

A popular Swiss motto: “Money may not make you happy, but it makes you rich.”



“Snails are our speciality“, the headwaiter of a Bernese restaurant informed the guest.  
“I know, I was served by one yesterday.”

“Why do so many Swiss banks have bars on their windows?” --- “That’s simple, it’s to help the bank directors get used to the idea of them.“

achievement	success
bar	stake
brain	intelligence
bump into s.b.	meet by chance
cattle	cows
choice	selection
citizen	people
create	make
dairy	milk
drop	fall
drown	sink
groom	fiancé, husband
guilty	responsible
imposing	magnificent
imprisonment	jail
juicy	dripping
lend	give
meadow	pasture
outline	draft, frame
reply	answer
score	mark
sentence	judgement
shy	humble, timid
whistle	signal

A boy who was repeatedly beaten at home declared: “I’m going to try and find a job with the Swiss national football team; they never beat anyone!”

Typically Swiss: “I’m glad I bumped into you, Huber. Can you lend me a hundred francs?” “Sorry, I haven’t a cent on me.“ “And at home?“ “Thanks for asking, they’re all fine!”

**A Swiss politician: “I started with nothing. All I had was my brains.”**



Hans asked his boss for three days off. “A friend of mine is getting married and she wants me to be the broom.”

Willi got home late, and his wife asked: “What excuse do you have this time?” “None.” “Oh? And you expect me to believe that?”

“Last Sunday I saw Beethoven in the Löwen hotel. What do you say to that?” “Impossible! The Löwen is closed on Sundays.”

**The Swiss football team was playing Germany. In the second half of the match the Germans confused a penalty whistle with the final whistle, and went home. Half an hour later the Swiss scored their first goal.**

“I was recently found guilty in court. My sentence offers me a choice between two weeks imprisonment and Fr. 2000.- . What shall I do?” --- “I’d take the money.”

**A Swiss TV reporter summing up the achievements of their national swimming team at an international meeting: “We may have won no medals, but at least none of our swimmers drowned.”**

### MIXED-UP:

..... “I shall grant you three wishes. What would you like?”  
 ..... When God had finished creating Switzerland in outline,  
 ..... And the Lord created the most magnificent mountains.  
 .....**2**..... he said to the first Swiss:  
 ..... “Well, first of all, imposing mountains.”  
 ..... “What else? No need to be shy.”  
 ..... that will produce a lot of excellent milk.”  
 ..... “Green, juicy meadows with cows  
 ..... “You’re right, it is excellent,” God said. “And what would you like now?”  
 ..... And God created green meadows  
 ..... The Swiss decided to make sure,  
 ..... with excellent dairy cattle.  
 ..... “Five francs for the glass of milk,” the Swiss replied.  
 ..... milked one of the cows, and tasted the milk.  
 ..... The Swiss passed God a glass of milk.  
 ..... “Is it good?” God asked.  
 ..... “Excellent! Taste it Yourself, Lord!”