

# Wildeisms

A Collection of Witty Sayings by Dr. C. O. Wilde

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*One man's population is another man's sample.*

*If you look out in the plane ... you see ... many things.*

*That's great if you're a crow ... but what if you're a taxi driver?  
- Wilde on distance.*

*You close your eyes, reach in and pull a number out.  
- Wilde on sampling.*

*If the problem's too big for ya, get a smaller deck!  
- Wilde on probability theory.*

*Tame that tiger! - Wilde on large equations.*

*An X? What is that? So much chalk on the blackboard, right?  
The same as any old variable you see walking down the street.  
- Wilde on random variables.*

*Hey man, if you don't turn your radio on, I can't play for you!  
- Wilde on the soap box.*

*Those two-and-a-half cars are hard to drive.  
- Wilde on discrete variables*

*Interesting ... You see, I operate on several levels here.  
- Wilde ... on several levels.*

*One man's success is another man's failure  
- Wilde on defective electric  
toothbrushes.*

*This is the other way to do this ... that is if you like to take the scenic route.  
- Wilde on alternate solutions.*

*This is the way I did it in First Grade.  
- Wilde on Binomial Distributions.*

*One person's arrival is another's departure.*  
- Wilde on Queing Theory.

*If you're a turtle crossing the road, arrival is rather important.*  
- Wilde on inter-arrival times.

*By well known theorem.* - Wilde on multiplication.

*For  $N=100$ , that's close to infinity.*  
- Wilde on large populations.

*That's another clue ... The table only goes to 25.*  
- Wilde on detective procedures.

*I wasn't born knowing this stuff ya know.*  
- Wilde on relative intelligence.

*E to the 28th?!! There aren't that many grains of sand on the beach ... on all the beaches!*  
- Wilde on large numbers.

*As you go through life eyeballing these expressions ....*  
- Wilde eyeballing expressions.

*The fly-swatter principle.* - Wilde on converging limits.

*Small depends upon where you are in the book, I suppose ... It's hard to keep up with this guy.*  
- Wilde on consistency of the text.

*A few too many roots running around here.*  
- Wilde deriving Spearman's rho.

*Look at that equation ... there's a story there.*  
- Wilde looking for stories.

*It is very difficult to recognize a parabola just walking down the street.*  
- Wilde eyeballing parabolas.

*You see a suspension bridge and say, 'Hey, it looks like a parabola!'.  
- Wilde on bridge architecture.*

*You try to get rid of these things and they just keep coming back.  
- Wilde on logarithms*

*You try to take a direct regression of a power curve and what happens to ya?  
Nothin' but evil! Yuck!  
- Wilde on transformation of power curves.*

*The other one we talked about while you weren't listening.  
- Wilde on the third method of transformation  
of non-linear regression models for Mr.Gadzala.*

*You set up your system and turn on your computer.  
- Wilde on solving high-order transformations.*

*It turns that corner and WOW!  
- Wilde on exponential functions.*

*Deja vu everyone should be saying, right? You've seen this all before.  
- Wilde on the painfully obvious.*

*Let's see what kind of trouble I can get into here.  
- Wilde deriving a formula.*

*Gee, I think it was Kindergarden when I first did Chi-square.  
- Wilde recounting his childhood.*

*A four hour test in a two hour period. That's about right.  
- Wilde describing the final exam.*

*You've got formulas in the book! Calculators to work them out! How can you  
go wrong?  
- Wilde assuring the students.*

*Thanks, from PL-63*