

# Writing Jokes With Name Homophones



Homophones are words which sound the same as each other - they have 'one' ('homo') 'sound' ('phone') - but have at least two different meanings.

They can be very useful when you're writing a joke, as people laugh when they are surprised.

Some names are homophones, as in the lists below.

Can you physically act out the other meaning of these names, as though reading the register at school?

Can you imagine a baby being born, and acting like one of these words SO WELL that they end up being named after them? (What an incredible loo a baby Lou might have been!)

Can you imagine going into a place of business – a shop maybe, a restaurant or an office - and asking for a person, and being given an object, or vice versa? Act it out!

**Bill (man's name)**

**bill** a request for payment; the front of a duck

**Bob (man's name)**

**bob** make a quick, short movement up and down

**Claude (man's name)**

**clawed** to be scratched by claws

**Dawn (woman's name)**

**dawn** the start of the day

**Don (man's name)**

**don** to put on clothing

**Drew (man's name)**

**drew** past tense of draw

**Eve (woman's name)**

**eve** the time before (like Christmas Eve)

**Flo (woman's name)**

**flow** to move along in a stream

**Frank (man's name)**

**frank** open, honest, and direct

**Gail (woman's name)**

**gale** a very strong wind

**Gene/Jean (woman or man's name)**

**jean** denim trousers

**gene** a unit inside the body made of DNA

**Glen (man's name)**

**glen** a narrow valley

**Grace (woman's name)**

**grace** simple elegance

**Holly (woman's name)**

**holly** the evergreen tree

**Hugh (man's name)**

**hew** to uphold, follow closely, or conform; to make, shape, smooth, etc., with cutting blows

**Jack (woman or man's name)**

**jack** a device for lifting heavy objects

**Jeanie (woman's name)**

**genie** a magical wish-granter

**Jim (man's name)**

**gym** an athletic facility

**Joey (man's name)**

**joey** baby kangaroo

**John (man's name)**

**john** a toilet or bathroom in the USA

**Joy (woman's name)**

**joy** emotion of great delight or happiness

**Kitty (woman's name)**

**kitty** a cat

**Lou (woman's name)**

**loo** a toilet

**Matt (man's name)**

**mat** protective material placed on a floor

**matte** dull and flat, without shine

**Mark (man's name)**

**mark** a line or symbol used to designate something; a stain

**May (woman's name)**

**may** could; permission granted

**Mike (man's name)**

**mic** microphone

**Miles (man's name)**

**miles** measurement of distance

**Oscar (man's name)**

**oscar** an award for making a movie

**Nick (man's name)**

**nick** make a notch in, indent; steal; prison; arrest

**Paige (woman's name)**

page sheet of paper

**Pat (woman or man's name)**

**pat** touch quickly and gently with the palm of the hand

**Patty (woman's name)**

**patty** a thin, round piece of ground or minced food (eg a hamburger patty)

**Penny (woman's name)**

**penny** small brown coin

**Phil (man's name)**

**fill** to put in as much as can be held (eg to fill a jar with water)

**Rich (man's name)**

**rich** wealthy

**Rob (man's name)**

**rob** to steal

**Sandy (woman or man's name)**

**sandy** containing or covered with sand

**Stu (man's name)**

**stew** a dish of meat and vegetables cooked slowly in their own juices

**Sue (woman's name)**

**sue** bring a legal case against