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get *your* own back (on sb)

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★ **C2** to do something unpleasant to someone because they have done something unpleasant to you:

I'll get my own back on her one day.

Revenge and vengeance

an eye for an eye (and a tooth for a tooth) *idiom*

avenge

bite

bite back (at sb/sth)



'I can resist everything except temptation.'

Oscar Wilde

Humour

- How is American, British and Russian humour is different?
- What is the English for «анекдот»? What meanings does this word have? What are the rules of this genre?
- Are there some universal things that would be considered funny by people across the cultures?

Humour these days

- How do you think the humour has changed over the past 30 years?
- Do we laugh at the same things? Has topics changed?
- When we want to make others laugh what do we usually do? Used to do 10+ years ago?

Your country

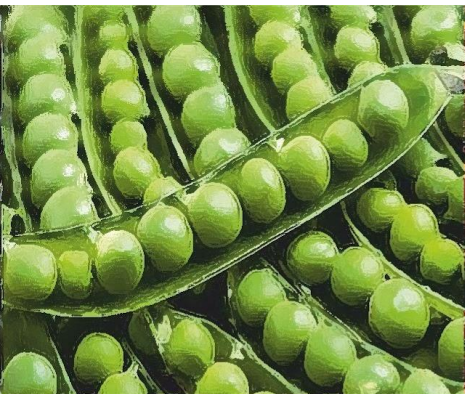
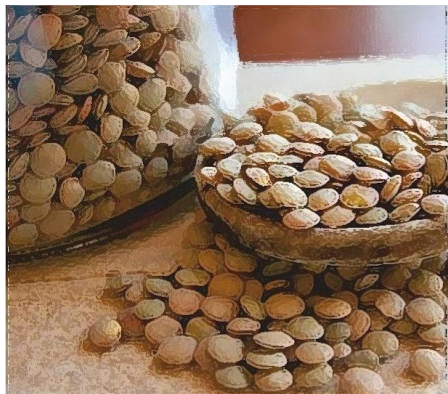
- Do people in your country **make fun of** another nationality in jokes? Which?
- Who is probably the most popular **comedian** in your country nowadays? What is the most popular **comedy series** on TV? Do you personally like them?
- Oscar Wilde was famous for being **witty**. Is there a public figure in your country who is considered witty?
- Do you think that people in your country are good at **laughing at themselves**, or do they tend to **take themselves quite seriously**?

You

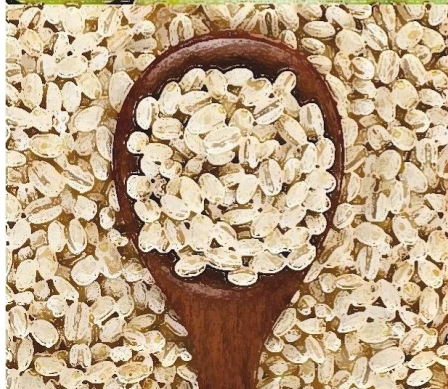
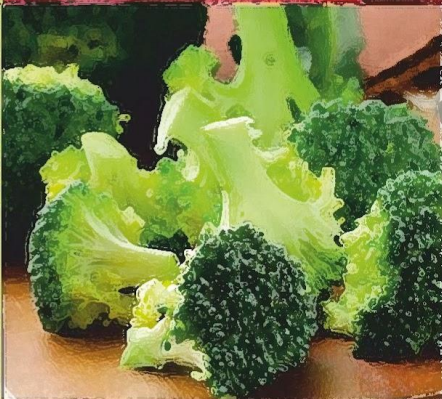
- Are you good at **telling jokes**?
- Would you ever **laugh at** a joke even if you didn't **get it**?
- Can you think of a book or a film that was so **hilarious** that it made you **laugh out loud**?
- Have you ever **burst out laughing** at an embarrassing moment?
- How important is it for you that your friends or colleagues have a **good sense of humour**?

Jigsaw Puzzle





Fibre



Cereal – serial

- serial killer/
murderer etc



de·duce /dɪ'dju:s \$ dɪ'du:s/ ●○○ **AWL** **verb**

[**transitive**] *formal* 🔊 🔊

to use the knowledge and information you have in order to understand something or form an opinion about it

deduce that

🔊 From her son's age, I deduced that her husband must be at least 60.

deduce from

🔊 What did Darwin deduce from the presence of these species?

- **Surreal humour** or surreal humor (also known as **absurdist humour** or **surreal comedy**)

is a form of humour is a form of humour predicated on deliberate violations of causal is a form of humour predicated on deliberate violations of causal reasoning, producing events and behaviours that are obviously illogical.

irrational or absurd situations and expressions of nonsense.

au·thor·i·ty /ɔ:ˈθɒrəti, ə- \$ ɒ:ˈθɑ:-, əˈθɔ:-/ ●●● **W1**

AWL **noun** (*plural* **authorities**) 🔊 🔊

1 **POWER** [**uncountable**] the power you have because of your official position

the authority to do something

🔊 Only the president has the authority to declare war.

authority over

🔊 Several countries claim authority over the islands.

in authority

🔊 I need to speak to someone in authority (=who has a position of power).

2 → **the authorities**

3 **ORGANIZATION** [**countable**] an official organization or a government department that has the power to make decisions, and has particular responsibilities

punch·line, punch line /'pʌntʃlaɪn/ **noun** [countable
usually singular]  

the last few words of a joke or story, that make it funny or
surprising

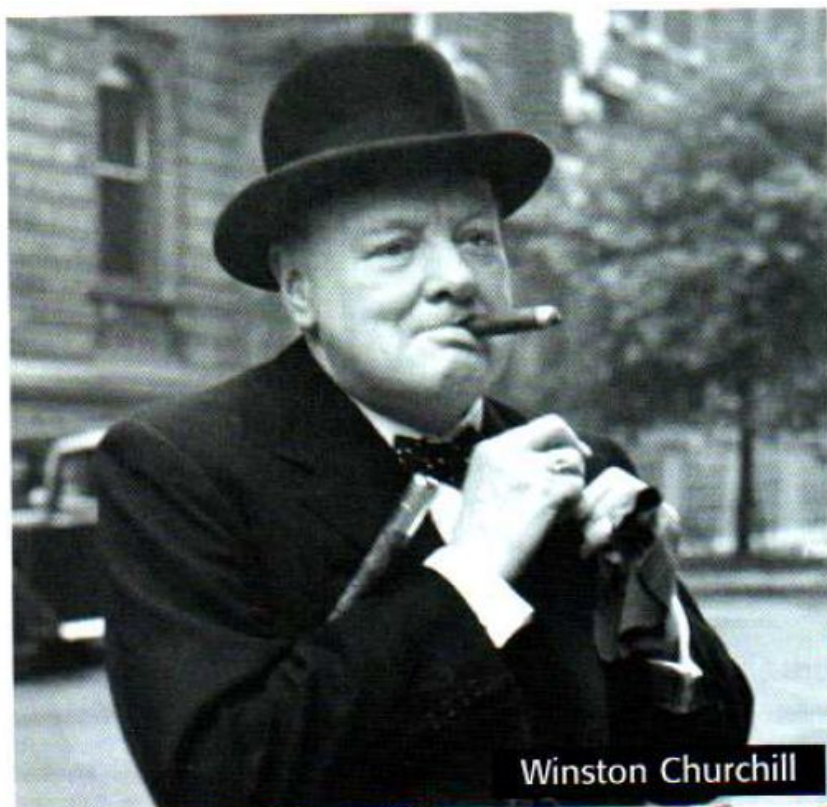
pun¹ /pʌn/ ●●○ **noun** [countable]  

an amusing use of a word or phrase that has two meanings,
or of words that have the same sound but different
meanings **SYN** play on words

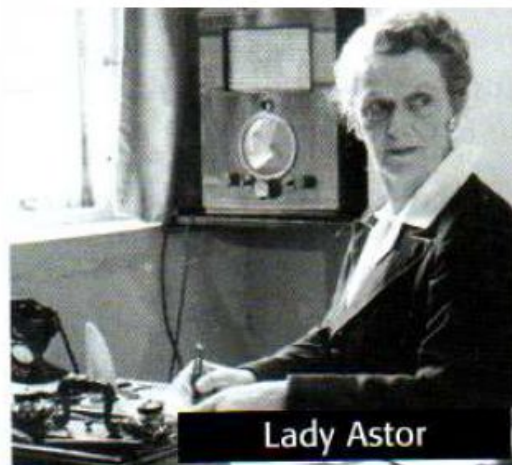
'word-play **noun** [uncountable]  

making jokes by using words in a clever way

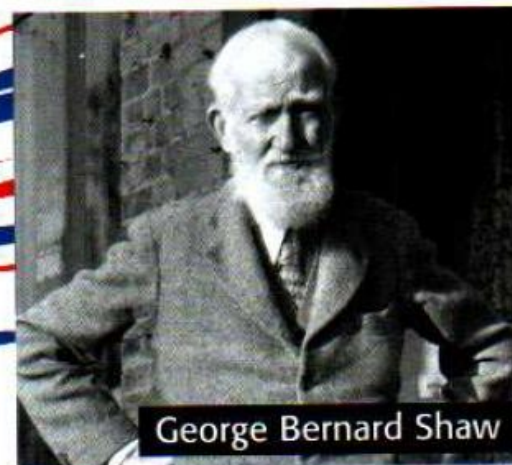
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Winston Churchill



Lady Astor



George Bernard Shaw



Bessie Braddock



'put-down noun [countable usually singular] 



something you say that is intended to make someone feel stupid or unimportant **SYN** **snub**

 She was tired of his put-downs.

Famous put-downs

One of the people most famous for his witty and often cruel put-downs was British Prime Minister, Winston Churchill.

If you were my husband, I'd put poison in your coffee.

Lady Astor, politician

If you were my wife, I'd drink it.

Winston Churchill, in reply

Winston, you're drunk!

Bessie Braddock, politician

Bessie, you're ugly. And tomorrow morning I shall be sober.

Winston Churchill, in reply

Am reserving two tickets for you for my premiere.

Come and bring a friend – if you have one.

**Telegram from dramatist George Bernard Shaw
(also famous for his put-downs)**

Impossible to be present for the first performance.

Will attend second – if there is one.

Churchill's telegram in reply