

Spoonerisms

A spoonerism is an interchange of the sounds (usually the first sound) of words in a phrase, name or sentence to create a humorous effect. Spoonerisms are named after Dr. W. A. Spooner who was always changing his words around. He said things like "well-boiled icicle" instead of "well-oiled bicycle." Spoonerisms are sometimes created by mistake when people accidentally interchange their words. Some authors, however, use spoonerisms in their writing, and some people have written entire stories using spoonerisms.



Identify the titles of the following stories that have been written as spoonerisms.

1. Beeping Sleauty _____
2. Back and the Jeanstalk _____
3. The Wisherman and his Fife _____
4. Three Gilly Boats Gruff _____
5. The Emperor's Clew Nothes _____
6. The Dugly Uckling _____
7. Hittle Louse in the Wig Boods _____

Change each of these famous quotes back to their original forms.

8. A stolling rone gathers mo noss.

9. Firds of a beather tock flogether.

10. A mool and his foney are poon sarted.

11. A titch in stime naves sine.
