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Recipe: **The Chair**

Category: Appetizers

Serves: middle school +

Recipe by: author unknown

Ingredients (key words): nothingness of matter

Hint: *Just a short humorous story demonstrate one way removing matter from your experience.*

Method: It was the week of college finals and the students entered their psychology classroom expecting a tough exam. Their professor was a bit of an eccentric and they were used to his unusual teaching tactics. As they walked inside they passed the professor's desk. Setting on top the desk was a very large wooden chair.

As bell rang they took their seats and the professor entered the room. He said, "You have one hour to write a paper to prove this chair does not exist. When you are finished you may place your paper on my desk and leave. Your grades will be posted on the bulletin board at Noon on Friday. Then he left the classroom.

The room immediately filled with excited conversations and groans of complaint. In fact, one student walked up to the desk, laid down what appeared to be a blank sheet of paper, and just walked out. The other students began writing long essays using logic to prove their positions and extensive arguments with theoretical premises on what really does and does not exist and how that related to the chair on the professor's desk. Most of the students took the full hour, and then some, to complete their papers

On Friday the class reconvened at Noon and found their grades posted as promised. There were a large number of Bs, Cs and Ds. Only one person received an A, the student who had first walked out of the room.

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The entire class pressed around him and asked what he had written that was so short, but earned the professor's highest mark.

He said, "I simply wrote, What Chair?"