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Idioms



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3. The bicycle couldn't stand up by itself because it was two-tired. **Pun (plays on "two-tired" sounding like "too tired").**
4. I told my computer I needed a break, and now it won't stop sending me Kit-Kat ads. **Pun (plays on "break" as both taking a rest and the Kit-Kat slogan "Have a break").**
5. She opened the door and walked outside. **Not a Pun (straightforward description without wordplay).**
6. He had a photographic memory but never developed it. **Pun (plays on "developed" referring to both memory skills and developing photos).**
7. The dog barked loudly at the mailman. **Not a Pun (literal description of an action).**
8. I used to be a baker, but I couldn't make enough dough. **Pun (plays on "dough" meaning both money and bread mixture).**

