

“Barrels of Oil”

Dear Adam and Eve,

We have to find out for school, how big is a barrel of oil?

Thanks, Justin

Dear Justin,

Do you know our kids, Ken and Mabel (No, not Cain and Abel; that’s the other Adam and Eve’s kids!)? Anyway, Ken and Mabel must have the same teacher as you do since they were asking the same question just the other day!! So don’t think you were “putting us over a barrel” to answer that one!

The answer we found out through Wikipedia is that, since 1866, a barrel of oil is 42 US Gal. Of course, they don’t ship them in barrels anymore; they come in big tankers that hold gobs of gallons! “Barrels” is just how oil is still measured. By the way, according to California Energy Commission, 51.4% of a barrel of oil goes to making gas for our cars.

Thanks for writing. Remember . . .

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