

April Tomfoolery

**A Collection of Puns
for Juvenile Jokesters and Fledgling Comedians**

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Part One

pun A humorous play on words or phrases, especially those that are alike or nearly alike in sound.

Example: Q. *How do rabbits travel?*

A. *By hareplane.*

Truly funny people and would-be funny people of all ages could rightfully think of April as a month created especially for them. On its very first day, jokesters are issued a license to pull tricks and engage in all sorts of foolishness. Its first seven days are designated as Laugh at Work Week, which means wannabe comedians can legally continue to indulge in the tomfoolery they started on April 1. If that isn't enough, all thirty days comprise National Humor Month. There's just no letting up with the buffoonery for the entire month!



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Of course, adults do not have a monopoly on the horseplay. As juvenile jokesters and fledgling comedians, young people have a right to their own resources. So go ahead and exercise your rights by studying each of the following riddles or statements. Use your spot-the-pun comedic skills to identify the correct answer and then write its letter in the blank to the left.

Choose some of your favorites and try them out on your friends and acquaintances. You have a full month to sharpen your skills!

_____ 1. *My first job was working in an orange juice factory, but I . . .*

- (A) kept drinking the merchandise,
- (B) got canned because I couldn't concentrate,
- (C) am not a morning person,
- (D) have never been good at factoring.

_____ 2. *What happened when a dentist and a manicurist got into an argument?*

- (A) They were both fired.
- (B) They went out of business.
- (C) They fought tooth and nail.
- (D) They had a close brush with the law.



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_____ 3. *"Waiter!" the diner complained, "this coffee tastes like mud."*

"Of course," replied the waiter,

- (A) "it's fresh ground."
- (B) "it's a rainy-day blend."
- (C) "it's our Earth-day special."
- (D) "it's recycled."

_____ 4. *What did the coach say to his team of rattlesnakes when they lost a game?*

"Vell,

- (A) that's the twists and turns of the game!"
- (B) looks like we struck out!"
- (C) you can't venom all!"
- (D) you can't have your prey and eat it too!"

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_____ 5. *What do you call a train loaded with bubblegum?*

- (A) a blow out
- (B) a chew chew train
- (C) a tootsie tweet
- (D) a pop tart

_____ 6. *What do you call a cow who doesn't give milk?*

- (A) a milkweed
- (B) a milk dud
- (C) curdled
- (D) a milky no way

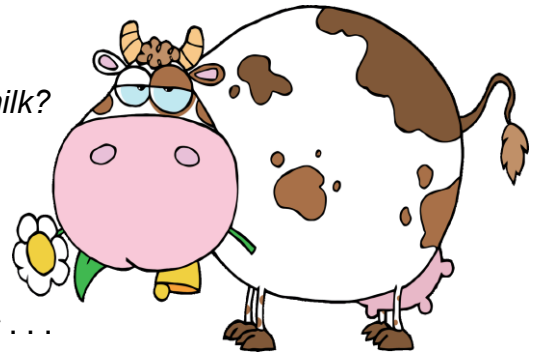


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_____ 7. *The best way to communicate with a fish is . . .*

- (A) with a waterproof phone,
- (B) to worm your way into the conversation,
- (C) with a rebate,
- (D) to drop it a line.

_____ 8. *Did you hear about the optometrist who fell into a lens grinding machine and . . .*

- (A) made a spectacle of himself,
- (B) was able to see a way out,
- (C) became more transparent,
- (D) concaved to the pressure?

_____ 9. *What would you get if you crossed a parrot with a centipede?*

- (A) a flying worm
- (B) 1002 legs
- (C) feathers with legs
- (D) a walkie-talkie



_____ 10. *Police were called to the daycare center because a three year old . . .*

- (A) locked himself in the bathroom,
- (B) was resisting a rest,
- (C) was caught with a loaded diaper,
- (D) bit Mr. Meaner.

_____ 11. *What would you get if your crossed an electric eel with a sponge?*

- (A) a shocking bath
- (B) a slippery soap
- (C) a shock absorber
- (D) a dry cell battery

_____ 12. *What is both musical and handy in a supermarket?*

- (A) quarter notes
- (B) a Chopin Liszt
- (C) an egg beater
- (D) waltz of cash

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_____ 13. *I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger.*

Then

- (A) it hit me,
- (B) someone yelled, “Fowl!”
- (C) the referee handed me a basketball,
- (D) I saw stars.

_____ 14. *What do you get from a pampered cow?*

- (A) soft butter
- (B) beef tenders
- (C) spoiled milk
- (D) an attitude

_____ 15. *What do you call a country where everyone drives a red car?*

- (A) seeing red
- (B) Red Ryders
- (C) in the red
- (D) a red carnation

_____ 16. *How do celebrities stay cool?*

- (A) They have many fans.
- (B) They have lots of cold cash.
- (C) They wear the latest fashions.
- (D) They ride the waves.

_____ 17. *What do you call a veterinarian with laryngitis?*

- (A) sick
- (B) a silent partner
- (C) a hoarse doctor
- (D) a medical whisperer

_____ 18. *Why can't a bicycle stand on its own?*

- (A) It doesn't get a kick out of it.
- (B) It's two tired.
- (C) It breaks the law of gravity.
- (D) It would rather lean.



_____ 19. *What do you get when you pour cement on a burglar?*

- (A) a stiff penalty
- (B) a cell block
- (C) a case that's hard to crack
- (D) a hardened criminal

_____ 20. *What happens when a marathon runner has ill-fitting shoes?*

- (A) He hops along.
- (B) He suffers the agony of defeat.
- (C) He has a lot of sole.
- (D) He is footloose.

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Part Two

Here is a second collection of puns to add to your jokester's repertoire. Study each item in this new group and put your skills to work to determine the correct, really punny answer. Write the letter of your chosen answer in the blank to the left. Then practice, practice, practice!



_____ 1. *What did the alien dandelion say to the Earth dandelion?*

- (A) Take me to your weeder.
- (B) Is this planet taken?
- (C) I'm here to get to the root of your problem.
- (D) Why are you so yellow?

_____ 2. *Where did Noah keep his bees?*

- (A) under wraps
- (B) in the ark hives
- (C) right after the A's
- (D) in a honey comb

_____ 3. *What time is it when it is necessary to go to the dentist?*

- (A) teeth time
- (B) when you need to tell the whole tooth
- (C) your appointed time
- (D) tooth-hurty

_____ 4. *What lies on the bottom of the ocean and twitches?*

- (A) a nervous wreck
- (B) a psychotic shark
- (C) a jealous jelly fish
- (D) a scared scallop



_____ 5. *A chicken crossing the road is*

- (A) going to the other side,
- (B) fired,
- (C) poultry in motion,
- (D) not a smart chick.

_____ 6. *What did the preacher skunk say to his congregation?*

- (A) Bad behavior stinks!
- (B) Let us be odor-free.
- (C) Let us spray.
- (D) Good morning, my fellow stinkers.

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_____ 7. *What did the chimpanzee say when his sister had a baby?*
(A) Well, I'll be a monkey's uncle!
(B) Now that's a beautiful baby!
(C) Just what we needed. Another monkey in the family.
(D) Have a cigar!

_____ 8. *What do you call a cow eating grass?*
(A) a milk shake
(B) Edith, if that's her name.
(C) a lawn mooer
(D) a vegetarian

_____ 9. *What happens to illegally parked frogs?*
(A) They get a ribbit ticket.
(B) They hop when they see a cop.
(C) They hop they don't get caught.
(D) They get toad away.

_____ 10. *Who is Irish and sits in the sun?*
(A) Sally O'Sunny
(B) Patty O'Furniture
(C) a tanned leprechaun
(D) Charity O'Shamrock

_____ 11. *What do you call a rabbit with fleas?*
(A) Bugs Bunny
(B) itchy
(C) Hoppin'
(D) The Lord of the Fleas

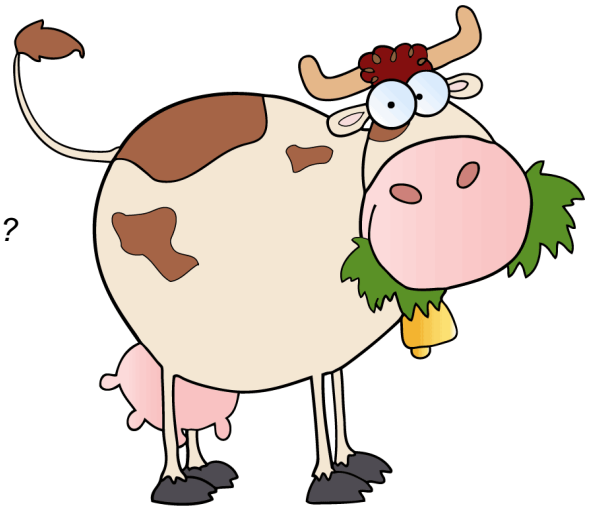


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_____ 12. *What is a mouse's favorite game?*
(A) musical cheese
(B) Mousetrap
(C) hide and squeak
(D) find the crumbs

_____ 13. *Raymond tried to be a tennis instructor, but . . .*
(A) it just wasn't his racquet,
(B) he couldn't jump over Annette,
(C) he wasn't a good server,
(D) he was more of a court jester.

_____ 14. *What did Godzilla say after eating a four-cylinder Datsun?*
(A) burp!
(B) Gosh, I could have had a V-8!
(C) I love fenders.
(D) Check, please!

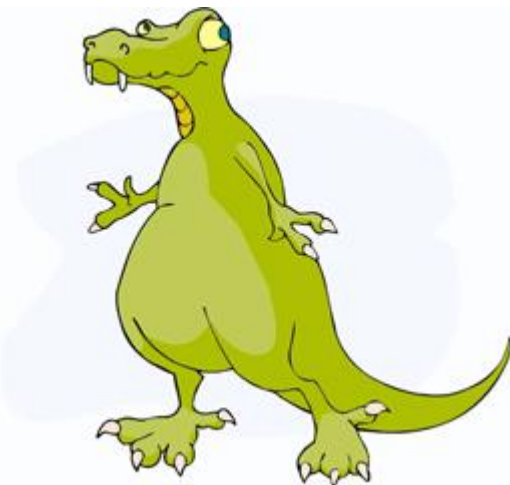


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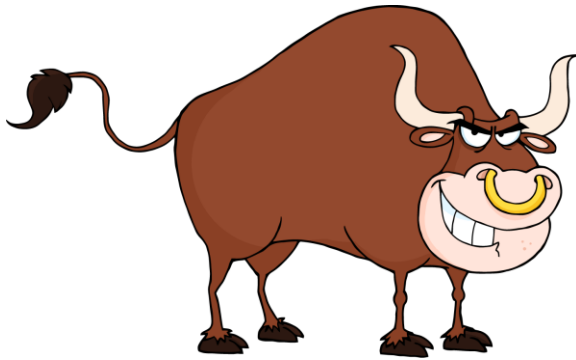


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- _____ 15. *What do you call a sleeping bull?*
(A) a snooze alarm
(B) s'nores
(C) a cow napper
(D) a bull dozer
- _____ 16. *What happened when two silkworms had a race?*
(A) They ended up in a tie.
(B) They had to unwind.
(C) They crawled along.
(D) They spun a tangled web.

- _____ 17. *An invisible man married an invisible woman, and now*
(A) they hardly recognize themselves in their wedding photos,
(B) they live in an invisible house,
(C) they have kids, but they aren't much to look at either,
(D) their invisible dog barks inaudibly.

- _____ 18. *Why did the golfer bring two pair of pants to the game?*
(A) He always bet and lost his pants.
(B) He fell down a lot.
(C) in case he got a hole in one
(D) in case he needed to change his style

- _____ 19. *What does a clock do when it's hungry?*
(A) It bides its time.
(B) It goes back four seconds.
(C) It calls a waiter.
(D) It keeps on ticking.

- _____ 20. *A mushroom tries to crash a party but is turned away at the door. "Oh come on," he pleads. "Let me in. . ."*
(A) I wore my best cap!
(B) I'm a party animal!
(C) I'll throw myself into the mix!
(D) I'm a fun guy!"



Bonus Pun

Mahatma Gandhi walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath.

This made him a *super callused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis*.

In the blank below, write the memorable word that is the subject of the bonus pun.

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Answer Keys

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1. B
2. C
3. A
4. C
5. B
6. B
7. D
8. A
9. D
10. B
11. C
12. B
13. A
14. C
15. D
16. A
17. C
18. B
19. D
20. B

Part Two

1. A
2. B
3. D
4. A
5. C
6. C
7. A
8. C
9. D
10. B
11. A
12. C
13. A
14. B
15. D
16. A
17. C
18. C
19. B
20. D

Bonus Pun: supercalifragilisticexpialidocious

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