

Bumper Stickers. Living in the 2000s, we are used to sound bites, news flashes, billboard slogans, one-line e-mails, USA TODAY micro-stories, Internet research, faxes, you name it. Thoughts become condensed in my head. They sound like messages that you'd see on the back of a tin can car. Life is condensed into these one-line catch phrases.

In this activity, I want you to write a brief, one-page story including one of the following bumper sticker mottoes. The bumper sticker phrase can be a part of the dialogue, or just the character/narrator's general thoughts. This is an activity to help you generate ideas for the short story you are going to write. You do not have to use this for your short story, but it could be useful. (Note: If you have another APPROPRIATE bumper sticker in mind, you may use that, as long as you run it by me first).

Let's put the "Fun" back in Funeral.

Denial is NOT a River in Egypt.

My son can beat up your honor student.

If we're not supposed to eat animals, then why are they made of meat?

I chose NOT to live in reality.

Backoff I'm a postal worker.

My Karma ran over your Dogma.

Cover me. I'm changing lanes.

Forget about world peace...Visualize using your turn signal.

Lost your cat? Look under my tires.

Caution. I swerve and hit people at random.

Honk if you hate noise pollution.

My girlfriend's other car is a broom.

The gene pool could use a little chlorine.

So many stupid people, so few comets.

I like cats, they taste just like chicken.

Madness takes its toll--Please have exact change ready.

Body by Nautilus; Brain by Mattel.

My child was inmate of the month at the county jail.

Auntie Em. Hate you, hate Kansas, taking the dog. Dorothy.

Just when you think you've won the rat race along come faster rats.

Humpty Dumpty was pushed.

I've run out of sick days, so I'm calling in dead.

Do not meddle in the affairs of dragons for you are crunchy and are good with ketchup.

Sorry, I just haven't been the same since that house fell on my sister.

My other car is a Zamboni.

Do Not Wash--This vehicle is undergoing a scientific dirt test.

Change is inevitable--Except for vending machines.

Take a bite out of crime. It tastes like chicken.