**Voicemail Greetings**

"Glad you called, but I just am not able to entertain you right now. However, if you are offering to buy dinner, I may be available sooner than you think. Don't forget to leave your name and number, so I don't get mixed up with different offers, and go to the wrong restaurant. Bye!"  
  
"I'm not able to get to the phone in spite of the fact that I'm able to climb mountains, water ski, and play a saxophone. So, please leave me your message, and I'll get to you soon. Thanks for calling."  
  
"How do you leave an idiot in suspense? Leave a message, and I'll get back to you... Bye!"  
  
"You know what I hate about voice-mail messages? They go on and on, wasting your time. I mean, all they really need to say is, "We aren't in, leave a message." That's why, I've decided to keep mine simple and short. I pledge to you, my caller that you will never have to suffer through another long answering machine message when you call me. Bye!"  
  
"Hi. This is (name). If you are the phone company, I already sent the money. If you are my parents, please send money. If you are my financial aid institution, you didn't lend me enough money. If you are my friends, you owe me money. If you are a female, don't worry, I have plenty of money. Bye!"  
  
"I am running all over creation and back today,  
but leave me a message in your own special way.  
When I get back, and can listen to what you say,  
I will call you back but on a less hectic day!"  
  
"I am trapped in this box, and I can't get out. Help me please!!!! Just speak into this box, when it makes that weird sound, and I will be able to get out and call you back!"  
  
"Bet you thought I was going to answer the phone. Well, I'm not. On the other hand, I'd really like you to leave me an inspiring message so that I won't hesitate to call you back as soon as I can. Thanks."  
  
"Hi there. This is (name) speaking. I'm home right now, and in a moment, I'll have a decision to make. Leave your name and number, and I'll be thinking about it..."  
  
"In case you have forgotten, this is a machine - my owner does not want siding, the newspaper, or the carpets cleaned. He donates to charity through its office and do not want their picture taken. If you're still with me, leave a message and we'll see if he calls you back."  
  
"This is not a voice-mail; this is a telepathic thought-recording device. After the tone, think about your name, your reason for calling, and a number where I can reach you, and I'll think about returning your call."  
  
"Mom, Dad... Don't you think it would be easier to reach me if I had a cellular phone? So how about an early birthday present?"