

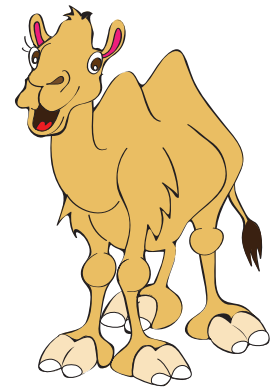
Animal Puns

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A **pun** is a form of wordplay that uses a word or phrase that sounds similar to another word or phrase, usually for a humorous effect.

Directions: Read the following animal-related puns. Then, explain why the sentence is a funny pun.

Example: A camel's favorite day is Wednesday, also known as hump day.



This pun is funny because a camel has a hump, so obviously it likes hump day (Wednesday).

1. Whales are fascinating mammals, but they are always blowing it.

Whales have blowholes and this pun is saying that whales are always "blowing it" which means they make mistakes or mess up.

2. What do bees do when they build a new hive? Host a house-swarmer party!

This pun is funny because it connects the way bees swarm to the phrase "house warming."

3. The duck ordered an extra drink and said to the waiter, "Put it on my bill, please."

Ducks have bills, but the word bill also means the check in a restaurant. So this pun is funny because you can imagine a drink balancing on a duck's bill.

4. My brother wanted a pet donkey because he thought he might get a kick out of it.

Donkeys are famous for kicking. This pun plays on the idiom "to get a kick out of something" which means that something seems funny.

5. A cat gave birth to kittens, and was ticketed for littering.

A new group of kittens is called a litter so this pun plays on the multiple meanings of litter—a group of kittens or to throw garbage on the ground.

6. I'm not afraid of insects, they simply bug me.

Bug is a homograph which means to bother or an insect. This pun is playing on the fact that this word has multiple meanings.