer from *Periwinkle Press*. I'm asking people in the mall today what household appliance they consider the most important. What is your name?

2nd Interviewee: Norbert Dell Valencia. . . who are you again?

Intrepid: Will Penwright. . . from *Periwinkle Press*. I'm asking people what household appliance they consider the most important.

2nd Interviewee: Well. . . why would you do that?

Intrepid: I write a column for the newspaper, *The Intrepid Interviewer*. I interview people about different subjects. Today I'm asking. . .

2nd Interviewee: That's kind of a strange question but let me think. . . I'd say the phone. Yeah, the phone. Because we have to stay I touch, you know, and where would we all be without a phone? I mean *everybody* uses the phone, don't they? Of course, the doorbell is important, too, but I guess it's not really an appliance. . . .

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Intrepid: Sir, sir, excuse me, I'm Will Penwright the Intrepid Interviewer from *Periwinkle Press*. I'm asking people what household appliance they consider the most important. What is your name, sir?

3rd Interviewee: Burl, Burl Rockman. . . the Third. What was your question? I gotta get going to catch up with my wife before she buys out the store.

Intrepid: Household appliance. . . what do you consider the most important household appliance?

3rd Interviewee: Oh, it *has* to be the *toilet*! Not only does everybody in the house use it but there is a kind of satisfaction in hearing that flushing sound as. . . .

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Intrepid: Pardon me, ma'am, I'm the Intrepid Interviewer from *Periwinkle Press* and today I'm asking people what household appliance they think is the most important. What is your name?

4th Interviewee: Chippa Radwizdowski and I think it has to be the microwave in our house because *nobody* has time to stove cook anything anymore because we're *all* working two and three jobs just to make ends meet and, besides, *everyone* is out of practice when it comes to stove cooking because we eat out a lot, well not *a lot*, I mean not in *expensive restaurants* but in fast food places like Tommy's Taco House and Baca's Burger Burn and. . . .

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Intrepid: Pardon me sir. . . I'm Will Penwright the Intrepid Interviewer from *Periwinkle Press* and. . .

5th Interviewee: Yeah, yeah, I heard, most important appliance. . .

Intrepid: And your name, sir?

5th Interviewee: When you say *most* important, I suppose you mean *besides* a cross cut paper shredder. . .

Intrepid: Paper shredder?

5th Interviewee: There are government agents *everywhere* going through people's trash to collect information and make dossiers on *every American*. . . these days *every scrap of paper has to be shredded* before it goes into the trash. . .

Intrepid: So a paper shredder is *your* most important household appliance?

5th Interviewee: You're not secretly from the government, are you? Because if you are. . .

Intrepid: No sir, I'm just a reporter for *Periwinkle Press*.

5th Interviewee: Well, just call me Bob, actually, for the record you can call me Roberto. You guys from the press, you're about as respected these days as members of Congress. Some of the crap you report. . . well, you seem OK to me. . . lets see, uh, well, after the paper shredder I would have to say the TV remote control, especially the mute button. And a lot of times when the news is on I switch to wrestling or The Dog Whisperer, you know, because you reporters, well the stuff you try to pass off as news is just a big pile of. . . .

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Intrepid: And you, sir, you been standing here listening, what do *you* think is the most important household appliance?

6th Interviewee: Dude! It's got to be the 'frige. I mean the 'frige is *awesome!* I mean when you need a cold one or wanna do some browsing, you know, like when you're kinda hungry but you don't know for what, the 'frige is *the* place! And the 'frige is a *great place* to keep your stash, you know, 'cause it slows down the aging process and keeps it fresh, you know?

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There you have it, Intrepid Interviewer readers. Next week's question to passersby will be "When was the last time you rode a bicycle?" I can hardly wait to hit the streets!

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