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## Conversations with My Daughter You're so lucky you can pee standing up!

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**Dad:** Ready?

**T:** Yes I am!

**Dad:** Did you ... (*I pause...*) use the bathroom? You should use the bathroom before we leave.

**T:** I don't have to and you don't have to remind me dad; I'm not a child anymore...

**Dad:** You're seven-years-old. I'd say you're a child. Plus, last week you made me drive 100 miles an hour just to get you home so you can go to pee.

**T:** Excuse me, but I just told you so you know – not to rush you or anything (*pauses...*) 100 miles an hour? Cool!

**Dad:** That's just an expression. I would never drive that fast when you're in my car... Let's stay on the topic...I don't want you to hold it! It's bad for your bladder and your kidneys. I tell you that, if you need to use the bathroom you just have to use the portable toilets...

**T:** You can't force me. Even if I absolutely have to I would I don't mind!

**Dad:** You did mind at the circus; even though those toilets had plumbing. These portable toilets don't have anything – just a hole and a bucket!

**T:** I know exactly how they are. You have nothing to worry about.

**Dad:** What are you talking about? Why don't you just use the toilet and spare me this unpleasant discussion about peeing and portable potties?

*(Laughs...)*

**T:** Dad you are so lucky you can pee standing up!

**Dad:** I guess; but, even men have to sit when they – you know...

**T:** Right!

**Dad:** Right!

**T:** You know some of my friends call it number 3?

**Dad:** Number 3?

**T:** Number one plus number two – get it?

**Dad:** Yes! I get it. Number 3 sounds more disgusting than what it really is.

**T:** I know, why not just call it what it is?

**Dad:** You know I agree with you a 100%. Some people, though, don't have the capacity; they think peeing and pooping is a shameful thing.

**T:** I know dad; you have to be discreet though.

**Dad:** DISCREET?

**T:** You can't raise your hand in the classroom and say can I go and pee? You have to use discretion.

**Dad:** DISCRETION! I'm just admiring our use of your vocabularies. Where did you get these words from?

**T:** Reading, of course. Reading is a great thing!

**Dad:** And you're a living proof of it! Now go pee and let's get out of here!

*Smiles...*

**T:** Don't have to...