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Typewriters: Lisa Simpson Using A 'Chinese Typewriter'



TITLE Lisa Simpson using a 'Chinese typewriter'

DATE

2001

CREATOR

Unknown

PUBLISHER

N/A

RIGHTS

Fair use

DESCRIPTION

Image of Lisa Simpson using a 'Chinese Typewriter' (2001). Source: Frinkiac (https:// frinkiac.com/caption/S13E04/255213, last accessed 29 July 2019)

This frame is taken from a scene in The Simpsons episode 'A Hunka Hunka Burns in Love': In his new job writing copy for a fortune cookie manufacturer, Homer Simpson will be shown extemporizing terse jewels of wisdom to his daughter, as she takes dictation on a Chinese typewriter. 'You will invent a humorous toilet lid'; 'You will find true love on Flag Day'; 'Your store is being robbed, Apu.' He will pause for a moment to confirm that she is keeping up. 'Are you getting all this, Lisa?' The frame will switch to Lisa, poised tentatively in front of yet another absurdly complex machine, pressing buttons cautiously and with great hesitation. In elongated syllables, she will respond: 'I don't knowww.'