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INTRODUCTION

Some people play with footballs, some people play with cards, some people play with their food and some people (the best people) play with words. Wordplay involves all sorts of things: jokes, poems, puns, riddles, making up phrases, messing around with spellings, twisting people's tongues and thinking of comical names – and much more than that too.

The important thing about wordplay is that it's FUN. This book has more words in it than you can fit on the bulbous belly of a blue whale: it has absolutely oodles, preposterous piles, ludicrous lashings, stonking stacks of the stuff, including wordplay games to try. It's all here, ready for you to enjoy – what are you waiting for?

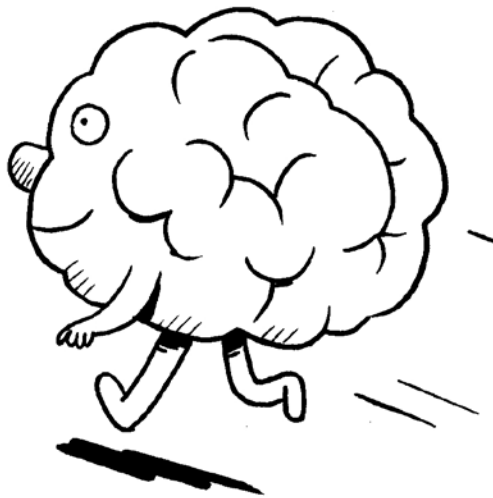


JUICY JOKES AND RIDDLES

Everybody loves a good joke and many of the best jokes use wordplay to make us chortle. But don't worry, there are none of those dreadful 'dad puns' here, just clever wit, cheeky riddles, new takes on old favourites and lots of loopy lines to leave you laughing.

One-liners

One-liners are short jokes that often fool around with language. Unlike many jokes, they don't use the Q&A format.



I didn't use to finish sentences, but now I

I just let my mind wander, and it didn't come back.

JUICY JOKES AND RIDDLES

You can't have everything; where would you put it?

I heard about a man whose whole left side was cut off but he's all right now.

Police station toilet stolen – the cops have nothing to go on.

Archaeologist: someone whose career lies in ruins.

It's bad luck to be superstitious.

I'm going to get to school on time, no matter how long it takes!

Wildlife wit

Animals are a favourite topic for jokes – well, they can't answer back, can they? Enjoy these:

What looks like half a camel?
The other half.

Why do cats chase birds?
For a lark.

What do you get if you cross a cat and a gorilla?
An animal that puts *you* out at night.

What do you get if you cross a Crocodile and a hyena?
I don't know but I'll join in if it laughs.

Why did the whale cross the road?
To get to the other tide.

What did the spider say to the bee?
Your honey or your life.

When does a duck go 'moo'?
When it's learning a new language.



What do you get if you cross an elephant with a skunk?
Rid of it.

What's the best way to keep milk from turning sour?
Leave it inside the cow.

Bumper stickers

Bumper stickers are funny slogans stuck on the back of cars and trucks. Often they are something to do with driving but sometimes they are just short jokes.

Follow that car, Godzilla - and step on it!

Sorry for driving so close in front of you.

Of all the things I've lost,
I miss my mind the most.

Rock is dead. Long live paper and scissors.

Honk if you see parts fall off.

Don't use shampoo
- demand real poo.

Corduroy pillows are making headlines.

GRAVITY ALWAYS GETS ME DOWN.

Money is the root of all evil -
for more info send me £5.

No one is listening

until you fart.

He who laughs
last thinks
slowest.