

April Tomfoolery

A Collection of Puns

for Juvenile Jokesters and Fledgling Comedians

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!

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.



- _____ 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!"*