## Virtual Mentor

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## **VIEWPOINT**

The Twelve Days of Christmas

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- On the first day of Christmas, my drug rep gave to me a partridge in a pear tree
- On the second day of Christmas, my drug rep gave to me 2 ballpoint pens and a partridge in a pear tree.
- On the third day of Christmas, my drug rep gave to me 3 handy penlights, 2 ballpoint pens, and a partridge in a pear tree.
- On the fourth day of Christmas, my drug rep gave to me a 4-volume textbook, 3 handy penlights, 2 ballpoint pens, and a partridge in a pear tree.
- On the fifth day of Christmas, my drug rep gave to me a 5-lb. ham, a 4-volume textbook, 3 handy penlights, 2 ballpoint pens, and a partridge in a pear tree.
- On the sixth day of Christmas, my drug rep gave to me 6 baseball tickets, a 5-lb. ham, a 4-volume textbook, 3 handy penlights, 2 ballpoint pens, and a partridge in a pear tree.
- On the seventh day of Christmas, my drug rep gave to me a 7-course meal, 6 baseball tickets, a 5-lb. ham, a 4-volume textbook, 3 handy penlights, 2 ballpoint pens, and a partridge in a pear tree.
- On the eight day of Christmas, my drug rep gave to me 8 gift certificates, a 7-course meal, 6 baseball tickets, a 5-lb. ham, a 4-volume textbook, 3 handy penlights, 2 ballpoint pens, and a partridge in a pear tree.
- On the ninth day of Christmas, my drug rep gave to me 9 holes of golf, 8 gift certificates, a 7-course meal, 6 baseball tickets, a 5-lb. ham, a 4-volume textbook, 3 handy penlights, 2 ballpoint pens, and a partridge in a pear tree.
- On the tenth day of Christmas, my drug rep gave to me 10 movie tickets, 9 holes of golf, 8 gift certificates, a 7-course meal, 6 baseball tickets, a 5-lb. ham, a 4-volume textbook, 3 handy penlights, 2 ballpoint pens, and a partridge in a pear tree.
- On the eleventh day of Christmas, my drug rep gave to me 11oz. of caviar, 10 movie tickets, 9 holes of golf, 8 gift certificates, a 7-course meal, 6 baseball tickets, a 5-lb. ham, a 4-volume textbook, 3 handy penlights, 2 ballpoint pens, and a partridge in a pear tree.
- On the twelfth day of Christmas, my drug rep gave to me 12 long-stemmed roses, 11oz. of caviar, 10 movie tickets, 9 holes of golf, 8 gift certificates, a 7-course meal, 6 baseball tickets, a 5-lb. ham, a 4-volume textbook, 3 handy penlights, 2 ballpoint pens, and a partridge in a pear tree.

