

101 IFAF ARCHERY EXCUSES. by Andrew Wayland, with assistance from Elaine Foran.

Below are some excuses you may hear whilst out on an archery course....

You may laugh as you recollect someone making similar statements in the past or realise that at one time or another, the words may have come out of your very own mouth.

Don't giggle too loudly...

1. Foot slipped in the mud just as I released the arrow.
2. I'm not shooting for scores today, just tuning my bow.
3. My nocking point has moved...
4. Couldn't shoot today, too windy, you couldn't even throw rocks today.
5. Whatcya mean, just out?
6. I swear I didn't hit the release, the arrow went off on its own.
7. I'm just here to have fun, I'm not competing today!
8. Sun got in my eyes.
9. I thought I heard a strand on my string snap.
10. My arrow rest came loose.
11. My glasses were fogged up.
12. Shoulder is sore.
13. Was trying something that I saw on Youtube.
14. That tree was not there before I shot my arrow.
15. Pah did you see that, the wind rose just as I released... typical!
16. This target face is wrong, the kill zone should not be there.
17. Oh the arrow has to break the inside of the line? I was not aware of that. Pity, had I known...
18. That 3D moved, can't believe no one else saw it happen?
19. This is supposed to be a fifty yard shot, but that's nowhere near fifty, nearer to sixty more like!
20. My bow is underpowered, if only I had five extra pounds,- I'd have nailed that target.
21. Those blasted mosquitos, their wing beats created a draft that blew my arrow off course.
22. The heat here today has made my string stretch and my nock moved. You should see me shoot on a cool day.
23. That evil mosquito keeps biting my ear.
24. A spider dropped onto my nose as I took aim.
25. A huge wasp flew in front of my scope.
26. Did you see that squirrel dart across the top of the target just before I let the arrow loose.
27. Damn, I set my sight for 37 yards, Oh it IS 37 yards? , then I must have set my sight for 36 yards.
28. Too much glare on the target, I thought it was a big brown bear when in fact it's a turkey.
29. Wow just got an awful migraine.
30. Too much rain on my glasses.

31. There was a movement behind the butt.
32. I didn't have my contact lenses in and without them I'm practically blind.
33. The photographer behind me was taking pictures and going click, click, click.
34. All my arrows are bent.
35. I did that on purpose, honest, just for the craic.
36. The snow is too bright.
37. I just wanted to give the others a chance to beat me.
38. My arrows and my bow are having a little disagreement.
39. My partner won't let me practice in the living room anymore.
40. I left all my good arrows at home.
41. What do you mean am I left handed?
42. Something bit my finger.
43. Did you not feel that mini earthquake?
44. Do you know flying aircraft can cause a terrible turbulence, even long after they pass overhead!
45. I was aiming where you hit the target, - just to keep your arrows company.
46. Arrrgh the string caught my beard. My face still feels numb.
47. The humidity is so high, it weighted my arrow down, or maybe the air is too thick, causing my arrow to travel too slowly.
48. Gosh for some strange reason my arrows have been flying funny all day.
49. I can't always take the winning trophy home, not enough room on my mantle piece to store them all.
50. Oh... You mean I was supposed to hit THAT target?
51. Your target was far too easy so I chose a different- more difficult one.
52. Wah, had I known a bounce in score off the ground doesn't count, then obviously I wouldn't have aimed at that mound.
53. My breath fogged up the scope.
54. The guy behind me kept whispering miss it, miss it.
55. This is my first year at the club. The Instructors don't want me to shoot too well.
56. Forgot to breathe, blacked out, muscle spasms made me shoot, honest!
57. Way too foggy in the woods today.
58. Why did I miss you ask, well er for once I just wanted to see what it felt like!
59. Oh wait a min, these are my practice arrows.
60. My nose hairs got caught on the string OOOOOUCH!
61. All I needed was just ONE more arrow.
62. Do you know I'm actually colour blind so the centre looks white so I try to miss it at all costs.
63. My boobs got in the way.
64. Too many late nights, It had to catch up with me eventually.
65. Office get -together last night you know.
66. Got a puncture on the way here.. twice!
67. Caught my finger in the car door this morning.

68. Brought my sons fishing bag with me today instead of my bow bag.
69. Missed breakfast, the wife wouldn't get up to make it for me, even if it is her birthday!
70. I'm not used to these hilly courses.
71. Meant to get my fringe cut yesterday, kept blowing in my way.
72. My arrows are too pricey, so I don't like grouping them, just in case they get damaged.
73. I'm not used to shooting indoors, the lack of winds confuses me.
74. I just could not shoot the Meercat, I watch them all the time on tv.
75. That was just a little demonstration of how NOT to shoot.
76. My mother in law is coming to stay tonight, so that is why I'm shooting on target and doing so well today.
77. I have pet ducks at home, so naturally I cannot shoot at these duck targets here today. Wish someone had told me it was an ALL duck shoot.
78. That little 3d rabbit was just far too cute to hit.
79. I'm shooting three months and only today do I learn that this bow they gave me is left handed.
80. There was a little wren or robin flying back and forth near the target as I took aim.
81. Went to the wrong venue today so had 120 miles extra to travel... I'm lucky to be here at all!
82. My sock keeps slipping down to my toes inside my wellies.
83. My club mates deliberately kept me out late in the pub last night against my wishes. .
84. Too hot and should not have worn my dark clothes today.
85. Er guys would you believe I've mislaid my bow... again.
86. My knife is too heavy on my waist, its causing me to lose balance.
87. Was too tired out on the course today, spent most of the time looking for lost arrows, not mine of course.
88. Missing Liverpool playing today, can't concentrate. hope they are winning.
89. Her brother spent the whole day sniggering at me.
90. A Fox chewed my string when I left it down. (this actually apparently happened!)
91. Just can't shoot round targets, give me animal targets any day.
92. My friends bow broke recently and I'm fearful mine may too as it is the same brand.
93. I've broken nine arrows so far today, my daily limit is eight breakages.
94. I'm not a kids kind of person.
95. Ate too much for lunch.
96. And they say when a bird craps on you it is good luck, well so much for that!
97. Sure no wonder my arrows won't fly straight, my string is strung for a left handed person.
98. No one told me that horns and hoofs don't count, sure that's what I aimed at.
99. It's humiliating and discouraging shooting with her, she NEVER misses.
100. He was telling bad jokes ALL day which clearly put me off.
101. New bow/limbs/ sight/tab/ string/cables/ arrows/ fletches/ points/etc etc (all).

Hope you enjoyed these.... Another 101 will be assembled soon. (Andrew.)

(The 20 movie answers to the recent wordsearch were...

Robin Hood Men in Tights. Brave. King Arthur. Kingdom of Heaven. Gladiator. Hard Target. Rambo. 5000bc. Apocalypto. The Weatherman. The Hunger Games. Alexander. Hannah. Lord of the Rings. Deliverance. Avatar. Mulan. Hero. The Osterman weekend. 300.)