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Jokes to Match

Here is a fun exercise with some classic English jokes. Try to match each joke beginning (1 to 8) with its ending (A-H).

1. Patient: Doctor, doctor, I'm going to die in 51 seconds.

2. Patient: Doctor, doctor, everyone keeps ignoring me.

3. Patient: Doctor, doctor, I think I'm a needle.

4. Patient: Doctor, doctor, I keep thinking I'm a bridge.

Doctor: What's come over you?

5. Patient: Doctor, doctor, I feel like a pack of cards.

6. Patient: Doctor, doctor, I feel like a pair of curtains.

A: Doctor: I see your point.

B: Doctor: I'll deal with you later.

C: Patient: Three cars and a bus.

D: Doctor: Pull yourself together.

E: Doctor: Next, please.

F: Doctor: Don't worry. I'll be with you in a minute.

To see if you matched the Fun Jokes correctly check the [Answers](#).

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Story Time Joke: Moaning Monk

A man wants to become a **monk**, so he goes to the **monastery** and talks to the **head monk**. The head monk says, "You must take a **vow of silence** and can only say two words every three years."

The man agrees, and after the first three years, the head monk comes to him and says, "What are your two words?"

"Food cold!" the man replies.

Three more years go by, and the head monk comes to him and says, "What are your two words?"

"Room dirty!" the man says.

Three more years go by, and the head monk comes to him and says, "What are your two words?"

"I **quit!**" says the man.

"Well, I'm not surprised," the head monk replies. "You've done nothing but **complain** ever since you got here!"

Glossary

a monk	<i>n</i>	a religious person who works in a monastery
a monastery	<i>n</i>	a building in which monks live
the head monk	<i>n</i>	the monk who is in charge of the other monks
a vow of silence	<i>n</i>	a promise not to speak
to quit	<i>vb</i>	to stop working somewhere
to complain	<i>vb</i>	to tell someone about the things you are not happy about

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Vocabulary Exercise: Crimes

For this exercise you need to match each crime (1 to 11) to its definition (A - L).

1. Blackmail

2. Mugging

3. Burglary

4. Rape

5. Murder

6. Theft

7. Vandalism

8. Smuggling

9. Fraud

10. Forgery

11. Arson

A: Making a false copy of something

B: Destruction of property by fire

C: Damaging public or private property

D: Taking goods illegally from one country to another

E: Robbing someone in the street with violence

F: Obtaining money by falsifying accounts, or deceiving investors, etc

G: Entering a house illegally in order to rob

H: Taking someone that doesn't belong to you

I: Killing someone

J: Obtaining money by intimidation

K: Sexually attacking someone

To see if you matched the Crimes correctly check the [Answers](#).

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Dialogue: At the Police Station

Read this dialogue between a police officer and a tourist.

Police: Good morning. How may I help you?

Jane: I've had my bag stolen.

Police: Oh, I'm sorry. Where did it happen?

Jane: I was in a bar in Oxford Circus. I had the bag...

Police: ... On the back of your chair. Yes, it's always like that.

Jane: Oh, right.

Police: Have you cancelled your credit cards?

Jane: Erm, no. It only happened a few minutes ago.

Police: Here, phone this number and do it straight away.

Jane: OK, thanks very much.

Police: When you've finished, we'll write up a report for you.

Jane: Will I be able to use this to claim things back on my insurance policy?

Police: Yes. You'll need to send them a copy of the police report.

Jane: OK. Thank you very much.

Idiom of the Month



Learn something parrot-fashion

If you "learn something parrot-fashion", you can repeat the words, but you do not understand the meaning.

"When I was at school, we had to learn French grammar parrot-fashion."

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Phrasal Verb of the Month



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News Article (Intermediate level): Hands Free

Hands-free phones can be dangerous.

Hands-free car phones are as dangerous as drink-driving, according to a recent study. Experts say that the use of mobile phone should be banned while driving. Psychologist David Strayer said, "You put yourself and others at risk when you use a cell phone and drive."

Researchers found that, when talking on the phone, drivers were 9% slower at using the brakes. Under a new law, drivers caught using hand-held phones will receive three points on their license. A Department for Transport spokesperson said, "We want people to take the law very seriously. We don't want people to lose their licence. We want them to hang up. Don't think you are above the law because you are using hands-free."

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News Article (Advanced level): Smart Cars

Smart Cars take over Britain.

Britain has become the world capital of electric cars. Two new models have recently been launched: the No Internal Combustion Engine (NICE) car, and the Smart EV. NICE Developer Julian Wilford said, "People have talked about electric cars for years without anything happening, but now it is all changing. We find a lot of people who are really concerned about the environment want genuinely different solutions. The mainstream car companies just can't deliver that."

The NICE can go for about 50 miles on one charge. It claims to reach nearly 40 mph and is the cheapest electric car to own and run. Meanwhile, the Smart EV is the battery version of the Smart petrol car. Smart spokesperson Jeremy Simpson said, "It's more powerful than the petrol version, and all you need is a plug."

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Film: James Bond

Beautiful women. Great music. Fast cars. Amazing stunts. Wicked baddies. The James Bond films have it all. Otherwise known as 007, Bond is the archetypal British hero. He averts global catastrophe. He swims with the sharks. And he always gets his girl. What's your favourite Bond film? Here are our favourites, plus some information on the latest Bond film, Casino Royale.

Goldfinger (1964) (points: 10/10)

This was the third James Bond film. It stars Sean Connery (as James Bond) and Honor Blackman (as Pussy Galore). After destroying a heroin plant in Latin America, Bond is sent to investigate international jeweller Auric Goldfinger (played by Gert Frobe). The British suspect he's smuggling gold illegally.

Bond eventually learns of Goldfinger's plan to raid the US gold depository at Fort Knox. Bond's only hope is to turn Goldfinger's personal pilot Pussy Galore against her boss. But the stakes are raised when Bond discovers that Goldfinger's scheme is even more dangerous. Soon, Bond is involved in a race against time to save the world economy from destruction.

Dr No (1962) (points: 9/10)

This was the first Bond film, and starred Sean Connery and Ursula Andress (as Honey Ryder). Bond is sent by M on a rest cure to Jamaica to investigate the disappearance of Strangways, the head of Kingston station. Bond soon learns that Strangways had been investigating the activities of Dr Julius No, a Chinese-German who lives on an island called Crab Key that is home to a vicious dragon.

With help of the beautiful Honey Ryder, who visits the island to collect valuable shells, Bond discovers that Dr No is in fact working with the Russians. The Soviets have supplied Dr No with equipment to sabotage nearby American missile tests. Bond goes to the island, but is captured by Dr No.

Casino Royale (2006)

The latest Bond film is Casino Royale. It stars Daniel Craig as the first “blond” Bond. It's directed by Martin Campbell, and is, once again, based on a novel by Ian Fleming. In this film, we see Bond

before he holds his licence to kill. But he's no less dangerous, but with two professional assassinations in quick succession he's elevated to "00" status. Bond's first 007 mission takes him to Madagascar , where he's told to spy on a terrorist, Mollaka (Sebastien Foucan). Not everything goes to plan, and Bond decides to track down the rest of the terrorist cell.

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Answers:

Jokes: 1F 2E 3A 4C 5B 6D

Crimes: 1J 2E 3G 4K 5I 6H 7C 8D 9F 10A 11B

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