

Worksheet for Puns and Fun with the Trombone

Definition of a pun: A pun is a joke that depends on a word having two meanings. The joke comes from the unexpected association with the second meaning after setting up the listener to expect the first meaning.

Directions: With the examples below, use the dictionary in your head to first figure out which word has two meanings and write it in the blank space provided. Next write the two meanings in the next two blank spaces. Finally, explain the joke in the final space.

Notice that for puns 1-2 the word in question sounds the same and is within the sentence

1. What is black and white and red/read all over?
 - Word in mental dictionary _____.
 - Meaning one _____
 - Meaning two _____
 - Explain the pun _____

2. Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, 'I've lost my Electron.' The other says, 'Are you sure?' The first replies, 'Yes, I'm positive.'
 - Word in mental dictionary _____
 - Meaning one _____
 - Meaning two _____
 - Explain the pun _____

For numbers 3-5, the word in question is not within the sentence itself, but the sound is the same.

3. What do Land-O-Lakes and an angry ram have in common?
 - Word in mental dictionary _____
 - Meaning one _____
 - Meaning two _____
 - Explain the pun _____

4. What's the difference between a face and a wrestler?
 - Word in the mental dictionary _____
 - Meaning one _____
 - Meaning two _____
 - Explain the pun _____