

Have Fun with English

(A Compilation)

These will ease stress from of our lives and make us laugh heartily. Have Fun!

1. What's the difference between a bird watcher and a bad speller?

One watches birds and the other botches words.

2. What's a synonym?

A word you use when you can't spell the other word

3. Teacher: You should not say, 'I ain't going'. You should say, 'I'm not going, he's not going, they're not going . . .'

Student: Gee, ain't anybody going?

4. Why are teachers rather special?

They are usually in a class by themselves.

5. Teacher: This test is 'multiple choice'.

Student: Then I choose not to take it.

6. Teacher: What's the difference between an active verb and a passive verb?

An active verb shows action. A passive verb shows passion.

7. Teacher: What did you do this weekend?

Student: John and me went to the ball game.

Teacher: John and I.

Student: No, you weren't there.

8. Teacher: Who can give me an example of a double negative?

Pupil: I don't know none.

Teacher: Very good.

9. How is a judge like an English teacher?

They both hand out long sentences.

10. Teacher to students: English is an easy language to learn.

New student to English teacher: Says who? If English is such an easy language, then why does 'a fat chance' mean the same as 'a slim chance'?

11. 'Are your father and mother home, Ramesh?' the teacher asked the boy, a brother of the student she was visiting at home.

'They was in. They is now out,' replied the boy.

'Where is your grammar?' asked the shocked teacher.

'Gra'ma,' said the small boy, 'has gone upstairs for a nap.'

12. 'I've just had the most awful time,' said a boy to his friend.

'First I got angina pectoris, then arteriosclerosis. Just as I was recovering, I got psoriasis. They gave me hypodermics and, to top it all, tonsillitis was followed by appendectomy.'

'Jeez! How did you pull through?' sympathized his astounded friends.

'I don't know,' the boy replied, 'the toughest spelling test I ever had!'

13. Teacher: Lisa, can February march?

Lisa: No, miss, April may.

14. First girl: My English teacher is like a diamond!

Second girl: You mean, very nice?

First girl: You can't cut her classes!

15. About a boring person Benjamin Disraeli remarks: 'A bore is one who has the power of speech but not the capacity for conversation!'

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Charles Keller, *The little great book of school jokes*. New Delhi: Goodwill Publishing House.]

Here a few more from other sources.

1. George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill: "I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play. Bring a friend, if you have one."

Churchill in response: "I cannot possibly attend the first night. I will attend the second, if there is one."

2. Oscar Wilde: "He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends."

3. Samuel Johnson: "He is not only dull himself; he is the cause of dullness in others."

4. Mark Twain: "Why do you sit there looking like an envelope without any address on it?"

5. Oscar Wilde: "Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go."

6. Winston Churchill: "He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire."

7. Andrew Lang: "He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lamp posts . . . for support rather than illumination."

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