

ANSWERS**Homophonic Puns**

A **pun** is a humorous play on words in which the word's meaning, or the way the word sounds, is used to create a joke. A **homophonic pun** uses words that sound the same to make a joke.

Example: When the woman saw her stray strand of grey hair, she thought she'd **dye!**

- Word used for the pun: **dye**
- Word it replaced: **die**
- What makes it a pun? The woman thought she'd die when she saw her grey hair because she doesn't like grey hair. She needs to dye her hair so she will not have grey hair.

Directions: Read the pun and analyze the meaning. Then, record the information below.

1. Sausage puns are the wurst.

A. Word used for the pun: **wurst**

B. Word it replaced: **worst**

C. What makes it a pun? **It's a pun because the writer replaces the word "worst" with "wurst," which is a type of sausage.**

2. What do you call a beautiful pumpkin? GOURDgeous.

A. Word used for the pun: **gourdgeous**

B. Word it replaced: **gorgeous**

C. What makes it a pun? **The sentence is talking about pumpkins and it used the word "gourd," a type of pumpkin, in the word "gorgeous."**

3. I tried to catch some fog. I mist.

A. Word used for the pun: **mist**

B. Word it replaced: **missed**

C. What makes it a pun? **It is talking about fog and replaces "missed" with "mist," since both are water suspended in the air.**

4. It was an emotional wedding. Even the cake was in tiers.

A. Word used for the pun: **tiers**

B. Word it replaced: **tears**

C. What makes it a pun? **Emotional weddings usually involve tears. Cakes that are more than one level have tiers. It's a pun because it replaces "tears" with "tiers" on a cake to imply the cake was emotional too.**



Your turn! Write a homophonic pun.

Answers will vary