

1st Story (00:18)

1. What is *refluxus acidus*? [outside knowledge/educated guess from context]
 - A. a condition where stomach acid leaks backward into the esophagus and causes heartburn and other problems
 - B. a disease where stomach acid flows freely through the intestines because the stomach valves fail to work; obesity is a cause
 - C. a condition that develops from eating acidic food where the pH of the stomach is permanently changed
 - D. A type of food loved by Americans
2. How many percent of Americans are reported to have *acidus refluxus*?
 - A. 40%
 - B. 60%
 - C. 50%
 - D. 30%
3. About how much does medicine for this ailment cost Americans per year?
 - A. 300,000,000
 - B. 30,000
 - C. 300,000
 - D. 13,000,000,000
4. What is suggested as a cause of this ailment?
 - A. eating too many sour patch kids or other sour candy, specifically
 - B. diets high in fat, sugar, soda, and processed foods
 - C. it is genetic and you are unable to prevent it if you have the gene
 - D. specific chemicals used in fast food restaurants (like Subway)
5. What does Jamie Kaoufman say further exacerbates this problem?
 - A. eating a big breakfast (it's not really the most important meal of the day)
 - B. eating too late at night (keep dinner early)
 - C. having a lot of meat for dinner (focus on carbs)
 - D. sleeping less than 8 hours *per noctem*
6. Can you give an example of indirect statement from the story? Try to write the whole sentence.

2nd Story (1:45)

1. Where does this take place?
 - A. Northern France
 - B. Southern France
 - C. Paris, specifically
 - D. The French Riviera
2. Who are the clowns?
 - A. rebellious youths
 - B. older men angry at The Man (probably)
 - C. cultists
 - D. people whose job it is to be birthday clowns, gone bad
3. How many clowns were arrested?
 - A. 40
 - B. 14
 - C. 41
 - D. 13
4. What kind of things did the clowns **not** have?
 - A. baseball bats
 - B. guns
 - C. knives
 - D. grenades
5. What is strange about this phenomenon, according to the article?
 - A. clowns are illegal in France (not mimes, though)
 - B. Halloween isn't a "thing" in most of Europe, really
 - C. The clowns exhibit supernatural strength in some cases
 - D. The people in clown suits turn out to be high-ranking town officials, just like Scooby Doo
6. What's a theory proposed as to why this occurs?
 - A. gang members use it as an initiation ritual
 - B. "because the Internet"
 - C. Halloween movies are just becoming popular now in France
 - D. they just don't have any idea
7. What's the implication of the last 2 sentences? Summarize in English. Can you relate it to a popular movie that came out in the last 6 years?