

**JOKE SHARE:
USING BRAIN-FRIENDLY HUMOR TO REDUCE STRESS**

Stress is damaging in many ways, and stress in the classroom is no exception. Humor dissipates stress, and a wonderful once-or-twice a semester activity is a joke share. It's perfect right before students tackle a test or a difficult topic, or as a way to turn around a blah Monday. It gets students on their feet, moving and laughing.

Directions: Print a set of short jokes. They can be as corny ones! You can use some of those below or collect ones of your own. Print them on heavy paper or use light lamination on the pages so that you can create a re-usable material. Cut between the jokes so that each one is on a separate strip of paper. Get the class on its feet. Distribute the strips at random, face down, one per student, with the instruction that they're not to turn them over and read them until you instruct them to do so. Tell students that they're going to read their joke to themselves, and then, when the music starts (fun, energizing music is helpful here), they're to move around and read their joke to at least two other classmates. You'll soon hear laughter—along with some groans—all over the room. Give students about five minutes to do this activity, and signal time is up by fading out the music. Ask if anyone has a joke that's so good that they think it should be shared with the entire class, and then allow them to read these aloud. Collect the joke strips so they'll be ready to go the next time you need them.

Phil: "Did you hear that the Pope has bird flu?"

Bill: "No. How did that happen?"

Phil: "He got it from a Cardinal."

Patient to his therapist: "Doc, I'm suicidal. What should I do?"

Therapist: "Pay in advance."

Can an elephant jump higher than a telephone pole?

Yes. Telephone poles can't jump.

What do prisoners use to call each other?

Cell phones.

Never say anything bad about a person until you've walked a mile in their shoes.

By then you're a mile away, you've got their shoes, and you can say anything about them you want to.

**Why was the math book sad?
Because it had so many problems.**

**What did the tie say to the hat?
You go on a head; I'll just hang around.**

**Did you hear about the two antennas that got married?
The wedding was awful, but the reception was great!**

**Did you hear the one about the piece of string who walked into a bar? The bartender told him, "Sorry, we don't serve string," and refused to wait on him. The piece of string went outside, spun around in a wild frenzy for a few minutes until he was a snarled mess, and then walked back into the bar. The bartender said, "Look, I already told you that we don't serve string, and you're a piece of string."
The string replied, "No, I'm a frayed knot."**

Two cannibals are eating a clown. One cannibal makes a face and says to the other, "Does this taste funny to you?"

**Did you hear about the turtle that was mugged by two snails? He went to the police, and they asked him, "Did you get a good look at the snails that did this?"
"No," he said. "It all happened so fast."**

**Salesman: "This vacuum cleaner will cut your work in half."
Customer: "Great! I'll take two of them."**

**A skeleton walks into a bar and says to the bartender,
"Give me a beer and a mop."**

**Student to roommate: "I'm going to a party tonight. Would you do my homework for me?"
Roommate: "I'm sorry, but it just wouldn't be right."
Student: "Well, maybe not. Give it a try anyway."**

**Did you hear about the jumper cables that went into a bar and asked for a drink?
The bartender said, yeah, fine, so long as you don't start anything.**

**Did you hear about the priest, the rabbi, and the minister who walked into a bar?
The bartender said, "Is this a joke?"**

**My friend Tiffany recently adopted two dogs. She named them Rolex and Timex. I
asked her, "Where'd you come up with those names?"
"HellOOOOOOO," Tiffany replied. "They're watchdogs!"**

**A man walked into a doctor's office. He had a carrot up his nose, a cucumber in
one ear and a banana in the other.
The doctor took one look at him and said, "Well, it's pretty obvious what your
problem is. You're not eating properly!"**

I had an accident with a magician, but it wasn't my fault. He came out of nowhere!

***Student:* Can you help me? My teacher assigned us to read a play by Shakespeare.
Librarian: Which one?
Student: William.**

**How do crazy people go through the forest?
*They take the psycho path.***

**What do you call milk from a pampered cow?
*Spoiled milk.***

**What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?
*A creature that gives you frostbite.***

**What do Eskimos get from sitting too long on the ice?
*Polaroids.***

Customer: Where are the diet and low-carb foods?
Grocery store clerk: Look on that wide aisle.

What do you call cheese that doesn't belong to you?
Nacho cheese.

What do you get if you cross a chicken with a cement mixer?
A brick layer.

What's round and bad-tempered?
A vicious circle.

What did the mother broom say to the baby broom?
It's time to go to sweep.

What did Tennessee?
The same thing Arkansas.

What did one magnet say to the other?
I find you very attractive.

What's a sleeping brain's favorite rock band?
REM

What does a brain do when it sees a friend in the distance?
It gives a brain wave.

What did the hippocampus say during its retirement speech?
Thanks for the memories.

What did the right hemisphere say to the left hemisphere when they couldn't agree on anything?
Let's split!

Where does a brain go to college?
At the hippocampus.

If your dog were a neurologist, what would it do all day long?
Perform PET scans.

What do you call a skull that lacks 100 billion neurons?
A no-brainer.

What do neurons use to communicate with each other?
Cellular phones.

What did one eye say to the other eye?
"Just between the two of us, something smells!"

What's the brain's favorite TV channel?
The neural network.

Why was the neuron sent to the principal's office?
It had trouble controlling its impulses.

How does the spinal cord hammer a nail?
With a series of spinal taps.

Why did the golfer wear two sets of pants?
He got a hole in one!

"I just heard that the Energizer Bunny was arrested."
"Wow! What was he charged with?"
"Battery."

A neutron goes into a bar and asks the bartender, "How much for a beer?"
The bartender replies, "For you, no charge."

Two atoms are walking down the street and they run into each other. One says to the other, "Are you all right?"
"No, I lost an electron!"
"Are you sure?"
"Yeah, I'm positive!"

What did doctors in ancient Rome call IV's?
4's.

What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?
Claustrophobic.

Why was Santa's little helper depressed?
Because he had low elf-esteem.

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?
Frostbite.

**Why did the teacher think she needed glasses?
Because she had a problem with her pupils.**

Student: I don't what to do. I feel as if I have a foot in either camp. What do you think I should do?

Roommate: Wear stretch pants.

**I heard two freshmen froze to death at the drive-in theater.
That's terrible! What movie had they gone to see?
"Closed for the Winter."**

Mall store employee: Sorry I'm late, boss!

Boss: What happened?

Employee: There was a power outage and I got stuck on the escalator.

Frick: Why are you blowing so hard into the tailpipe of your car?

**Frack: My car was hailed on and I'm trying to pop out the dents.
It's not working, though.**

Frick: You dope. You need to rollup the windows first!

Customer to the pet storeowner: "I'd like something for fleas."

Storeowner: "How about a dog?"

Teacher: Tommy, how many make a million?

Tommy: Not many!

Pete: I don't want to brag, but I have a brother who's with the FBI.

Sam: Yeah, I heard they caught him in Texas.

Boss to lazy employee: "I've decided that today I'm going to mix business with pleasure."

Employee: "What do you mean?"

Boss: "You're fired."

Why did the parachute school close?
Because the dropout rate was incredible!

Teacher: Children, what comes after O?
Class: Yeah!

Buffy, on the first day of school: "Hiya, Tiffany! What did you do last summer?"
Tiffany: "My hair and my nails."

Did you hear about the playwright who worked for three years on a play, only to have it open and close on the same night?
What a shame. All work and no play!

Sergeant: "Private, you're in serious trouble for failing to report to camouflage school yesterday!"
Private: "How do you know I wasn't there?"

Judge: "Where were you between five and six?"
Defendant: "In kindergarten."

A young man walks into a publisher with a manuscript he's written. The publisher says, "We only publish books by authors with well-known names." The young man replies, "Terrific! My name is Jones!"

Patient: "Doctor, I broke my arm in two different places."
Doctor: "Don't go back to either of them!"

Teacher: "What did Paul Revere say at the end of his famous ride?"
Student: "Whoa!"

Husband: "What do you need with six new dresses?!"

Wife: "Six new pairs of shoes."

"Gee, from the minute I met that guy, he yelled and cursed at me!"

"How'd you meet?"

"I ran over him."

American tourist: What's the difference between "mademoiselle" and "madam"?

Frenchman: "Monsieur."

In ancient Rome, two young Roman were hanging around the Forum watching young women stroll by. All of sudden a particularly beautiful one appeared. "Wow!" said one young man as he elbowed his buddy. "Look at that—a perfect X!"

What do you call a boomerang that won't come back?

A stick.

What is orange and sounds like parrot?

A carrot.

What do you call a hippie's wife?

Mississippi.

Patient: "Doctor, wherever I touch, it hurts."

Doctor: "What do you mean?"

Patient: "When I touch my shoulder, it really hurts. If I touch my knee, ouch! And when I touch my forehead, it really hurts."

Doctor: "I know what's wrong with you! You've broken your finger!"

Patient: Doctor, I get a pain in my eye whenever I drink coffee.

Doctor: Try taking the spoon out of the mug before you take a sip.

Doctor, telephoning his patient: "I have some good news and some bad news."

Patient: "OK, give me the good news first."

Doctor: "The good news is, you have 24 hours to live."

Patient: "Oh no! If that's the good news, then what's the bad news?"

Doctor: "The bad news is, I forgot to call you yesterday."

Father to teenage daughter: "Wow! That was short. You usually talk for two hours, but this time it was only 30 minutes. What happened?"

Daughter: "Wrong number."

Real estate agent: "I found a good, cheap apartment for you."

Client: "By the week or by the month?"

Agent: "By the garbage dump."

Which is faster, heat or cold?

Heat, because you can catch cold.

What did number 1 say to 7?

Nice hair!

Why were the little drops of ink crying?

Their mother was in the pen and they did not know how long her sentence would be.

A thief broke into the local police station and stole all the bathroom fixtures.

A spokesperson was quoted as saying, "We have absolutely nothing to go on."

Q: What's blue and smells like red paint?

A: Blue paint.

Q: Did you know that all pessimists have the blood type?

A: Yes; it's always B-negative.

“I used to work in a blanket factory?”
“What happened?”
“It folded.”

“Who was Pavlov?”
“I can’t recall exactly, but that name rings a bell.”

Q: Why do people break into song?
A: It’s usually because they can’t find the key.

Q: How many statisticians does it take to change a light bulb?
A: 1-3, alpha = .05

Pat: Did you know there is no truth to the allegation that statisticians are mean?
Matt: Oh, you mean they’re just your standard normal deviates.

Q: Did you hear about the statistician who took the Dale Carnegie course?
A: He improved his confidence from .95 to .99.

Q: Did you hear about the statistician who was thrown in jail?
A: He now has zero degrees of freedom.

Patient: “Doctor, Doctor, I swallowed a bone!”
Doctor: “Are you choking?”
Patient: “No, I really did!”

Parent: “Doctor, Doctor, my son has swallowed my pen, what should I do?”
Doctor: “Use a pencil until I get there.”

Patient: "Doctor, Doctor, will this ointment clear up my spots?"
Doctor: "I never make rash promises!"

Patient: "I think I'd like to get a second opinion."
Doctor: "Certainly. Can you come back tomorrow?"

Teacher: "Where is your homework?"
Student: "I lost it fighting this kid who said you weren't the best teacher in the school."

Teacher: "Who invented fractions?"
Student: "Henry the 1/8."

Teacher: "Now class, whatever I ask, I want you to all answer at once. How much is 6 plus 4?"
Class: "At once!"

Q: Who invented King Arthur's round table?
A: Sir Circumference.

Q: What is the name of the smaller rivers that run into the Nile?
A: The Juve-Niles.

Q: What did they wear at the Boston Tea Party?
A: T-Shirts.

Mother: What did you learn in school today?
Son: How to write.
Mother: What did you write?
Son: I don't know; they haven't taught us how to read yet.

Q: Where did knights learn to slay dragons?

A: At knight school.

Question: How can you tell when a poker player is lying?

Answer: His chips are moving.

Question: Why did the elephant refuse to play cards in the jungle?

Answer: Because there were too many cheetahs.

Question: Why do mermaids wear seashells?

Answer: Because B-shells are too small and D-shells are too big.

Question: What do you call jewelry lost on a golf course?

Answer: A diamond in the rough.

Did you hear about the poor fortune-teller?

He's not making much of a prophet.

Customer: "How much are those eggs?"

Farmer: "Sixty cents for the small, 70 cents for the medium, and 90 cents for the large, and 30 cents for the cracked ones."

Customer: "Okay. Crack me a dozen of the large ones."

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What do you get if you cross an elephant and a kangaroo?

Big holes all over Australia!

Q: Did you hear about the man who jumped off the bridge in Paris?

A: Wow. He must have been in Seine.

Q: What is acupuncture?

A: A jab well done.

Q: What happens when two egotists meet?

A: It's an I for an I.

Q: Why can't a bicycle stand on its own?

A: Because it's two-tired.

"Was the worker injured when he fell into the upholstery machine?"

"Yes, but he's fully recovered."

Q: What's a Freudian slip?

A: It's when you say one thing but mean your mother.

Did you hear about the sword swallower who went on a diet?

He was on pins and needles for weeks.

"Knock, knock."

Who's there?

"Control freak. Now you say, 'Control freak who?'"

What did the zero say to the 8?

"Nice belt!"

"Have you heard about the town gossip?"

"Yeah. I heard she has a great sense of rumor."

What did the fish say when he hit a concrete wall?

Dam.

**I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger.
Then it hit me!**

**Why were the police called to the daycare center at naptime?
*A three-year-old was resisting a rest.***

**Did you hear about the guy whose whole left side was cut off?
*He's all right now.***

**Who was the roundest knight at King Arthur's round table?
*Sir Cumference.***

**Why shouldn't you write with a broken pencil?
*Because it's pointless.***

**When fish are in schools, what subject do they sometimes take?
*Debate.***

**What happened to the thief who stole the calendar?
*He got twelve months.***

**Did you hear about the thief who fell and broke his leg in wet cement?
*He became a hardened criminal.***

**What did they charge the thieves with who stole corn from your garden?
*Stalking.***

**Why won't we ever run out of math teachers?
*Because they always multiply.***

**What happened when the smog lifts in Los Angeles?
*U C L A.***

**Did you hear about the math professor who went crazy with the blackboard?
*He did a number on it.***

Did you hear about the geology professor who discovered that her theory of earthquakes was on shaky ground?

**What does the automotive supply store do with all their dead batteries?
*They give them out free of charge.***

**When should you take a laptop computer out for a run?
*Whenever you need to jog your memory.***

**Did you hear about the dentist and the manicurist?
They fought tooth and nail.**

**Why can't a bicycle can't stand alone?
*Because it's two-tired.***

**What happened to the optometrist who fell into his lens grinder?
*He made a spectacle of himself!***

**How does a backward poet write?
*Inverse.***

**What the difference between democracy and feudalism?
*In a democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's your count that votes.***

**What do you call a chicken crossing the road?
*Poultry in motion.***

Show me a piano falling down a mineshaft and I'll show you A-flat miner.

**How do you know when a clock is hungry?
*It goes back four seconds.***

**Whatever happened to the guy who fell into the upholstery machine?
*Oh, he's now fully recovered.***

Can you tell if you're likely to be stuck in debt?
Yes: it happens when you can't budge it.

Why do ghosts go to bars?
For the boo's.

**IT technician to employee: Why in the world did you choose
"MickeyMinniePlutoHueyLouieDeweyDonaldGoofySacramento" as your password?**
**Employee: Because we were told passwords have to be at least 8 characters long
and include one capital.**

