

Worksheet 2

What's So Funny?

Puzzling Puns

A pun refers to the humorous use of a word or words so the meaning is different to what it is actually intended. There are a number of examples of 'single word puns' in the text *What's So Funny?* e.g. jargon - a missing jar of strawberry jam.

Task 1: Try to match the single word puns below to their comical meaning:

INTENSE	what trees do in Spring
PASTEURISE	what a guy in a boat does
SUBDUED	what a bullfighter tries to do
PROPAGANDA	where campers sleep
AVOIDABLE	what a fishmonger does
CLAUSES	what a barber does
ECLIPSE	what penguins see with
HEROES	what a man does to relax his wife
PARASITES	a gentlemanly goose
PHARMACIST	an awesome guy who works in a submarine
POLARISE	Santa's helpers
RELIEF	what you see from the top of the Eiffel Tower
RUBBERNECK	too far to see
SELFISH	someone who helps on a farm

Task 2: Try to 'invent' some single word puns of your own.

Extension Activities:

- View the Ziptales digital documentary *The History of Comics* for an insight into this popular text type widely used in humorous contexts.
- Locate the comic strip page in your local newspaper. Write about the style of humour used for these comics and identify the ones you enjoy stating the reasons why and the ones you don't enjoy, again stating the reasons why.
- Compose an argument text in response to the following topic: *Comedy is good for you.*