

# Puns in Context



A **pun** is a figure of speech that involves using a word or phrase in a way that suggests multiple meanings. The pun might reference multiple senses of a word or a word that sounds similar but means something different. Puns are usually intended to create humor.

**Directions:** Explain the pun in each scenario below.

1. As with most social media trends, people are perplexed by the broom craze that is sweeping the nation. *Sweeping means cleaning up dirt with a broom, but it can also mean quickly moving through and affecting an area.*  
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2. Hank told me he was worried about the calendar because its days are numbered.  
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3. The tag on the bucket of used batteries at the yard sale said that the batteries were free of charge.  
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4. I wanted scrambled eggs for breakfast, but a hard-boiled egg is hard to beat.  
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5. Jazmyn often breaks into song because she can't find the key.  
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6. When Wyatt's pencil broke during the spelling test, he decided the whole thing was pointless.  
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7. I was standing there wondering why a softball gets bigger as it gets closer, and then it hit me.  
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8. The doctor assured me that I was of average height for my age, but I told her that was just mean.  
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9. When the short fortune-teller escaped from jail, the judge issued a warrant for a small medium at large.  
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