

**Each year Chicago Center saves the top excerpts from conversations between airline cockpits and the center...here's the top 10:**

10. "Approach, how far from the airport are we in minutes?"  
"N923, the faster you go, the quicker you'll get here."
9. "I can see the country club down below...looks like a lot of controllers down there."  
"Yes, sir...there is. They're caddying for DC-10 drivers like you."
8. "Approach, what's your sequence?"  
"Calling for sequence, I missed your call sign. But if I find out what it is...you're last."
7. "Sure you can have 8 miles behind the heavy, but there'll be a United tri-jet between you and him."
6. "Approach, United 525. What's this aircraft doing at my altitude?"  
"United 525, what makes you think it's your altitude?"
5. "Air Force 45, it appears your engine has...OH...disregard. I see you've already ejected."
4. "Delta 1176...Say speed."  
"Approach...we slowed to 220."  
"Delta 1176, pick it back up to 250. This ain't Atlanta, and those ain't grits on the ground."
3. "Approach, what's the tower?"  
"It's a big, tall building with glass all around it."
2. "Approach...Southwest 436...you want US to turn right to 090?"  
"No, I want your brother to turn. Just do it and don't argue."

**And the number one excerpt is...**

1. "How far behind traffic are we?"  
"Three miles."  
"That doesn't look like three miles to us."  
"Well, you're a mile and a half from him, and he's a mile and a half from you...that's three miles."