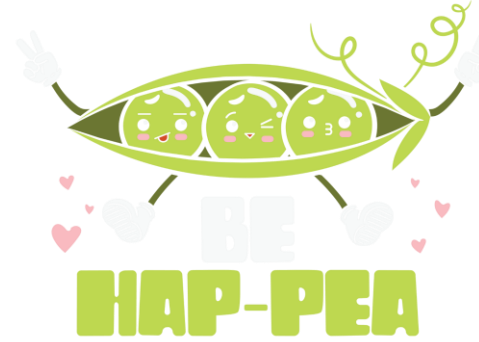


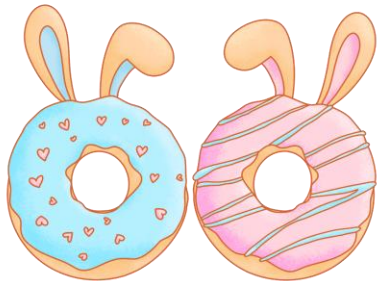
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Puns



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be happy



You crack me up!

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Lesson Objectives



By the end of this lesson, I will be able to:

- Explain the meaning and purpose of puns.
- Identify puns.
- Give 5 examples of puns.





What is a Pun?



A pun is a type of joke that plays with words to create a humorous effect. It usually involves words that sound similar but have different meanings or a word that has multiple meanings. Puns can be clever and funny because they surprise us by connecting different ideas in an unexpected way.

For example:

I used to be a baker, but I couldn't make enough dough. In this pun, "dough" refers to both money and the mixture used to make bread.

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Puns make us laugh because they play with the way we understand words and their meanings.



Pun Examples



Read the puns and work out the double meaning. The first one is done for you.

- ☐ I don't trust stairs. They're always up to something.
This pun plays on the phrase “up to something,” which means doing something suspicious, but also, stairs go up.

- ☐ I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. It's impossible to put down.
- ☐ What do you call a sleeping bull? A bulldozer!
- ☐ I would tell you a chemistry joke, but I know I wouldn't get a reaction.
- ☐ Did you hear about the mathematician who's afraid of negative numbers? He will stop at nothing to avoid them.



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Pun or Not?

Work with a partner and read the sentences. Decide whether each sentence is a pun or not. Explain your answers.

- ☐ I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me.

Pun – plays on the phrase, “it hit me” – double meaning – getting hit and understanding something.

- ☐ The girl sang a beautiful song in the morning.

Not a pun.



- ☐ The teacher handed out pencils because she wanted to draw attention.

Pun – plays on the phrase, “draw attention” – double meaning – pencils draw and getting someone’s attention.

- ☐ The scarecrow won an award because he was outstanding in his field.

Pun – plays on the phrase, “outstanding in his field” – double meaning – very good at something and literally standing in a field.

- ☐ He finished his homework before dinner.

Not a pun.





Puns – Group Activity



Work in groups to complete these puns. See if you can get them all!

1. Why did the fly never land on the computer? It was afraid of
2. Why did the tomato turn red? Because it saw the salad
3. Why did the light bulb go to school? It wanted to be
4. The thief who stole my lamp got a sentence.
5. I told my watch to stand still, but it just kept
6. Why did the book join the police? To work
7. The bat couldn't see in the dark, so he decided to





Independent Task



Complete the idiom worksheet.

Name: _____

Idioms

Write 'pun' or 'not pun' and explain your answer.

1. I was struggling to figure out how lightning works, but when it struck me.

2. The cat chased its tail in circles.

3. The bicycle couldn't stand up by itself because it was two-tired.

4. I told my computer I needed a break, and now it won't stop sending me Kit-Kat ads.

5. She opened the door and walked outside.

6. He had a photographic memory but never developed it.

7. The dog barked loudly at the mailman.

8. I used to be a baker, but I couldn't make enough dough.

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