

Name: _____

Date: _____

CREATING PUNS

Smudge shared that a good pun has a setup and a payoff. Together, they make the joke funny, because they have similar meanings or are used to mean something a little different. In each pun below, circle the important word that is the setup and the payoff.

1. How does the moon hold up its pants? With an asteroid belt!

2. How does the ocean greet the beach? With a wave!

3. Don't spell part backwards, it's a trap!

4. Who is the boss of the classroom? A ruler!

5. Why invite a mushroom to your party? He's a fungi!



Pick one these puns to illustrate!

How do the words that you circled work together to make it funny?

Can you write a funny pun? Choose from the pairs of words below, and see if you can write a pun that has a setup and a payoff.

squirrel - nut
computer - chip
goat - kid

monkey - banana
plant - dirt
trees - shade

bass (fish) - bass (drum)
hurdle - over
cat- paws

Pun #1

Pun #2

Pun #3

Pun #4
