

## What's so Punny?

### Definitions

**Pun:** A joke that uses a homonym or homophones for its humor. *Ex: The broom swept the nation away.*

**Homonym:** Two or more words that have the same spelling and different meanings.

**Homophone:** Two or more words that have the same pronunciation but different meanings or spellings.

Read each pun below. Then decide if the pun uses a homonym or a homophone, underline it, and explain the pun.

**Example:** The broom swept the nation away.

The word swept can mean to sweep something up (like dirt), swept can also mean to win something. The word swept is a homonym because both meanings use the same spelling.

1. Every calendar's days are numbered.

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2. When a clock is hungry, it goes back four seconds.

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3. Being struck by lightning is really a shocking experience!

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4. Why was six afraid of seven? Because seven ate nine.

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5. Where do polar bears vote? The North Poll.

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