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Dare to
be different.

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be fired.

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Office Dares

Go ahead. Do something crazy. Here are some 1-point dares for beginners:

- Run one lap all the way around the office at top speed.
- Ignore the first five people who say good morning to you.
- Phone someone in the office you barely know, leave your name, and say, "Just called to say I can't talk right now. Bye."

- To signal the end of a conversation, clamp your hands over your ears and grimace.

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- Men: Leave your zipper open for one hour. If anyone points it out, say, "Sorry, I really prefer it this way."
- While riding an elevator, gasp dramatically every time the doors open.
- Walk sideways to the photocopier.

Here are some 3-point dares for intermediate players:

- Say to your boss, "I like your style," and shoot him or her with double-barreled fingers.
- Babble incoherently at a co-worker and ask, "Did you get all that? I don't want to have to repeat it."
- Page yourself over the intercom (don't disguise your voice).

● Kneel in front of the water cooler and drink directly from the nozzle. There must be a nonplayer within sight.

- Shout random numbers while someone is counting.

And for the intrepid and/or foolhardy, 5-point dares:

- At lunchtime, get down on your knees and announce, "As God is my witness, I'll never be hungry again."
- At the end of a meeting, suggest that, for once, it would be nice to conclude with the singing of the national

anthem. Extra points if you actually launch into it yourself.

- Walk into a very busy person's office and while they watch you with growing irritation, turn the light switch off and on 10 times.
- For an hour, refer to everyone you speak to as "Bob."
- After every sentence, say "mon" in a really bad Jamaican accent. As in, "The report's on your desk, mon." ● While an office mate is out, move his or her chair into the elevator.
- In a meeting or crowded situation, slap your forehead repeatedly and mutter, "Shut up, darn it, all of you just shut up!"
- In a colleague's day planner, write in the 10 a.m. slot: "See how I look in purple tights."
- Carry your keyboard over to a co-worker and ask, "Do you wanna trade?"
- Repeat the following conversation 10 times to the same person: "Do you hear that?" *What?* "Never mind, it's gone now."
- Speak with an accent (French, German, Porky Pig) during an important conference call.

● Hang a 2-foot piece of toilet paper from the back of your pants, and act genuinely surprised when someone points it out.

Our work here is done.

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