

Bear's Guide to Jokes and Telling Jokes



But seriously, folks...

Telling jokes is no laughing matter. Making others laugh is not easy. It's all in the timing.... And having just the right joke to tell.

In *Grin and Bear It*, Bear loves the idea of making his friends laugh and he can write a joke like nobody's business. But, when he steps out on stage, he gets butterflies in his stomach.

Half the battle is knowing what to say. For young comedians with a burning desire to hear the roar of the crowd, but who have a few butterflies, here is a list of Never-Fail Jokes sure to have them rolling in the aisles.

Jokes from *Grin and Bear It*:

Q. What is a bear's favorite baseball team?

A. The Cubs, of course!

Q. What do you get when a bear walks through your vegetable garden?

A. Squash!

Q. What kind of bird works at a construction site?

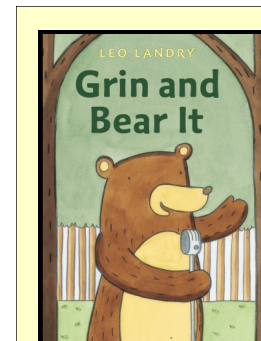
A. A crane!

Q. Why do hummingbirds hum?

A. Because they don't know the words!

Q. What do little girl cubs wear in their hair?

A. Bear-ettes!



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"Punchy..." - *Publishers Weekly*

"Funny..." - *Booklist*

"Everyone... will laugh in the end."

- *Kirkus Reviews*

More jokes that can't miss:

Q. What's brown and sticky?

A. A stick!

Q. Why did the farmer get a trophy?

A. Because he was *outstanding* in his field!

Q. Why did the driver put his car in the oven?

A. Because he wanted a hot rod!

Q. What goes black, white, black, white, black, white?

A. A panda rolling down hill!

Q. What do snakes put on their kitchen floors?

A. Reptiles!

Q. Why was 8 scared of 7?

A. Because 7 ate 9!

Q. What has four wheels and flies?

A. A garbage truck!

Q. Why didn't the sesame seed leave the casino?

A. He was on a roll!

Q. What did the grape say when the elephant stepped on it?

A. Nothing. It just let out a little wine.

Q. Why did the chicken cross the playground?

A. To get to the other slide!

Q. Why is the math book so unhappy?

A. Because it's full of problems!

Q. If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?

A. Pilgrims!

Q. What's worse than finding a worm in your apple?

A. Finding half a worm!

Q. What kind of dance do you do on a trampoline?

A. Hip hop!



The classic Knock, knock:

Comic: Knock, knock.

Audience: Who's there?

Comic: Boo.

Audience: Boo who?

Comic: Aw, don't cry. It's just a joke.

Comic: Knock, knock.

Audience: Who's there?

Comic: Freeze.

Audience: Freeze who?

Comic: Freeze a jolly good fellow!

Comic: Knock, knock.

Audience: Who's there?

Comic: To.

Audience: To who?

Comic: To *whom*!

Be a joker!



Tips to beat stage fright

Before going on stage:

- Watch other comedians to learn what works and what makes you laugh.
- Practice saying your joke, or jokes, a few times. Try saying it in different ways. Test it on a friend, or practice in front of a mirror.
- Many performers warm up their voices before going on stage. This helps them speak clearly and loudly enough to be heard without hurting their voices. It also boosts confidence! Try humming and singing.
- Just before stepping on stage, take a few deep breaths to calm any nerves.

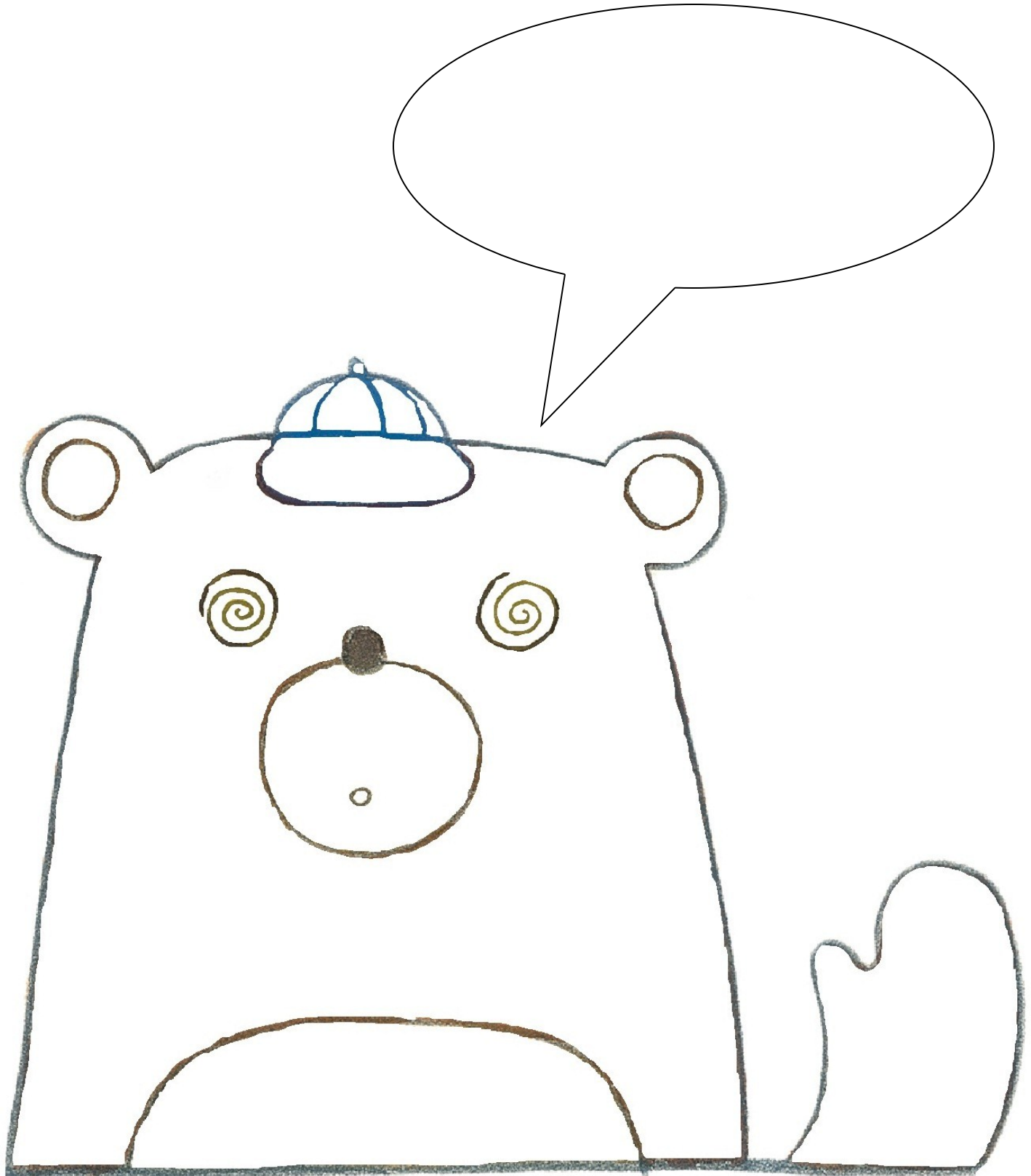
When you are on stage:

- Take your time and speak up so everyone in the audience can hear you.
- In comedy timing is everything. When you set up your joke (ask the question), give the audience a moment to think of what the answer might be, then surprise them with the punch line. You can even laugh at your own joke. Everyone loves to laugh together!
- Keep your energy up! Jokes are exciting. A good one will be passed around by everyone in the audience. You'll be famous!
- It's all in the delivery. Try using a funny voice. Gesture to the audience. Does your joke need a prop? A rubber chicken gets 'em every time.
- Most of all: Have fun!



Bear Coloring Sheet

Bear has stage fright. Color him in and give him a funny joke to tell. He should feel better soon.



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