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Easter Bunny Jokes

Here are some Easter Bunny jokes. Many of them are based around the word "hare", which is a large type of rabbit. "Hare" is pronounced exactly the same as "hair" – the stuff that grows on your head. See if you can match each question (1 to 12) with each answer (A-L).

1. How does the Easter bunny keep his **fur** neat?
2. How did the wet Easter Bunny **dry himself**?
3. How does a rabbit keep his fur looking good?
4. What did the Easter Bunny get at the **hairedresser's**?
5. What did the Easter Bunny study at university?
6. What do you call an Easter Bunny with no fur?
7. Why was the Easter Bunny so **upset**?
8. What do the rabbits do after their wedding?
9. How do you catch the Easter Bunny?
10. How many chocolate bunnies can you put into an empty Easter basket?
11. What do you call a rabbit that tells good jokes?
12. How do bunnies stay healthy?

Answers

- A: Hare dressing.
B: Hide in the bushes and make a noise like a carrot.
C: Eggercise
D: With a hare-brush.
E: Hare less.
F: None – it won't be empty if you put something in it.
G: A hare cut.
H: A funny bunny!
I: They go on a bunnymoon.

J: With hare spray.
K: With a hare dryer.
L: He was having a bad hare day.

To check you matched the Easter Bunny Jokes correctly [click here](#).

fur	<i>n</i>	the hair animals have on their bodies
to dry yourself	<i>exp</i>	to use a towel to take water off your body/hair, etc
the		
hairstylist's	<i>n</i>	shop where they cut your hair
upset	<i>adj</i>	angry and sad
a		
"bunymoon"	<i>n</i>	a honeymoon – the holiday people have after they get married
a bad "hare"		
day	<i>n</i>	a bad hair day – a day when everything goes badly

Real life Vocabulary: At the Bank

Here are some useful expressions and words for you to use in the bank.

A bank statement:

A letter from the bank that tells you how much you have in your account. It also tells you how much you have spent or saved.

An overdraft:

If you have an "overdraft facility" or an "overdraft limit", you have permission from the bank to take out more money from your account than you actually have.

Overdrawn:

If you are "overdrawn", you have spent more money than you have in the bank.

In the red:

If you are "in the red", you have taken out more money than you have.

A loan:

Money that the bank lends you. You pay the money back with interest.

A bank transfer:

The action of passing money from one account to another.

To take out money:

To ask the bank to give you money from your account; to take money from the bank with your bank card.

To pay in money:

To put money in your bank account. You can also say: "to pay money in to the bank"; or, "to pay money into the bank."

A current account:

An ordinary bank account that usually doesn't pay you any interest.

Change:

If you ask for "change", you ask someone to change a coin for smaller coins, or a large bank note for smaller coins or notes.

A deposit account:

A bank account that usually pays you interest.

A credit card:

A card that permits you to buy things, even though you have no money in the bank. You must pay back the money within a fixed period of time, otherwise you start paying very high interest rates.

A debit card:

A card that permits you to buy things or take out money with the money you have in your account. This card gives you no credit.

A bank card:

A card that permits you to take out money from cash machines (ATM in US English). This may be a credit card or a debit card.

A cashier:

A person who works in the bank and who attends you and helps you with your bank transactions.

Coins:

Pieces of metal money.

In the black:

You have money in your bank account, or 'are in credit'.

A bank note:

A piece of paper money.

A cheque book:

The little book with cheques in it that you can sign. You write an amount of money on the cheque in order to pay for something, or to receive that amount from the bank.

A signature:

Your name that you write on a cheque.

Cash:

Paper money – the opposite of credit cards.

A cash machine (ATM in US English - automated teller machine):

A hole in the wall that gives you money when you put your bank card in it.

Dialogue: Opening a Bank Account

And here's a useful dialogue for you to practice for when you try to open a bank account in the UK.

Client: Good morning.

Cashier: Good morning.

Client: I'd like to open a bank account, please.

Cashier: That's no problem. I just need to see your passport or drivers licence and a piece of ID that has your residential address on it

Client: Here you are.

Cashier: Will you be needing a credit card or cheque book?

Client: No, that won't be necessary. I'm happy with just a debit card.

Cashier: OK, I just need you to fill out this form, and then to sign it at the bottom.

Cashier: Well done. You will receive your debit card through the post in the next 5 working days. Your PIN no. will arrive separately.

Client: OK, thanks very much.

Cashier: Thank you and good day.

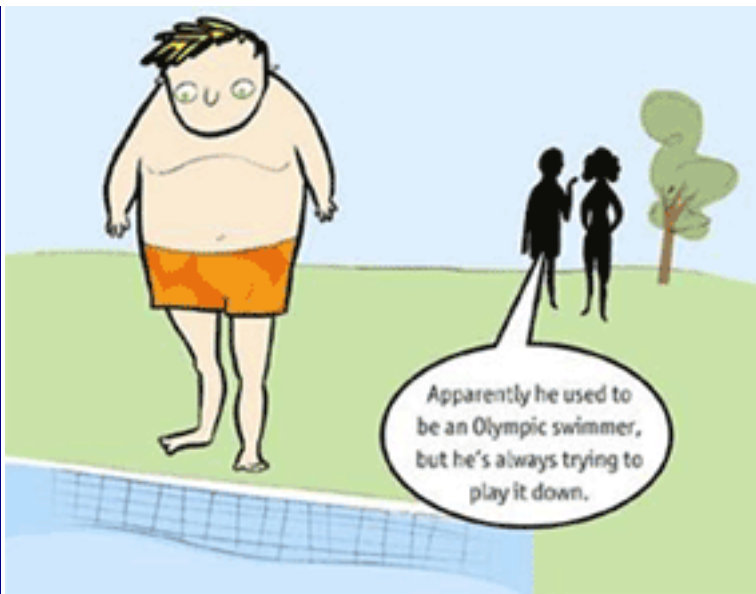
Idiom of the Month

Look like a drowned rat: To be very wet, especially because you have been in heavy rain. "I cycled through the heavy rain, and I looked like a drowned rat by the time I got home."



Phrasal Verb of the Month

Play something down: To "play something down" is to say that something isn't important.



News Article: Blair Kidnap

Police discover a sinister **plot** to **kidnap** Blair's five-year-old son Leo.

Police have stopped an attempt to kidnap five-year-old Leo Blair. The plot came from a group known as Fathers 4 Justice, which campaigns for **fathers' rights**.

A BBC Correspondent reported, "The plan only got as far as what police called the '**chattering stage**'. No real **reconnaissance** was **carried out**, no actual kidnap attempt was made, no one has been arrested, and the police are not convinced those at the centre of the alleged plan had the capability to carry it out."

The founder of the group, Matt O'Connor, **denied all knowledge** of the crime. He said, "I am very angry and **upset** with this organization... It has been **undermined** by the very people it is supposed to serve." He **pointed the finger at fringe groups** or **former members**.

This isn't the first time the group has **made headline news**. In the past, the group **breached security** at Buckingham Palace and Downing Street, as well as throwing a **flour bomb** at the Prime Minister.

a plot	<i>n</i>	a plan
to kidnap	<i>vb</i>	to steal a person
fathers' rights	<i>n</i>	divorced fathers' rights to see their children on the weekends, etc
the chattering stage	<i>exp</i>	this refers to the initial stage of the crime when people are just talking about (chattering about) possibly doing the crime
reconnaissance	<i>n</i>	the process of gathering information
to carry something out	<i>exp</i>	to do something
to deny all knowledge of	<i>exp</i>	to say you don't know anything about something
to be upset	<i>exp</i>	to be sad and angry

to undermine	<i>vb</i>	to damage the reputation of something
to point the finger at	<i>exp</i>	to accuse/blame someone or something
fringe groups	<i>exp</i>	groups of people within an organisation who have more extreme opinions
former members	<i>exp</i>	people who belonged to a group before
to make headline news	<i>exp</i>	to receive a lot of attention from the media for doing something
to breach security	<i>vb</i>	to enter an area that has a lot of security
a flour bomb	<i>n</i>	a bomb that is made of flour (a white powder used to make bread)

News Article: Whale Rescuers Anguish

Charity workers fined after rescue attempt.

Volunteers who tried to help a dying animal are now facing more than 300 pounds in **finest**. At first, Londoners were **enthralled** when a 6-metre **whale** was **spotted** swimming along the Thames. Thousands **flocked to** the **riverbank** as the animal **floated past** the Houses of Parliament, the Tower of London and Tower Bridge. But the adolescent female became increasingly **distressed** and a massive **rescue attempt** followed. Rescue volunteers parked their cars on London's Vauxhall Bridge and went below to help. Unfortunately, the attempt was unsuccessful and the animal eventually died. However, when volunteers returned to their cars, they discovered them covered in **parking fines**.

Alan Knight, the Chairman of the British Divers Marine, said, "It **upsets** me a bit that we are **facing** over £300 worth of **bills**. I guess they [the **parking attendants**] have got a job to do. However, all of our cars have 'marine ambulance' on the side or 'marine medics'... and I would have hoped they would have **given us the benefit of the doubt**."

As the head of the operation, the group already faces a **steep** 5,000 pound rescue bill. Knight said, "We are hoping the public will show some of the enthusiasm they showed for the rescue by **donating** to us."

a volunteer	<i>n</i>	someone who works for free
a fine	<i>n</i>	an amount of money you must pay because you have committed a crime, etc
enthralled	<i>adj</i>	really excited about something
a whale	<i>n</i>	a large mammal that lives in the ocean
to spot	<i>vb</i>	to see
to flock to	<i>vb</i>	if people "flock to" something, they move towards it in large numbers
a riverbank	<i>n</i>	the land beside a river
to float past	<i>phr vb</i>	to move past something whilst in the water
distressed adj	<i>adj</i>	feeling emotional about something
a rescue attempt	<i>n</i>	an effort to save something from dying
a parking fine	<i>n</i>	an amount of money you must pay for parking illegally
to upset	<i>vb</i>	to make someone sad and angry

to face	<i>vb</i>	if you "face" something, you have to deal with something unpleasant
a bill	<i>n</i>	a letter informing you that you must pay an amount of money
a parking attendant	<i>n</i>	someone whose job is to make sure people don't park illegally
to give someone the benefit of the doubt	<i>exp</i>	to believe someone because you don't know they are wrong
steep	<i>adj</i>	in this case: large, a big amount
to donate	<i>vb</i>	to give money or time in return for nothing

Film: *Get Rich or Die Tryin'*

There's a new film out all about the rapper Curtis Jackson, otherwise known as 50 Cent. It's directed by Irish director Jim Sheridan (In America; Bloody Sunday), and is based on the life of 50 Cent. Let's find out more about it.

The film centres on the life of Marcus (played by Curtis Jackson, **aka** 50 Cent). In the film, Marcus doesn't know who his father is; and his mother is a South Bronx drug dealer. When Marcus is twelve, his mother is murdered, so Marcus goes to live with his grandparents.

Marcus soon decides to make money from transporting drugs. He works long hours and within a short time, he starts working for some gangster drugs-dealers. Marcus starts working for them, selling crack cocaine on the streets. He does so well that he soon gets rich enough to start **running** his own **crew**.

However, before long, Marcus gets arrested and sent to prison. While in prison he starts rapping. Soon the other **cons**, and even the guards, begin chanting Marcus' riffs. He gets a manager, Bama (Terrence Howard), and decides to pursue a career as a rapper. What's going to happen?

Film Information

Directed by Jim Sheridan.

Starring Curtis Jackson, Joy Bryant, and Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje.

50 Cent Trivia

- 50 Cent has a son called Marquise, whose **nickname** is 25 Cent.
- 50 Cent bought former heavyweight boxing champion [Mike Tyson](#)'s mansion for \$4.1 million. The house is approximately 15,000 square metres, has 52 rooms, and was bought by Tyson for \$2.7 million in 1996. The house includes five Jacuzzis, 18 bedrooms, an elevator, two billiard rooms and a cinema.
- 50 Cent was born on the same day as President [George W. Bush](#), although not in the same year.
- 50 Cent's favorite actor is [Charlie Sheen](#).

- 50 Cent has a three security guards, he wears a **bullet-proof vest**, and drives a **bombproof** car.

50 Cent Quotes

On fellow rappers:

"To me, rappers are liars until I see that their actions coincide with what they said through the music. Me, I put my situations down and I make fun of them."

On Eminem:

"Eminem is so talented it becomes annoying. Every time we go to the studio, he's got something new to play and it's like "Oh man, **I gotta** have something new to play, too."

On being shot:

"Your first reaction is to move, and then the shots is going off and you jumping around the backseat. I was scared the whole time. **Ain't nobody gonna tell you they ain't scared** in that situation. It's a hit, man. You supposed to die in that situation. They're not playing."

On himself:

"With some artists, people look at them and **wanna** be that artist. I don't think people wanna be me. I'm still searching for my purpose. I do have defects of character. When I get mad, I get mad. I can do things and say things that aren't nice. And people, they look at me and they go, 'Well, he's crazy.' I'm all right with that."

aka	<i>abbr</i>	also known as (with another name)
to run	<i>vb</i>	to control and manage
a crew	<i>n</i>	a group of people who work for you
a con	<i>n</i>	a prisoner
	<i>inform</i>	
a nickname	<i>n</i>	an informal name for someone
a bullet-proof vest	<i>n</i>	clothing you wear on the top part of your body that protects you against bullets (pieces of metal fired from guns)
bombproof	<i>adj</i>	if a car is "bombproof", it is protected against bombs
gotta	<i>abbr</i>	have got to
ain't nobody gonna tell you	<i>exp</i>	nobody is going to tell you
they ain't scared	<i>exp</i>	they aren't scared (frightened)
wanna	<i>n</i>	want to

Did you match the Easter Bunny jokes to the answers correctly?

1D 2K 3J 4G 5A 6E 7L 8I 9B 10F 11H 12C