

1 The *'Pink Panther'* comedy films starred Peter Sellers as Inspector Clouseau, with Herbert Lom as Chief Inspector Dreyfus. Clouseau, speaking with an outrageous French accent that leads people to query what he is saying, bungles all that he does and creates trouble for everyone around. Yet he always wins through and captures the criminals who sometimes find him so frustrating that they give themselves up.

2 At the start of the 1976 film, *'The Pink Panther Strikes Again'*, a real-life Frenchman is quoted. Émile Coué had recommended to patients that they recite some words up to 30 times a day, and it is these words that are quoted in the film:

*"Each day and in every way
I am becoming better and better."*

3 Coué's idea was that this would be a way of getting people to realise that, if they are positive about life, they have the potential to be able to help themselves in some ways.

4 In 1922, whilst on a ship approaching New York, a 100-miles-an-hour gale made most people very sea-sick. It was reported that Émile Coué was not sick, but was repeating to himself in his own language:

*"Each day and in every way
I am becoming better and better."*

5 *Let us pray:*

**Lord God,
keep in me a sense of humour
and the ability to laugh at myself.
Lead me always to be positive,
looking for the best
in people and in situations.
Each day and in every way
may I grow in the love of the Father
and the presence of the Son,
and the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

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