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Sayings gathered by the late Dick Wright, Rank Xerox Design Department, in the late 60's/70's and early 80's.

"I be an enlightened Forester".

"I do talk the language of my area".

"I byunt actually management but I be a management type person".

"I 'ent so soft as I do look".

"Don't do what I do say, do as I do tell you".

"You apprentices be yere to learn to do a job, not do one".

"I be 'ere to assist, as well as help you".

"Shut up, cos I be thinking".

"I be serious as well as laughing".

"I've got special powers over you mind".

"You don't realise how important I be".

"I weren't lost, I just didn't know where I wuz".

↳ "You con't 'ave Jam and Treacle on it mind".

"When we do go metric, we will 'ave to use minimetres".

"It'll be just as well when we do go metric, cos there's more of um and we can be more accrut".

"Even the wire colours be metric".

"I must ave bin thinking of summat else, besides what I wuz thinking of".

"An' remember, drawings 'as sheets but EO's (engineering orders) 'as pages".

"That EO - im's wrong cuz im's incorrect".

"Where wuz I?..... I was sat, stood up by Mrs. J ....."

"My tooth didn't 'urt til after 'im wuz took out".

"If I be yere - remind me. If I be not - don't".

"Im was there all day, from sunset til dark".

"You've only got to tell 'im once and he'll remember it for evermore, til you do tell 'im to forget it. E's like someone as don't forget nuthin".

"We're trying to 'old still a system which is perpetually movin".

"I thought of it just now - but I forgot".

"All our machines be B.S.A. approved".

"When I da say next Saturday, I don't mean next Saturday, I do mean the Saturday after".

"While I was speaking to you I didn't know who you were - but now you are speaking to me, I recognise who you are".

"I'm not saying I understand it - but if you come and see me, I will tell you where you have gone wrong".

"Union negotiations with management be like you wantin ta talk ta them about animals. You da want ta talk to them about a pig but

when you da come out you da find as you bin talking about a elephant".

"When they do play difficult and are telling me what we ought to do, I do have to rattle the sabres in the cupboard".

"I shall fight em tooth, line and sinker".

"I'd rather have a stitch and save nine".

"I knew the answer yesterday but I don't know it today".

"That will be another feather in your bow".

"What was that comment you asked me?".

"It's not so much knowing what you do want to know - but a matter of knowing where to find what you do want to know when you do want to know it".

"I do tell them above me everything 'uz I do see goin on, so I can't be accused of aiding and abetting".

"They don't trust me but I be their best friend".

"They'd like to get rid of me but I do know too much".

"I don't say much but I be nearly always right".

"You'll have to get thic job out quick, I be being pressurised".

"We shall have to hurry up, cos its' getting nearer sooner".

"One people in five be late".

"I be earlier this morning but still late".

"If 'im en late, 'ims never on time".

"The truth ent always right, mind".

"I da reckon them full comprensiv skooals is gwaina be a good thing".

"I think if my wife 'ad 'ad a giral we'd a called 'er Selenium"

"I con see mind, without looking".

"They be both longer than wun another".

"Issa matter of mind over body".

"When we da get this new office, the Dark Room will probably get dismolsished".

"Im a got an internal and outernal fone".

"Theoretically, in practice in con't work".

"I byunt just a theory man mind".

"Hima got even less power than I a got; an' I an't got nun!!".

"Things ent what they used ta be - these be things of yesterpast".

"You gotta remember mind that in the 1966 Election Loughlin increased his minority".

"Im used to be a member of DATA, til 'im wuz dismembered".

"You con work overtime on Alpha and undertime on your own job".

"This steel rule be accurate to 68 deg F".

"You con't, instead of steel, have alumilium".

"I da feel off colour, cus I'a eaten my dinner and it 'ah gone straight to my stummuck".

"I bin wannin' ta get you lot together for a long time, even when the lites be on".

"Now you be all yere I'll tell the three of yer all at once, which'll save me tellin' yer one at a time three times".

"I do want this office to run as smooth when I'm here as it do when I'm not".

"They be called Telex's because you can tellum and exum in the same message".

"It's easy to miss a lecture - we've already got one away, whose here now".

"It took me ages to cross the road this mornin' - the traffic wasn't half coming down there in both directions".

"The car ground to a halt and stopped".

"Them two cars be so similar, they be identical".

"If you do keep yer hubcaps on, you don't lose your nuts".

"The trouble with the drivers in the Forest, is that they don't understand the sheep like I do".

"I da know the answer but when you do know it come and tell me what it is".

"I can only tell you verbally".

"This Whitsun holiday that's coming up at Whitsun.....".

"Ah, 'ers good 'er is, 'er d'do what I wan' 'er to do before I'do tell 'er".

"You wunt see none of these, cos this is the only one like it".

"That's right! The addendum is the bit of the tooth what do come above the line".

"You con't see it, and when you con see it, you con't see why you couldn't see it afore".

"It be like a vorest vutball pitch, it's flat but it's on a slope".

"If it carries on snowing like this until we do go 'ome, we won't be goin' 'ome".

"If you do multipliy 33 and a third by 3 you do never get it to equal 100".

"I was further out in the water. Mind you, I am taller".

"If they do wan' it to get there quicker, they should fly it by air".

"It makes the heat hotter".

"That's either 'er, or a girl that looks like 'er".

"If 'e had told 'er that it would 'ave killed 'er, 'e would 'ave frightened 'er to death".

"He don't alf talk loudly for a bloke that's quiet".

"He used to work all hours under the sun at night".

"Im da look more like 'is dad than 'is dad do".

"Do those caves at Clearwell go down very deeply".

"It do be one of those things you enjoy doin' but are glad when you be finished"

"Old so and so's wife wuz very attractive a few years ago, when she was younger".