

# **The Pun Papers**

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# **Chirp Chirp**

The other day, I saw something quite <a href="mailto:peck">peck</a>uliar. As I looked out my window, I spotted a bird's nest right next to the window. Strangely, I had not remembered seeing the birds build the nest, though I guess birds are so skilled at nest-building they could practically do it <a href="mailto:on-the-fly">on-the-fly</a>. Anyways, there were already three bird eggs in the nest. I had not <a href="mailto:egg">egg</a>pected this as I had only seen the nest today.

A few days later, I checked back on the bird nest. I did not want to be too close to the nest in case I scared off the parent birds. To avoid this, I <a href="https://hatched.no.nd/">hatched</a> a plan: I would stand from afar and use binoculars to observe them. Luckily, I did not <a href="mailto:caw">caw</a> se any problems for the birds by watching them. As I continued to observe the eggs, I was excited for what might <a href="mailto:beak">beak</a> ome of them.

About a week later, the baby birds finally hatched. The three of them were comfortably <u>nest</u>ed into their home. On one particular occasion, I watched as the mother bird brought a mass of writhing, squirming insects to feed to the chicks. This site <u>bugged</u> me as I did not want to see those worms and insects, though the baby birds were notably excited for the arrival of their food, as they excitedly chirped and peeped. Most <u>peep</u>le would be disgusted at the thought of eating bugs, but birds certainly enjoy them.

As the days went by, the chicks grew bigger and bigger until they were too big for the nest. The day came for them to depart, and I looked onward as one chick finally flew away. I did not know how the bird's seemingly feeble wing-beats were keeping it in the air, as the answer to that question <a href="beats">beats</a> me. As far as I had seen, the chicks had never flown before, so I was in awe as the baby birds flew, though I suppose they just <a href="winged">winged</a> it.

To this day, the bird nest still stands, though it is now vacated. The experience of watching young birds grow up, though, has made me more appreciative of the wildlife all around me. If, <u>perchance</u>, I do come across another bird nest, I will certainly relish it and comparrot to this experience.

## Some more bird puns for you:

What do birds say when they get hurt?

Owl, owl!

Why couldn't the bird fly against the wind?

The wind was <a href="mailto:puffing">puffing</a> too hard.

Why was the bird so rich? It was making money by <u>robin</u> banks.

How does a bird spend money? It perchases things.

How do you make a bird less lonely? You parrot up with another.

How does a bird avoid hitting a branch? It always <u>ducks</u> out of the way.

I cannot decide **feather** this is a good joke.

A bird was weaving together their nest row by row.

When the bird at last got to the last row, it realized that it did not have a <a href="mailto:sparrow">sparrow</a> to complete the nest.

## Visiting the Zoo

When the zoo of <u>fish</u> cially announced its new aquarium, my family and I rushed to visit it. Since the zoo was quite popular, we <u>bear</u>ly managed to work our way through the crowd. Once inside, we <u>zoo</u>med over to the aquarium only to realize it was already full.

Therefore, we decided to go to a different place: the only <u>otter</u> place in the zoo with sea animals. We stopped by the seal exhibit and were lucky to catch the moment when a mother seal swam with her baby seal for the first time. Afterward, I watched as another seal tried to escape the enclosure, only to realize that the exit was <u>seal</u>ed shut. Meanwhile, the sea lions were <u>lion</u> on top of a pile of rocks in their enclosure, barking so loudly that we could still hear them in the distance as we continued to other parts of the zoo.

Close to the sea lions, we saw the arctic area. I quickly took out a <u>Polar</u>oid to snap a photo of the polar bears. We browsed the nearby shop, which <u>exhibit</u>ed various artwork available for purchase.

At last, the aquarium opened up to allow more people. I was <u>sword</u> of excited to see the swordfish, although the electric eels made me f<u>eel</u> the most excited. We <u>star</u>ted off in the coral reef, where there were many starfish, sponges, fish, turtles, and clams. Inside the reef, fish and turtles were climbing into tiny coral <u>shell</u>ters. My family was calling me as we had to leave, although I could not hear them over the <u>clam</u>or of the place. Fortunately, I eventually got their message and rejoined them.

As we headed out of the zoo, I <u>spot</u>ted two leopard cubs playing with one another. Since we had to leave, there would be no time to stay and watch them, though we could return to the zoo once more another day.

#### Some more animal/zoo puns for you:

How do penguins make their igloos? They bill them.

What is a polar bear's favorite type of burger?

An <u>iceberg</u>er

Why do people dislike rats?
They would <u>rat</u>her see other animals.

What did the llama say when a tourist called it an alpaca?

Alpaca punch the next time you think I am the wrong animal!

Why couldn't the zebra stand the giraffe? It could not tallerate the height of the giraffe.

What does a crab call a complete sentence?

An independent <u>claw</u>se

Why don't other animals play games with jungle animals? They are usually <u>lion</u> (lying) and can be <u>cheetahs</u> (cheaters).

How do horses tell the future? They horse it.

Why do horses run?
That is their mane method of transportation.

#### **Cheesiest Puns**

As a longtime cheese enthusiast, I have eaten various types of cheese. One of my favorite types is swiss cheese, as I enjoy its taste. A notable trait of swiss cheese is that it possesses a whole lot of holes. While I may believe that swiss cheese is grater than all others in terms of taste, eating swiss cheese alone can get boring if I never swissch it up. In fact, I get fetap (fed up) after a long time of eating the same type of cheese.

If I had access to all cheese types, I would <a href="edam">edam</a> all. However, there is one exception to this: blue cheese. Although my liking for cheese is strong, I dislike the idea of consuming mold, which partially makes up blue cheese. When I first heard blue cheese was made of mold, it <a href="blue">blue</a> me away as I did not think mold could ever be safely consumable. Perhaps some day I will feel <a href="dairy">dairy</a> ng enough to try it, but for now I will opt out.

Apart from numerous cheese types, I have also tried cheese in different shapes. These include string cheese (or cheese stick), slices, and wedges. The convenient thing about cheese shape varieties is that they make it easy to <a href="wedge">wedge</a> in puns. In addition, I can <a href="string">string</a> together many of these puns into a single, continuous story, as I have done here. However, I will <a href="block">block</a> myself from making anymore puns as if I am not <a href="brief">brief</a>, my cheese story will continue on indefinitely.

To conclude, cheese is a very <u>gouda</u> food that I love. If the advent of cheese had not oc<u>curd</u>, I would not be able to enjoy my favorite food.

#### Some more cheese puns for you:

What do you call a bee made out of black rocks?

A <u>colby</u> (coal bee)

What do you call the scariest type of cheese?

Scream cheese

How does the cheese commute to work?

He just <u>asiaGOES</u>.

What did the competitive cheese say before the game began?

This is nacho battle to win.

What did we think while coming up with puns?

We love <a href="mac">mac</a>-ing these!

What did the cheese decide after losing the match?
I'll do <u>feta</u> (better) next time.

What did the cheese do to protect itself? It wore armor in <a href="queso">queso</a> it was hit.

Why did the cheese hide in the box? It wanted to be **provALONE**.

## Wave-ing at the Ocean

Three years ago my family and I visited Cancun, Mexico for our summer vacation. We spent our first day <u>sea</u>ing the beache<u>s and</u> sun tanning on the beach chairs. I <u>chair</u>ished this experience a lot, despite an unfortunate situation in which a nearby child began to throw a <u>tan</u>trum because their sand castle was flooded by the unrelenting tide. Thankfully, the child's parents quickly rebuilt the sand castle, this time safely away from the waves.

After spending some time on the beach, we went to our hotel. We were satisfied to find it <u>tide</u>y and neat so that we could unload our luggages quickly. Once we had settled into our room, we quickly fell asleep as the first day's activities had been so exhausting.

For the next few days, we continued to spend time on the beach. I would watch the current gently carry the ocean water, thinking about my <u>current</u> surroundings. The palm trees would sway in the occasional light breeze, and I started to worry they would tip over. I immediately face<u>palm</u>ed, realizing that trees have roots that keep them in place and the wind would almost never <u>wind</u> up toppling them over.

On the last day, we had our final activity: snorkeling at the coral reefs. We saw many sea creatures and coral, and I was even able to swim alongside a school of fish. I tried to reach out to touch a fish's fin, though I was not quick enough and the fish immediately swam away. After a few hours, we had to finish snorkeling. For a second, I considered reefusing to swim back to the land because I did not want our trip to come to an end. When I finally swam back, I knew our trip was ending, though I was thankful for the great memories we had created in Cancun. We waved goodbye to the beaches of Cancun, and prepared for the journey back home.

This vacation was one of the most exciting ones yet, and if I shell ever be given the opportunity to return to Cancun, I am shore I would travel there again.

## Some more ocean puns for you:

What do you call the center of a coral reef?

The core-al.

Why are seagulls easily tricked? They are too gullible.

How do seashells keep their belongings safe?

They store them on <a href="mailto:shell">shell</a>ves.

What music did the beachside graduation play?

Palmp and Circumstance.

Why will the ocean last forever? It will never sease to exist.

### **Fun with Fruits**

Since fruits are known for providing vitamins and minerals, they are a crucial part of our diets. Apart from their nutritional value, however, they provide plenty of pun material.

For instance, bananas are appeeling for their various nutrients which include fiber and vitamin C. In addition, fruits like blueberries, strawberries, and raspberries provide <a href="mailto:berry">berry</a> many benefits for the heart. The consumption of fruit helps people to sucseed.

However, there are people who are not so passionate about fruit. When they are faced with the fact that they must consume fruit, their hopes <u>plum</u>mit. I do not know the reasons for this as I myself <u>cherry</u>-ish eating fruit, though it is possible that people may not like fruits for their taste. Whatever the reason may be, it is appearant that fruits are a healthy food.

Different foods serve different purposes. While blueberries are beneficial in part for containing Vitamin K, the vitamin usually found in leafy green vegetables, avocado has an unusually low carb count compared with other fruits. If someone needs a <a href="mailto:raisin">raisin</a> their iron levels, prunes are a good option. I cannot list out <a href="mailto:olive">olive</a> the individual benefits/characteristics of each fruit, though this is information that is readily accessible online.

With this information, people are able to <u>fig</u>ure out which fruits are best for them to eat, though almost any fruit is a good choice given the general benefits of all fruits.

#### Some more fruit puns for you:

What did the melon say to his wife when he came home from work?

Honey, dew you miss me?

What can be found at the northernmost and southernmost places on earth?

Apple (a pole).

What do monkeys say when they disapprove?

BanaNAH!

How is he able to always be so happy?

He is **grape**ful for everything.

Why are fruits the best spectators? They always **fRUIT** (root) for you.

Why did the dog open the bag? It was kiwious (curious).

What did she say about her favorite fruit? There was a fruit she had a <u>passion</u> for.

Why didn't the other fruits like the avocado?

They thought it was pitiful.

#### **Four Seasons**

With four distinct seasons in a year, there is bound to be a season <u>four</u> everyone. Although I may not be the most <u>season</u>ed on the intricacies of each season, I can still provide general information on them.

Generally, summer is one of the more popular seasons as it is the hottest and sunniest time of the year. Due to the great weather, summer is the season in which most people are <a href="raycing">raycing</a> to go outdoors and enjoy the sunlight. In addition, most kids are out of school for the summer. For this reasun, summer is the opportune moment for families to take a vacation.

After summer comes the season of fall. Usually, falling leaves, Halloween, and Thanksgiving are things people <u>autumn</u>atically think of when they hear fall. It is sometimes hard for me to be<u>leaf</u> my eyes when I see the color-changing leaves. Jumping into piles of leaves can be fun, though I occasionally wish for a b<u>rake</u> from all of the raking. Nonetheless, it is not anyone's fallt that raking can be tiring work.

Whenever winter comes around, many people enjoy the snow. Sometimes, seeing all the bare trees and the constantly snow-covered ground can be unbareable, but after a while people get used to it. Though the cold weather can be annoying at first, suiting up in sufficient winter gear like jackets, scarves, and ear muffs can be helpful, though too much winter gear might muffle your voice!

In spring, flowers are <u>plant</u>iful, growing virtually everywhere. Flowers are able to grow easily due to rainy weather, which <u>rains</u> (reigns) through most of April. Besides flowers, spring also brings Easter as an <u>egg</u>tra perk.

Overall, each season is unique. Though some aspects of some seasons may be unfavorable at times, life without the four seasons would not be the same.

#### Some more seasonal puns for you:

What did the spider say to the skeleton to encourage him? You are **ghoul**den.

Why aren't the trees visible in the winter?

They are <a href="bare">bare</a>-ied in snow.

What did the explorer say when he discovered an iceberg?

Lcy something!!! (I see something)

Why didn't the boy want to go skiing?
He was <u>snowboard</u> (so bored) of skiing that he wanted to do something else.

What do flowers call their friends?

Buddies!

#### **Back to School**

At the start of the new school year, many students face the exciting and yet challenging task of adapting to school. One of the things students must do is shop for school supplies. However, distinguishing between high-quality supplies and cheap, easily-broken supplies is tough. For instance, cheap scissors don't quite <u>cut</u> it, as they cannot cut as cleanly as better scissors. In addition, finding a pen that has dark enough ink can be <u>ink</u>redibly hard, as pens are impossible to test out without making a purchase. Even mechanical pencils have <u>lead</u> to much frustration as cheap lead breaks too easily.

Due to this annoyance with mechanical pencils, some people <u>wood</u> recommend wooden pencils. However, the ends of sharpened wooden pencils are <u>tip</u>ically much sharper than those of mechanical pencils. The sharp, pointy end of pencils can be dangerous, as some people have <u>point</u>ed out.

Of <u>course</u>, once students gather their school supplies, they have to adapt to the new courses that they are taking. The most <u>class</u>ic and standard classes are mathematics, reading, english, history, and science. In most courses, teachers instruct using lessons. At first, the long school day can make students want to <u>lesson</u> their course load, but as they continue through the year, students adapt to the long hours.

At the end of most courses, students have a final test or project to demonstrate their learning for the year. The most common <a href="mailto:exam">exam</a>ple of this is a final exam, which contributes to a large part of a student's grade. Sometimes, final exams can greatly change a student's final grade, even upgradeing a grade tremendously.

Getting back into school can be challenging, though all students go through it together. With each passing year, going back to school only gets easier.

## Some more school puns for you:

What is a chalkboard's favorite dessert?

Chalkcolate

Why wasn't the student interested in using the whiteboard?

She was too board of it.

Which writing utensil costs the most money? Pens, because they are expensive.

How do pens come up with ideas? They think for a long time.

Why did the school purchase more desks than usual?

Desks were on a deskount!

#### **Multiple Math Facts**

When it comes to math class, there are many <u>divisions</u> between those who like math and those who dislike it. These are probably due to many <u>factors</u>, such as the fact that people have varying interests in different subjects. <u>Even</u> though people may have differing opinions on math, almost everyb<u>odd</u>y can agree that it is important and applicable in many situations.

Some people may dislike math because of the memorization involved in it. For instance, students need to <u>count</u> on their memorization of basic facts to solve more complicated equations. While calculators can easily compute basic facts, students typically do not start using these until calcu-<u>lator</u>. In <u>addition</u>, math also involves memorizing theorems and formulas. Subjects like geometry use many theorems, and knowing them is mandatory for a student to pass an exam fair and <u>square</u>.

While memorizing basic facts and equations can be unpleasant, the applications of math out<u>number</u> its disadvantages. <u>Digit</u> know that math is used in our everyday lives? Whether it is in technology or in nature, math is found nearly everywhere we look.

Though math can be annoying to learn, the uses of it <u>equal</u>, if not overcome these hassles. I am <u>positive</u> that math is a crucial component of education and of everyday life, and that without it, life would be very different.

### **Sum** more math puns for you:

What do you call a tool that bends many wires?

A multi-plier!

How did the audience respond to the circle's performance?

They gave it a <u>round</u> of applause.

What sports do shapes often try to play? They like <u>trian</u>-golf.

What did the construction workers say to the miners? Sorry, we are renovating the mine. The minus closed today.

What did the construction workers say when the miners kept returning? We have already said that it is closed many <u>times</u>! <u>Plus</u>, we have a sign here that says the mine is closed!

Why couldn't the triangles find the quadrilaterals? The quadrilaterals were all polygone.

## **Notes on Music**

Have you ever wanted an interesting way to learn about music? Luckily for you, this is the right place for you! <u>Tune</u> in to this crash course of musical terms, and take <u>notes</u> only if you absolutely must.

To read music, you must first determine the clef, a symbol placed at the very beginning of music that acts as an indicator. Two common examples of clefs are bass and treble clef. <a href="Bass">Bass</a>ically, if music is in bass clef it indicates that the notes are lower while treble clef typically corresponds with higher notes.

Apart from clefs, it is important to know specific vocabulary terms used to refer to notes, such as pitch. Pitch refers to how high or low a note is and is measured in hertz. Hertz is one cycle per second, though if I went into detail behind how sound waves work it might make you say that your head <a href="hertz">hertz</a> from all of the knowledge. You may even ask me to <a href="tone">tone</a> it down on the dull facts, in which case I will only <a href="pitch">pitch</a> in one last thing: tone can also be used to refer to pitch.

With some terms out of the way, I will also discuss musical instruments. My favorite one is the violin, sometimes referred to as a fiddle. I am not sure why the violin can also be called the fiddle, as it seems that <a href="fiddling">fiddling</a> around with instrument names is confusing. Like the violin, other stringed instruments can be wooden. I <a href="wood">wood</a> elaborate on these more, though I must move on to other instruments.

Besides stringed instruments, percussion instruments are quite interesting to me. While I do not play any percussion instruments myself, I still think they are great <a href="mailto:cymbals">cymbals</a> of why rhythm is so important. If drum players did not play the correct rhythm, it would certainly throw off the rest of the ensemble. I also <a href="mailto:bell">bell</a> ieve that bells are a great instrument as they can come in so many different forms. However, an often overlooked instrument is the gong, which is almost completely <a href="mailto:gong">gong</a> from Western music, as it is more in East and Southeastern Asian music.

Whatever instrument it may be, all instruments are special in that mastering one takes an extensive knowledge of music. This may not have been an in-depth guide, but it hopefully outlined a few terms used in music.

#### Some more music puns for you:

Why does rhythm matter in music? I don't know, beats me.

Why did the musician get lost in the song? They <u>tempo</u>rarily forgot the speed of the song.

Why are organs healthy for you? They are <u>organ</u>ic.

How did the woodwinds get over the ocean?
They <u>flute</u> to their destination.

Why did everyone want to see the singer?

They were A Major celebrity.

Why didn't the fugitive want to stay on the run?
They realized that they had no choice but to face the music.

Why were the child's teeth yellow?

They used up their entire tuba toothpaste and had none left.

Why were the percussion instruments out of sync with the rest of the orchestra?

They **chime**d in too early.

What instrument is best at catching bugs?

The clari-net!

What stopped the violins from going to war with the violas? The violins realized that violince was not the answer.