

Larry King and Katt Williams: Now It's Your Turn

Executive Summary. Reflecting on your career and your life is always fun and interesting. Try this with yourself or with a friend.



Larry's interview of Katt.

Larry King's questions. My social media feed recently brought me to an interview by Larry King of Katt Williams. Larry is one of the best interviewers of all time, while I think Katt Williams is hilarious. I took Larry's questions and tweaked some of them to better fit the construction industry.



Katt Williams and the Crocodile Hunter.

My story. Larry's questions and my answers follow below. I wrote down the questions as best I could and blended in some construction tweaks. The answers below are the ones that came almost immediately to mind. If you play this little game, it's meant to be "off the cuff" like with Katt. Don't make a whole day out of this exercise!

<u>Question</u>	<u>My Answer</u>
Who was your secret idol – the person you looked up to in business?	<i>Bill Cummings. The chief operating officer of Tony DePaul and Son when I was a co-op student in 1991, and then when he was my employer right out of college in 1993. He scared the crap out of me. To this day things aren't done unless they're "Cummings done". He was an intimidating force to be reckoned with.</i>
What is your secret talent?	<i>Not sure I have one.</i>
Person you'd trade places for for a day?	<i>Cristiano Ronaldo. To be one of the most recognized faces in the world and arguably the most talented soccer player in the world. Wow. But just for a day. I wouldn't want to be that famous.</i>
Weirdest job you ever had?	<i>I had a temp job in a small warehouse that made the filler for airplane wings.</i>
Guilty pleasure?	<i>Gummy worms.</i>
Biggest risk you ever took?	<i>Telling a subcontractor, who was a gang member, that I didn't have his money.</i>



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Best compliment you ever got?	<i>You can see the future when it came to construction claims and what would happen on a jobsite.</i>
If you weren't in construction, what industry or career would you be in?	<i>I'd be a materials engineer.</i>
What never fails to impress you in a co-worker or colleague?	<i>When they produce a work product that foresees every possible question of the client (or the user of the information).</i>
Worst piece of advice you ever got?	<i>Go see a lawyer.</i>
Something you wish you were better at?	<i>Reading comprehension.</i>
Best perk of being a construction professional in the heavy/civil industry?	<i>To have an intimate relationship with public infrastructure that "normal" people do not. For example, having walked down the middle of the Blue Belt I-476 highway near Villanova, PA. That traffic today rolls through there at 75 mph. I helped build it in college and used to stand there when there was no traffic. I've also controlled the drinking water supply in a small town in Washington state from a control panel. Hard to believe that these things are controlled by humans and I was one of them even if just for a day.</i>
Who would you like to be stranded on a desert island with?	<i>My sister.</i>
Strangest vendor encounter?	<i>The first thing that comes to mind is an Owner, not a vendor. He told me I was a liar and a thief. Not sure than answers the question, but that came to mind.</i>
Something you long believed to be true but wasn't?	<i>That the law is the most important thing in a construction dispute.</i>
What will you do in retirement?	<i>I'd like to teach.</i>
Tell me something we don't know about you?	<i>I write children's books.</i>