

EMBRACE THE DAD-JOKE LIFESTYLE

BAD DAD JOKES covers every aspect of the most simultaneously loathed and loved joke form of all time: the pun. Learn how to properly deliver a pun and how to pretend you're sorry for your Dad joke (even when you're not). Because "Dad Humor" should be practiced by everyone (regardless of age, gender, or family status) this book serves to encourage creative thinking and punning habits for everyone! Includes: quality pre-loaded puns, the taxonomy of the different types of wordplay, and famous punsters in history and on the screen.



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CHAPTER 1

“I am convinced that the only people worthy of consideration in this world are the unusual ones.”
—The Scarecrow, in L. Frank Baum’s *The Land of Oz*

Dad Jokes FAQs

WHAT’S A DAD JOKE?

A lot of people brag that their parking skills are unparalleled, but I can back it up.

Sorry! That was an example of a Dad joke.

Basically, anytime someone makes a corny, adorable joke (often a pun), that’s a Dad joke.

BUT AREN’T MOMS DELIVERING FRESH CHUCKLES ON A DAILY BASIS?

Absolutely! It’s unfair that these are called “Dad jokes.”

However, like Mom jeans, Dad jokes are not gender-normative. People of all ages and gender identities can and do use them.¹ Kids can make Dad jokes, too.

1. Except for Todd. (He’s the worst!)

Know Your Dad Joke

APTONYMS

Aptonyms are names that are so perfect for their owners, they become real-life puns. Think of the sprinter Usain Bolt, or the meteorologists Amy Freeze or Sara Blizzard. My research also revealed that there's a urologist named Alexander Philpott, which is when I stopped researching.

Humorist Gene Weingarten of the *Washington Post* also coined the term *inaptonym*, a name that is so wrong, it seems like a joke, like the pitcher Grant Balfour, or the former Khmer Rouge spokesperson Am Rong.¹

"Michael Caine's snubbed me for the last time." I vowed, as the wrecking ball crashed into the actor's mansion. "Now, I am razing Caine."

At the Bookshop:

"OMG, I just saw Judy Blume in one of the book rows!"

"Is she still there?"

"No, the Blume is off the rows."

Jamie Farr (of M*A*S*H) has a memoir titled *Just Farr Fun*

"Welcome to my midlife Chrysler." —David Gates

The novelist John le Carré has a poster in his office that reads "Keep Calm and le Carré On."

1. Fun Fact: A major component of your teeth is a phosphate mineral called apatite.



**A Greek classics professor goes to a tailor to get his pants mended. The tailor asks him: "Euripides?"
The professor replies: "Yes. Eumenides?"²**

"I'm going from bad to Hearst." —Journalist William L. Shirer, on going from the *Chicago Tribune* to working for William Randolph Hearst.

(BTW, if I ever have to stand in front of a firing squad, I don't want to be riddled by bullets. I'd prefer a pop quiz.)

2. It's funny because Euripides was an Athenian playwright in 400 BCE. "The Eumenides" was the third part of a Greek tragedy by Aeschylus. So when it sounds like the tailor asks, "You ripped these?" the professor says, "Yes. You mend these?"

Know Your Dad Joke

FEGHOOTS

A *Feghoot* is a short science-fiction Shaggy Dog story. It's named for Ferdinand Feghoot, a character created by Reginald Bretnor (writing as Grendel Briarton) for a series called *Through Time and Space with Ferdinand Feghoot!* The end of a Feghoot can sometimes be a thing of beauty. For example, one story concludes with three words: "Hungarian ghoulish." Another pithy one: "non-compass mantis."¹

Here are a few examples of Feghoot endings; you can probably reverse-engineer a story to fit these pretty easily.

One man's meat is another man's poi, son.

The little fish is his herring aide.

Bards of a fetter flog to get 'er.

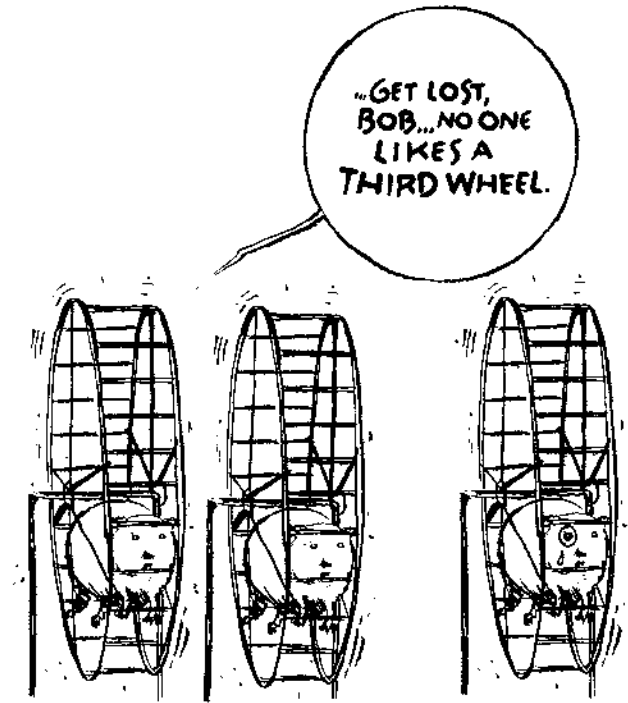
I cannot free the sores for the tees.

You can't make an amulet with out-breaking eggs.

But enough Shaggy Dogs! Animal rights are my pet passion, so let's talk about them next.

Did you know that a hive's newborns are called babees?

1. These refer to "Hungarian goulash" and "*non compos mentis*" (Latin for "not of sound mind").



Overheard in the hamster cage:

"Get lost, Bob. No one likes a third wheel."

If you went back in time and saw a giant reptile with bad eyesight, what would you call it?

A doyouthinkitsaurus.

"Aren't you worried woodpeckers will damage your new wood sign?"

"Not really—my spelling has always been impeccable."

Did you hear about the goats that ran away from home? Don't worry, they're now safely pasture-ized.