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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. What do you call a 100-year-old ant?
2. What is the biggest ant in the world?
3. Doctor, doctor, the baby has swallowed my pen. What should I do?
4. Doctor, doctor, I keep getting a pain in the eye when I drink coffee.
5. Why do elephants never forget?
6. What do you get if you cross a crocodile with a flower?
7. What do you call an elephant in a phone box?
8. Patient: Doctor, doctor, I think I'm a goat. Doc: How long have you felt like this?

A: Doc: Have you tried taking the spoon out first?

B: Since I was a kid.

C: Because nobody ever tells them anything.

D: An antique.

E: I don't know, but I'm not going to smell it.

F: Use a pencil till I get there.

G: Stuck!

H: An elephant.

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

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### **Story Time Joke: The Angry Actress**

A theatre play is about to start, but the **leading lady** is in a really **bad mood**. Two actors from the play are discussing it.

“So, what's the matter with Mrs Ridgebrown?” asks one of the actors.

“I think it's because she only got six **bouquets of flowers** tonight,” the other actor answers.

“Six! But what's wrong with that? I didn't get any. Isn't that enough for her?”

“No, it isn't. Especially since she'd paid for seven.”

## Glossary

<b>a leading lady</b>	<i>n</i>	the most important actress in a play
<b>a bad mood</b>	<i>n</i>	angry
<b>a bouquet of flowers</b>	<i>n</i>	a selection of flowers presented together

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## Situation / Vocabulary: Parts of the Body

If you go abroad and have to see a doctor it is important that you know the English for parts of the body. See if you can learn these, you never know it could save a lot of pain in the future!

Ankle = the joint between your foot and your leg.

Arm = the thing with a hand at the end.

Belly button = the hole in your stomach.

Chest = the front part of your body at the top.

Chin = the bottom part of your face.

Ear = the thing you use to listen with.

Elbow = the joint in the middle of your arm.

Fingers = the five objects at the end of a hand.

Toes = the five objects at the end of a foot.

Heel = the part of your foot at the back.

Hip = the joint in the middle of your body.

Knee = the joint in the middle of your leg.

Neck = the part of your body that joins your body to your head.

Shoulder = the joint at the top of your arm.

Wrist = the joint between your arm and your hand.

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### **Dialogue: The Doctor**

Jones goes to visit the doctor. Read how he gets on:

Doctor: Good afternoon. Please sit down. I'll be with you in one minute.

Right, name?

Jones: Jones, Richard Jones.

Doctor: Ah, yes. Here you are. When was the last time you visited the doctor?

Jones: Erm, about six months ago.

Doctor: Smoke?

Jones: Oh, yes please.

Doctor: I meant, do you smoke?

Jones: A bit, yes.

Doctor: How many units of alcohol do you drink per week?

Jones: About five?

Doctor: Right, what seems to be the problem?

Jones: Well, I've got this terrible pain in my knee. Also, my elbows have been hurting, and my hips and my ankle.

Doctor: It sounds as if you have some problems with your joints. Maybe it's the cold. Here, take this medicine five times a day. That should help.

Jones: Thank you very much.

Doctor: And come back in a couple of weeks if you're still in pain.

Jones: OK, I will. Bye.

Doctor: Goodbye.

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**Idiom of the Month**



### **Watch someone like a hawk**

To watch someone very carefully, especially because you think they're doing something wrong.  
"I don't trust that new employee one bit. I caught him looking through our classified documents. From now on, I'll be watching him like a hawk."

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**Phrasal Verb of the Month**

STAY AWAY FROM SOMEONE/A PLACE  
NOT TO GO NEAR SOMEONE/A PLACE.



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## News Article (Advanced level): Not so Fine Wine

*European winemakers will be paid to stop making wine.*

Jesus turned water into wine. And now the EU are planning to turn wine into **surgical spirit** at a cost of 500m euros to taxpayers. This initiative is all part of a **Europe-wide plan** to deal with the so-called "**wine lake**", which is produced by overproduction. Things are worse at present for Europe because of falling domestic demand, and the popularity of "New World wines" from the US, Chile, Australia and South Africa.

Meanwhile, French winemakers are **refusing to go down without a fight**. “We want to **encourage** French wine-growers to become more dynamic in the way we sell wines,” said Denis Verdier, president of the French Confederation of Winemakers Co-operatives. “We have said to the European Commission that it is not enough to **pull up the vines**, as they are suggesting, because other countries will then simply produce more as we produce less.”

## Glossary

<b>surgical spirit</b>	<i>n</i>	a liquid used to clean and sterilise cuts/wounds/surgical instruments, etc
<b>a Europe-wide plan</b>	<i>n</i>	a plan that affects all of Europe
<b>a wine lake</b>	<i>n</i>	a word used to refer to the massive amount of extra wine produced in Europe
<b>to refuse to go down without a fight</b>	<i>exp</i>	to say that you will not stop fighting against the thing that is attacking you
<b>to encourage someone to do something</b>	<i>exp</i>	to try to persuade someone to do something
<b>to pull up the vines</b>	<i>exp</i>	to destroy the plants that produce grapes (the little red or white berries that are used to make wine)

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## News Article (Intermediate level): iPod Danger

*Using an iPod could kill.*

Using iPods during **storms** could kill you, according to a health reports. And the effects of **electrocution** from lightning are also more severe. Normally, when someone is **struck by lightning**, the lightning is conducted over the skin (rather than through the body).

However, a metal object such as a mobile phone or iPod will act as a **conductor**. “If you are struck and there is a conductive component on your skin such as a mobile phone or some other object, then the electrical activity does internalise,” a doctor explained.

You have been warned!

## Glossary

<b>a storm</b>	<i>n</i>	violent weather with heavy rain, etc
<b>electrocution</b>	<i>n</i>	being hurt/killed by becoming in contact with electricity
<b>struck by lightning</b>	<i>exp</i>	hit by lightning (a flash of light in the sky during a storm)
<b>a conductor</b>	<i>n</i>	something that can carry electricity (such as metal)

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## Film: Jesse James

The story of Jesse James is the story of an American legend. He was hated by some, and admired by others. There's a new film out about him called *The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford*, which stars actor Brad Pitt. Who was Jesse James? And why is he such a controversial figure?

Few historical figures have attracted such world-wide fascination as the outlaw, Jesse James. Some see him as America 's Robin Hood – a man who robbed from the rich (the banks) and gave to the poor (his family); others see him as a cold-blooded killer, who killed innocent people during his robberies.

James became famous as a member of the James-Younger Gang. This gang was formed by the James brothers, and Cole Younger and his brothers. The gang robbed banks, stagecoaches, and even a fair in Kansas City, Missouri.

In 1873, they started robbing trains. Some of their later train robberies had a touch of humour to them; and Jesse James rarely robbed passengers, limiting himself to the safe. Such techniques helped create Jesse James' Robin Hood image.

It all came to an end on 3rd April 1882 when Jesse was killed by Robert Ford, one of the gang members. So ended the life of Jesse James, the man even President Theodore Roosevelt called "America's Robin Hood".

**Film Information: *The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford***

This film, the latest Jesse James film, tells the story of the outlaw and the young, tormented gang member Robert Ford who shot Jesse James in cold blood. The film stars Brad Pitt (as Jesse James), and Casey Affleck (as Robert Ford). It is directed by Andrew Dominik.

Other films about Jesse James include:

The 1921 silent film *Jesse James Under the Black Flag* (starring Jesse James' own son).

The 1939 film *Jesse James* (starring Tyrone Power).

The 1972 film *The Great Northfield, Minnesota Raid* (starring Robert Duvall).

The 2001 film *American Outlaws* (starring Colin Farrell).

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**Answers to Fun Jokes:**

1D 2H 3F 4A 5C 6E 7G 8B

Thank you. We hope you enjoyed this month's English Class with *Answer English*.