



# Figures of Speech: Puns

A **pun** is a joke that exploits the different possible meanings of a word or the fact that the words that sound alike but have different meanings. Read each sentence. Identify the pun. Then briefly explain it on the line below each.

1. My best friend is a glue salesman. He always sticks to his word.

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2. No matter how much you push the outside of the envelope, it will still be stationary.

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3. Why couldn't the bicycle stand on its own? It was two-tired.

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4. Ben is so pessimistic his blood type is B-negative.

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5. When our dog gave birth in the park she got a ticket for littering.

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6. Ben was shocked to wake up in the hospital and hear that he had been struck by lightning.

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7. The cartoonist says his job is a prison; he spends all day working on a cel.

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8. Santa arrived at the party just in the Nick of time.

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