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# Easy, No-Fail Pancake Recipe

### **Ingredients**

- 1 cup of self raising flour
- a pinch of salt
- ı egg
- 1 1/4 cups of milk

Some extra butter to grease your frying pan if it's non stick.

### Instructions

Sift the flour and salt into a small mixing bowl.

Add the egg and pour in the milk and whisk the mixture together until thick and creamy.

Heat your frying pan to a high heat and approximately one teaspoon of butter.

For even sized pancakes, use a measuring cup (I suggest using a 1/4 cup) to scoop up and pour your batter into the pan.

Allow the pancake to cook for approximately one minute or until bubbles begin to appear on the surface. Flip the pancake and cook on the other side for one minute.

Place cooked pancakes on a plate and cover with foil to keep warm

Continue until you have used all of the mixture.







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### Mums Share the Things Their Know-It-All Teens Hilariously Tried to Educate Them On

BY JILL SLATER

We've all heard of 'mansplaining', the infuriating situation where some men like to patronisingly explain to women how various things work, despite us having fully-functioning brains and a solid understanding anyway. Seriously, owning a vagina doesn't mean we are stupid, my dudes.

Well, now we have a new term. One that many parents of teenagers will relate to.

Teensplaining

Verb

When a teen condescendingly assumes that they know more about a topic than the adults around them, usually their parents. The teen then explains the topic to the adult as if the adult is completely ignorant regardless of their experience or expertise. This is frequently accompanied by the extreme certainty that can only be maintained through inexperience.

#### Example:

"My daughter teensplained pop music to me, as if I hadn't lived through the 80s."

Mumsnet boardies have rallied together to share their experiences of being teensplained to by their know-it-all teens. Their stories of being teensplained to are excellent examples of this all-too-relatable phenomenon that parents have been putting up with for generations.

☐ My teenager tried to explain to me who Boy George is last night in a completely patronising "you'll have never heard of him" kind of way.

☐ My 12-year-old announced in the New Year that she hadn't heard us shouting her for tea as she'd

been Netflix binging on this show called 'Friends'. Announced in a tone of voice implying we'd never have heard of it or ever understand why it was so addictive to watch...

☐ My teens like to explain in depth how the internet and social media work, using the eyerolling, patronising voice. I like to remind them that I was using the internet before they were born and social media while they were both in nappies, but it's fine as I still, apparently, know nothing. I also like to point out that it was me who taught them to use forks and read, but it goes in one teen ear and out the other.

☐ Teenagers always think their parents know nothing and are usually amazed at how much they've learned by the time said teenager is 20. ☐ I remember avidly explaining to my mum when I was 16 in 2005 who David Bowie was, why he was amazing and cool (because obviously, she was a mum so wouldn't get it).

Mum reminded me that she'd been 16 in 1976 and, actually, it was her who'd introduced me to his music. I remember being suitably undeterred.

My nephew was asking who George Michael was (when he tragically died the Xmas before last) because he, at 14, had never heard of him so he couldn't really be that famous.

☐ DD burst into the car after a hip-hop class telling me about this cool song they were dancing to. It was called Say You'll Be There, by a band I'd probably never heard of, called The Spice Ladies.

Have you been teensplained to yet? What's the funniest thing you've ever had explained to you?



# Slow Cooker Ragu Tagliatelle Recipe BY JILL SLATER

This rich slow cooker ragu tagliatelle surpasses plain old spaghetti bolognaise any day of the week! Slow cooking is perfect for those busy days when you just want to set and forget about dinner. Using a mixture of beef and pork mince gives the ragu a richness that beef mince alone cannot give. You can buy packets of beef and pork mince combined together in the one package in the meat section of the supermarket for about the same price as premium beef mince.

This recipe makes a lot of ragu. Hello leftovers!

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 6 hours

Total Time: 6 hours, 15 minutes

**Yield:** 8-10

### **Ingredients**

ıkg beef ℰ pork mince

3 x 400gm tins of diced tomatoes

2 beef Oxos

4 tablespoons of tomato paste

½ cup of red win

1 tablespoon of dried basil

1 tablespoon of dried oregano

1 tablespoon of dried thyme

1 cup of water

2 onions, finely diced

200g mushrooms, sliced

2 tbsp soy sauce

Salt and pepper to taste

3 bay leaves

500g dried tagliatelle

fresh parsley and grated parmesan to serve

### Instructions

Brown the mince in a frying pan, breaking up with a spoon until cooked, Drain in a wire colander to remove excess fat.

Transfer mince to slow cooker pot and turn on High. Add the rest of the ingredients except for the dried pasta and fresh parsley. Stir well to combine. Cook on High for 6 hours or Low for 8 hours. Serve with cooked pasta, parmesan and chopped fresh parsley.



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### Women Share Their Most Hilariously Embarrassing Moments During a Visit to Their Gynaecologist

BY JILL SLATER

Humour is often a good way to cover embarrassment, but sometimes it can make situations even more awkward, as these women discovered!

Here are four hilarious stories about the most embarrassing moments that happened during their routine gyno visits.

### 1. The Family Resemblance

'I make really inappropriate statements when I'm feeling a bit awkward.

A while back, I had irregularities on my routine Pap smear. I'm not good at waiting around for potentially bad news and decided to use the private insurance I have 'for emergencies' in order to get the recommended colposcopy as soon as possible. My mother was insistent that I use her gynaecologist. This is the man she's been going to for decades, the guy that looked after her when she was pregnant with all of her kids, the doctor who endlessly reassured her after I was born a trimester early.

So she and the doctor go way back. I, obviously, had not seen him since I was born.

The actual examination went fine. He was a very professional man with a caring, kindly demeanour and did not seem irritated by my incessant talking.

At the end he was very reassuring. As we parted, he made the comment, "You look exactly like your mother"

Without even thinking, I replied, "My face or my fanny?"

I couldn't help myself.'

### 2. The Canada Goose

'My first ever gynaecologist's appointment was when I was 17, and it took place in front of several medical students.

I'm lying back on the couch, watching curiously as the doctor prepares a tray full of metal instruments. (Yes, they used metal back in those days. In January, this could be...bracing.) I'm a first-year med student myself, so I'm always curious when it comes to experiencing new procedures.

One of the instruments in particular catches my interest. I've never seen anything quite this shape before.

Me: What's that? The thing that you're holding? Doc: Who wants to tell this lady what this is? Anyone?

Med Student #1: It's called a speculum. It goes inside your vagina and holds it open so we can look at your cervix.

Me: Oh. Cool. It looks like a duck. (Makes duck

sounds) Quack quack.

The doctor lubes me up with KY and inserts the speculum.

Me: Holy shit that's cold! That's not a duck, that's a freaking Canada Goose. (Making goose sounds) Honk!

Doc stares at me.

Doc: Are you feeling alright? Would you like me to stop for a moment?

Me: Nah, I'm fine.

Doc gives me a strange look, but continues with the exam, taking a quick swab. I make duck and goose shadow puppet shapes with my hands and make their shadows quack and honk at each other on the wall

Five medical students take turns to stare into my vagina while trying not to piss themselves laughing. Doc manages to remain professional throughout, with only the redness of her cheeks giving her away.

A decade and a half later, I'm still that girl who randomly makes animal noises, just because she feels like it.

I'm also still that girl who's almost impossible to embarrass. Although these days, I try to be at least a little bit conscious that other people don't have my embarrassment tolerance levels.

Sorry, Doc.

But not that sorry.'

### 3. The Angry Vagina

"Oh my! She's angry, isn't she?!"

I'd recently had a procedure that caused a lot of bleeding, similar to after childbirth. I had to wear really super big maxi pads, and I'd gotten a rash from wearing them. So I made an appointment. That was my doctor's initial reaction when she went to 'check things out' down there. Which caused me to burst out in laughter to the point of tears. It took several minutes for us and the nurse to stop laughing about my 'angry vagina', and actually talk about how to treat it.

At least she was able to make me laugh and make an embarrassing situation not quite as bad.

### 4. Fancy

My friend's mother was in town visiting and asked if she would be able to set up an appointment with her (male) gynaecologist. My friend said fine and managed to get an appointment for the next day. The next day she came home from work and while having dinner and this conversation followed –

Daughter - "How did your appointment go?"

Mother - "Fine, I guess"

Daughter - "Is everything OK?".

Mother – "Oh yeah everything is fine. <pause> Has Dr.\_\_\_\_\_ ever said anything ... inappropriate to you?".

Daughter – "No, I don't think so. No, I'm pretty sure he never has. Why what did he say?"

Mother – "Well at the beginning of the examination he said 'Mmmmm. Fancy' but then it was normal after that"

Daughter - "Fancy?"

Mother - "Yeah. Just like that. 'Mmmmm. Fancy'"

Daughter – "That's really strange. Did you do

anything ... different"

Mother - "What do you mean?"

Daughter - "Shave or something like that?"

Mother – "No no. I used a bit of your feminine deodorant"

Daughter - "Feminine deodorant? I don't own any feminine deodorant"

Mother – "Yes you do; it's in the bathroom under the sink"

The daughter went to look and came back with a can of spray-on glitter.



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