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## WHOPPING A TELLER

The English language is highly flexible. It is common for nouns to be used as verbs, for instance, even when the nouns aren't listed as verbs in the dictionary. We can see how verbs and their direct objects can be exchanged by looking at a familiar expression, "pop a wheelie." If we reverse the transitive verb and its object, the expression turns into "wheel a poppy." So, whether it is a flower or a father, the "poppy" can be transported in a wheelbarrow or other vehicle, and the expression can make sense.

See if you can make sense of the expressions below.

1. Can you whop a teller as well as tell a whopper? How?

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2. Can you heel someone's dog as well as dog someone's heels? How do you do it?

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3. Can you limit the going as well as go the limit? Explain.

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4. Can you nail a pound as well as pound a nail? How?

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5. Is it as reasonable to face your wash as it is to wash your face? Explain.

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6. Can you record a play as well as play a record? How?

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