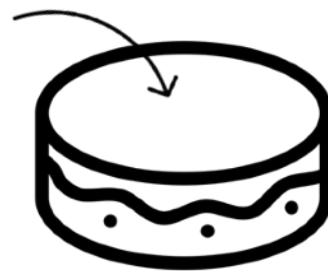


## MEMBERSHIP

# CAKE SHOP PRANK CALL

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## Transcript

- Employee: Good afternoon
- Man: Hello there. I was looking at getting a cake for my missus
- Employee: Uh huh
- Man: Do you do writing on the cake?
- Employee: Yes. What sort of thing was you thinking of?
- Man: I was hoping to get, like, quite a large chocolate cake and I've got quite a long message to put on the top.
- Employee: Right
- Man: Do you have a pen and I'll tell you the message?
- Employee: Right, OK. Bear with me. OK. Fire away.
- Man: *Dear Sarah*
- Employee: *Dear Sarah*
- Man: *I have a confession to make.*
- Employee: Right
- Man: *Two days ago, I won a share of the EuroMillions jackpot: 31 million pounds.*
- Employee: Oh, wait a minute. I've got lost here.
- Man: What have you got so far?
- Employee: *Dear Sarah*  
*I have a confession to make.*  
*Two days ago, I won a share of the EuroMillions jackpot.*  
And then it was the amount, wasn't it?
- Man: Yes, that's right. 31 million.
- Employee: Right
- Man: *I don't think we can go out any more.*
- Employee: Right
- Man: *If I'm honest ...*
- Employee: Right
- Man: *I think with that kind of money ...*
- Employee: Yeah
- Man: *I can find something better.*
- Employee: Yeah

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- Man: *I just couldn't say it to your face.*
- Employee: Right
- Man: And then just finish it with something like, "I'm off".
- Employee: I'm off?
- Man: Yeah, I think that will do it. And maybe a kiss at the end.
- Employee: Do you want, like – I was going to say, do you want an exclamation mark?
- Man: Yeah, OK. Good idea.
- Employee: With a kiss on the end. Right.
- Man: Can you possibly read that back to me?
- Employee: OK  
*Dear Sarah*  
*I have a confession to make.*  
*Two days ago, I won a share of the EuroMillions jackpot: 31 million*  
So we really need an exclamation mark ! after that
- Man: Good idea
- Employee: *I don't think we can go out any more.*  
*If I'm honest, I think with that amount of money, I can find something better.*  
*I just couldn't say it to your face.*  
*I'm off*  
Exclamation mark ! with a kiss
- Man: Perfect. Thank you.
- Employee: Right
- Man: I think that says what I meant
- Employee: Well, it sounds like it. The only thing is, you're going to need quite a big cake.

## Glossary

- **"My missus"**: This is used by some British men to talk about their wives or girlfriends. It is informal and old-fashioned. Some people think that it is sweet. But others think that it is sexist and unfair to women. It is better to say *my wife, my partner* or *my girlfriend*.
- **"What sort of thing was you thinking of?"** The woman seems to make a grammar mistake here. But that is not the case. In the UK, there are speech communities that say "you was" and not "you were". Although it is not standard English, it cannot be considered as a mistake for those speech communities.
- **"Bear with me"**: This is a polite way to ask someone to be patient and wait, especially in formal situations.
- **"Fire away"**: This phrase is often used to tell people that they can begin to ask questions. In this case, the woman uses it to let the man know that he can start telling her the message.
- **To make a confession**: If you do this, you tell someone that you have done something wrong or dishonest.
- **The EuroMillions jackpot**: EuroMillions is a lottery that is played in nine European countries including France, Spain and the UK. In any lottery, the jackpot is the most valuable prize.
- **To go out**: If two people are going out (together), they are in a relationship.
- **"I'm off"**: I'm leaving.
- **"That will do it"**: This phrase is used when nothing else is needed. You might say it just after you have repaired something. Or maybe when you have added the finishing touch to something (a cherry on a cake, for example).