

**pun**

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1. [pʌn] *n*
  - 1) игра слов; каламбур
  - 2) обыгрывание образов (в изобразительном искусстве)
2. [pʌn] *v*

каламбури́ть

to pun smb. to death - до смерти надоесть кому-л. каламбурами

II

[pʌn] = *round*<sup>3</sup> II

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

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**pun** [pun puns punned punning] *noun, verb* BrE [pʌn] <sup>Ⓜ</sup> NAmE [pʌn] <sup>Ⓜ</sup>

**noun** ~ (on sth)

the clever or humorous use of a word that has more than one meaning, or of words that have different meanings but sound the same

- We're banking on them lending us the money— no pun intended!

**compare** ↑wordplay

Word Origin:

mid 17th cent.: perhaps an abbreviation of obsolete pundigrion, as a fanciful alteration of punctilio 'a fine or petty point of conduct or procedure'.

Example Bank:

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**verb** (-nn-) *intransitive*

to make a ↑pun

Verb forms:

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present simple	
I / you / we / they	pun
	BrE /pʌn/
	NAmE /pʌn/
he / she / it	puns
	BrE /pʌnz/
	NAmE /pʌnz/
past simple, past participle	punned
	BrE /pʌnd/
	NAmE /pʌnd/
-ing form	punning
	BrE /pʌnɪŋ/
	NAmE /pʌnɪŋ/

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I. **pun**<sup>1</sup> /pʌn/ BrE <sup>Ⓜ</sup> AmE <sup>Ⓜ</sup> *noun* [countable]

[Date: 1600-1700; Origin: Probably from pundigrion 'pun' (17-19 centuries), perhaps from Italian puntiglio; ⇒ ↑punctilious]

an amusing use of a word or phrase that has two meanings, or of words that have the same sound but different meanings **SYN play on words**

**forgive/excuse/pardon the pun** (=used to show you know you are making a pun)

**no pun intended** (=used to show you do not mean to make a joke about something)

• The clergy prey (no pun intended) on bereaved families.

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**THESAURUS**

- **joke** a funny story that you tell people to make them laugh: We all sat around telling jokes. | Have you heard the joke about the man who found a frog in his soup?
- **funny story** a short story that someone tells to make people laugh: He was one of those guys who are good at telling funny stories at dinner parties.
- **gag** a short joke, especially one told by a professional entertainer: He's a great comedian, with plenty of good gags.
- **one-liner** a very short joke or funny remark: There are some memorable one-liners in the film.
- **wisecrack** a funny remark or reply, especially one that is said in a very quick and clever way: It's a comic masterpiece, packed with classic wisecracks.
- **pun** (also **play on words**) a joke made by mixing up two different meanings of the same word, or two words with the same sound: a pun on the words 'bear' and 'bare' | The title of the book is a witty play on words. | Shakespeare used a lot of puns for comic effect.
- **quip** *written* something funny and clever that someone says: He made some friendly quip about hair loss, and everyone laughed.

II. **pun**<sup>2</sup> BrE <sup>Ⓜ</sup> AmE <sup>Ⓜ</sup> *verb* (past tense and past participle **punned**, present participle **punning**) [intransitive]

to make a pun

**pun on**

" In this line, Hamlet puns on the meaning of 'saw'.

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Freakuency Pack

12500 **8508**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **8495**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **8k** **PUN** 1023

pun <sup>726</sup>

puns <sup>297</sup>

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

608 **26422**<sup>689</sup> **nn1**

27 **144826**<sup>29</sup> **vv0**

8 **295474**<sup>8</sup> **vvi**

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