

Laughter
is an
instant
vacation.
- Milton Berle



LAUGHTER IS
THE BEST
MEDICINE



The human race
has only one really
effective
weapon and that
is laughter. ”

Mark Twain



“It’s amazing how laughter connects you with people. It’s almost impossible to maintain any kind of distance or social hierarchy when you are laughing together. Laughter is a force for democracy.” John Cleese (Monty Python)

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Have You Met Any Of These Idiots?

You will feel better about yourself when you read these short stories

outages: a period when a power supply or other service is not available

receipt: piece of paper with the information of a transaction

clerk: a person employed in an office

As luck would have it: expression meaning ‘fortunately’

matched: be the same as

nodded: a movement up and down with the head

luncheon: a formal word for lunch

deer in the headlights: to be paralysed by surprise, fear or confusion

dealership: an establishment authorized to buy and sell specific goods

feverishly: very actively or with great excitement

IDIOTS IN SERVICE

This week, our phones went dead and I had to contact the telephone repair people. They promised to be out between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. When I asked if they could give me a smaller time window, the pleasant gentleman asked, “Would you like us to call you before we come?” I replied that I didn’t see how he would be able to do that since our phones weren’t working. He also requested that we report future **outages** by email. Does YOUR email work without a telephone line?

IDIOTS AT WORK

I was signing the **receipt** for my credit card purchase when the **clerk** noticed I had never signed my name on the back of the credit card. She informed me that she could not complete the transaction unless the card was signed. When I asked why, she explained that it was necessary to compare the signature I had just signed on the receipt. So I signed the credit card in front of her. She carefully compared the signature to the one I had just signed on the receipt. **As luck would have it**, they **matched!**

IDIOTS IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

I live in a semi-rural area. We recently had a new neighbour call the local township administrative office to

request the removal of the ‘Deer Crossing’ sign on our road. The reason? Too many deer were being hit by cars and she didn’t want them to cross there anymore.

IDIOTS IN FOOD SERVICE

My daughter went to a local Taco Bell and ordered a taco. She asked the person behind the counter for “minimal lettuce.” He said he was sorry, but they only had iceberg.

IDIOT AT THE AIRPORT

I was at the airport, checking in at the gate when an airport employee asked, “Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?” To which I replied, “If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?” She smiled knowingly and **nodded**, “That’s why we ask.”

IDIOT IN MANAGEMENT

At a good-bye **luncheon** for an old and dear co-worker who is leaving the company due to “downsizing,” our manager commented cheerfully, “This is fun. We should do this more often.” Not a word was spoken. We all just looked at each other with that **deer-in-the-headlights** stare.

IDIOTS WITH CARS

When my wife and I arrived at an automobile **dealership** to pick up our car, we were told the keys had been locked in it. We went to the service department and found a mechanic working **feverishly** to unlock the driver’s side door. As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked. “Hey,” I announced to the technician, “it’s open!” To which he replied, “I know - I already done that side.”

adapted from: <http://www.inspire21.com/stories/humorstories/IdiotsAllOver>

“Let’s chat about that!”

Write your answers in an email and send them to your ECP coach!

- Tell your favourite story from the article in your own words.
- Do you have a story of your own? Please tell us.
- Have you ever been the idiot? Please explain.
- How did you react in each situation?
- How would you have reacted in each of the short stories above?



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What is the difference between Fun and Funny?

A common mistake for students learning English is the difference between **Fun** and **Funny**.

Both can be used as adjectives (words that describe something)

Funny = it makes you laugh

Fun = when you enjoy yourself and have a good time

A comedian is... **FUNNY**

(because he makes you laugh)

Going to an amusement park is... **FUN**

(because you enjoy yourself and have a good time)

Compare these examples:

• John is a **fun** guy.

(I have a good time when I am with John)

• John is a **funny** guy.

(John makes me laugh)

And in negative sentences...

• Going to a dentist is not fun!

• Doing a long boring exam is not fun.

• Nobody laughed because his joke was not funny.

Are the following situations fun or funny?

1. A party with your friends is...
2. A clown is...
3. Playing a game is...
4. Visiting new places is...
5. A friend tells you a great joke. The joke is...

Answers

1. Fun
2. Funny
3. Fun
4. Fun
5. Funny

Funny = Strange

Sometimes FUNNY means strange or difficult to explain.

- I have a **funny** feeling that something bad is going to happen.
- That's **funny**, I thought I had left my keys on the table, not in my bag.
- This soup tastes **funny**.

Fun as a noun

Fun (noun) = enjoyment or pleasure

- I had lots of **fun** at the party last night.
- We hope you have **fun** at the beach tomorrow!

Fun (noun) can also be used to describe the good humor and playful behaviour of a person.

- She is not boring at all, she is actually full of fun.

So... are you a fun person or funny person?

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Fun vs. Funny

What do you call a dog with no legs?



Anything you want because it won't come when you call it.

Fun vs. Funny

What do you call a fly with no wings?



A walk.

Fun vs. Funny

Where do cows go on dates?



The mooovies



Adapted from Woodward English

LAUGH: chuckle, chortle, guffaw, giggle, titter, snigger, snicker, cackle, howl, roar, tee-hee, burst out laughing, roar/hoot with laughter, shake with laughter, be convulsed with laughter, dissolve into laughter, split one's sides, hold one's sides, be doubled up, be in stitches, die laughing, be rolling in the aisles, laugh like a drain, bust a gut, break up, be creased up, crease up, fall about, crack up

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