

Humor Helpers: Joke Starters and Pun Examples

Use these joke starters and pun examples to help you create your Laughable List!

Joke Starters

- "Did you hear about the [subject] that..."
- "[Subject] is so [adjective], it..."
- "Why did the [subject] cross the road? To..."
- "If [subject] were a superhero, its superpower would be..."
- "[Subject] walks into a bar, and the bartender says..."
- "In a world where [subject] rules, imagine..."
- "Breaking news: [Subject] just announced..."
- "If [subject] wrote an autobiography, it would be called..."
- "[Subject] is like a box of chocolates, because..."
- "Scientists have discovered that [subject] is actually..."

Pun Examples and Formulas

- **Homophones** (words that sound alike):
 - "The math teacher grew exponentially" (grew/grew)
 - "I'm reading a book on anti-gravity. It's impossible to put down!" (down/down)
- **Similar-sounding words:**
 - "I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me." (hit/hit)
 - "A bicycle can't stand on its own because it's two-tired." (two-tired/too tired)
- **Multiple meanings:**
 - "Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana." (flies/flies)
 - "A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat." (hard to beat/hard to beat)
- **Portmanteaus (blending two words):**
 - "I used to be addicted to soap, but I'm clean now." (clean/clean)
 - "The frustrated cannibal threw up his hands." (threw up/threw up)
- **Rhyming puns:**
 - "The poor baker - he didn't have enough dough." (dough/dough)
 - "The shoes in the shoe store were in rows and rows." (rows/rose)

Clever Sentence Starters

- "If [subject] were a superhero, its catchphrase would be..." Example: "If math were a superhero, its catchphrase would be 'To infinity and beyond!'"
- "In a world where [subject] rules, the first law would be..." Example: "In a world where grammar rules, the first law would be 'No sentence left behind!'"
- "[Subject] is so [exaggerated adjective], it makes [unlikely consequence] look [opposite adjective]." Example: "Homework is so time-consuming, it makes watching paint dry look thrilling."
- "Breaking news: Scientists discover [subject] is actually..." Example: "Breaking news: Scientists discover broccoli is actually tiny trees from a vegetable planet!"
- "If [subject] wrote an autobiography, it would be titled..." Example: "If a pencil wrote an autobiography, it would be titled 'The Point of My Existence'"

Wordplay Wizardry

- **Homophones (words that sound alike):**
 - "Why did the math book look so sad? Because it had too many problems."
 - "What do you call a fake noodle? An impasta!"
- **Puns (plays on words):**
 - "I tried to catch some fog earlier. I mist."
 - "What do you call a boomerang that doesn't come back? A stick!"
- **Double meanings:**
 - "Why don't scientists trust atoms? Because they make up everything!"
 - "Why did the gym close down? It just didn't work out!"
- **Portmanteaus (blending two words):**
 - "What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus!"
 - "What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire? Frostbite!"

Subject Shenanigans

- **Marvelous Math:**
 - "Why was the equal sign so humble? It knew it wasn't greater than or less than anyone else."
 - "What do you call a number that can't keep still? A roamin' numeral."
- **Silly Science:**
 - "Why can't you trust an atom? They make up everything!"
 - "What kind of tree fits in your hand? A palm tree!"
- **Hilarious History:**
 - "Why did the Ancient Egyptians write in hieroglyphics? Because they were trying to be cryptic!"
 - "What was the most popular dance in 1776? Indepen-dance!"
- **Literary Laughs:**

- o "Why was the book cold? It had too many drafts!"
- o "What do you call a dictionary on drugs? High definition."
- **Geographic Giggles:**
 - o "What's a mountain's favorite type of candy? Rock candy!"
 - o "Why don't eggs go on vacation? They'd crack under pressure!"

Joke Construction Kit

Use these elements to build your own jokes:

- **Unexpected Comparisons:** "[Subject] is like [unrelated object] because..." Example: "Homework is like a broken pencil - it's pointless!"
- **Exaggeration:** "[Subject] is so [adjective], it can [impossible action]." Example: "Our teacher's voice is so loud, it can wake up sleeping continents!"
- **Personification (giving human traits to non-human things):** "If [object] could talk, it would say..." Example: "If my locker could talk, it would say 'Clean me, I'm not your personal dumpster!'"
- **Word Ladder:** Start with a word related to your subject, then change one letter at a time to make a new word, until you reach a funny conclusion. Example: MATH → MOTH → MYTH "Why did the math problem become a moth? It was drawn to the myth of being easy!"

**Remember, the best jokes often come from unexpected connections. Don't be afraid to get creative and think outside the box!