

Animal picture jokes for little ones



Cut along the dashed lines. Read the joke, guess, then turn the card round for the answer.

Joke 1

Why does a cow chew her lunch twice?

Ages 3+



Turn me round for the answer!

The true bit: A cow has one big stomach with four parts, and she brings her grass back up to chew it again.
She liked it so much the first time!

Joke 4

Why did the chick knock on the inside of its egg?

Ages 3+



Turn me round for the answer!

The true bit: A chick starts peeping inside its egg about a day before it hatches, then chips its way out with a tiny "egg tooth".
It wanted to know if breakfast was ready!

Joke 6

Why doesn't a chicken need a toothbrush?

Ages 3+



Turn me round for the answer!

The true bit: Chickens have no teeth. They swallow tiny stones, called grit, that help a strong tummy muscle grind up their food.
It doesn't have any teeth!

Joke 7

Why did the pig roll in the mud?

Ages 3+



Turn me round for the answer!

The true bit: Pigs can barely sweat, so a mud bath is how they keep cool, and it works as sunscreen too.
It forgot its sunscreen!

Joke 11

What do sheep count when they can't fall asleep?

Ages 3+



Turn me round for the answer!

The true bit: Sheep are great at faces. They can remember the faces of about 50 other sheep, and they can even learn to recognize people.
People!

Joke 13

Why don't goats eat tin cans?

Ages 3+



Turn me round for the answer!

The true bit: Goats are curious and taste-test all sorts of things, but they only eat plants, not tin cans. Their favorites are leaves and bushes.
They can never find the can opener!

Joke 15

Why did the duck bring an umbrella?

Ages 3+



Turn me round for the answer!

The true bit: Ducks spread oil from a gland near their tail over their feathers, which makes them waterproof.
It didn't need it. It just wanted to look fancy!

Joke 17

Why doesn't a rooster need an alarm clock?

Ages 3+



Turn me round for the answer!

The true bit: Roosters have a body clock inside them, so they crow just before dawn even when they can't see the sky.
It is the alarm clock!

Joke 18 Why do donkeys hate rainy days?  Ages 3+ Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: A donkey's coat isn't waterproof, so donkeys need a shelter when it rains. Horses mind the rain much less. They don't have a raincoat!	Joke 19 Why did the turkey's face go red?  Ages 3+ Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: A male turkey's bare head can change color, from red to white to blue, when he gets excited. Somebody told it a joke!
Joke 20 Why did the farmer ask the goose to guard the farm?  Ages 3+ Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: Geese are so loud and bossy that people have used them as guards for thousands of years. The dog wanted a day off!	Joke 22 Why did the cat sleep all day?  Ages 3+ Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: Cats sleep for much of the day and are busiest at dawn and dusk. It was saving up for zooming around at midnight!
Joke 25 Why did the cat squeeze into the tiny box?  Ages 3+ Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: A box to hide in helps cats feel safe. In one study, shelter cats with a hiding box calmed down faster than cats without one. The big box was way too roomy!	Joke 27 Why did the dog press its nose on the window?  Ages 3+ Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: Every dog's nose print is different, just like your fingerprint. To sign its name!
Joke 29 Why are goldfish so bad at hide-and-seek?  Ages 3+ Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: Most fish have no eyelids. The water keeps their eyes wet. They can't close their eyes to count!	Joke 31 Why does a bunny munch hay all day long?  Ages 3+ Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: A rabbit's teeth never stop growing, so it needs hay to wear them down. So its teeth don't grow all the way down to its toes!

Joke 32 Why doesn't a hamster need a backpack?  Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: Hamsters have stretchy cheek pouches that reach back to their shoulders. It carries everything in its cheeks!	Joke 33 Why did the fox get sent off the golf course?  Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: Foxes enjoy playing with other animals, especially dogs and cats. And their favorite game? Stealing golf balls from humans! It kept taking the balls home!
Joke 35 What do you call an owl that does karate?  Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: Owls are incredible hunters that excel at catching prey in the dark. They are so quiet that you'll never see them coming, like silent ninjas of the night! A silent ninja of the night!	Joke 37 What does a mama bear find when she wakes up in spring?  Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: When spring arrives and mama wakes up, she'll finally meet her little ones for the first time! A surprise: brand new babies!
Joke 39 Why don't wolves howl AT the moon?  Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: Even though wolves don't actually howl at the moon, they're more likely to howl when it's full and bright. It never howls back!	Joke 40 Why did the deer jump over the school bus?  Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: Female deer, called does or hinds, are calm creatures known for their kindness. However, when they feel threatened, they can leap as high as the top of a school bus, and even farther! It was in too much of a hurry to wait for the doors!
Joke 41 Why was the stag late for school?  Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: Male deer, also known as stags or bucks, grow impressive new antlers each year. However, these grand accessories can sometimes be a hassle. They may get tangled in tree branches and become stuck. Its antlers got stuck in a tree!	Joke 42 Why did the wild boar take its lunch to the river?  Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: When they come across dirty food, they don't just eat it; they wash it carefully until it's sparkling clean! To give it a bath first!

Joke 44 What did the hedgehog say to the cactus?  Turn me round for the answer! "Is that you, Mom?" The true bit: A hedgehog has thousands of spines. When it smells or tastes something new, it licks foam onto them, and scientists still don't know why!	Joke 45 Why does a raccoon wear a mask?  Turn me round for the answer! So nobody knows who ate the snacks! The true bit: A raccoon's paws are super sensitive. It can tell what something is just by touching it, almost like seeing with its hands.
Joke 46 Why did the skunk do a handstand?  Turn me round for the answer! To warn you: one more step and you'll be sorry! The true bit: Spotted skunks do handstands as a warning, and they can even run forward upside down on their front paws.	Joke 47 Why doesn't the tooth fairy visit sharks?  Turn me round for the answer! She'd run out of money! The true bit: Some sharks go through thousands of teeth in a lifetime.
Joke 51 Who gives the best hugs in the sea?  Turn me round for the answer! The octopus: eight arms and three hearts! The true bit: Octopuses really have three hearts and blue blood.	Joke 53 Why was the blue whale still hungry after lunch?  Turn me round for the answer! It only had shrimp! The true bit: The blue whale is the biggest animal that has ever lived, and it eats tiny shrimp-like animals called krill.
Joke 54 Why do blue whales make such good friends?  Turn me round for the answer! They have the biggest hearts in the world! The true bit: A blue whale's heart weighs about as much as a piano.	Joke 56 Why do crabs walk sideways?  Turn me round for the answer! They're too shy to walk straight at you! The true bit: Most crabs' legs bend best sideways, so crabs can dash left or right in a flash.

Joke 58 Why can't you ride a seahorse?  Ages 3+ Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: A seahorse really is a fish, and in seahorse families, the dad carries the eggs until the babies hatch. It's a fish, silly!	Joke 59 Why does a sea turtle always go back to the same beach?  Ages 3+ Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: Mother sea turtles swim back to the beach where they hatched to lay their own eggs. She left her favorite sandcastle there!
Joke 61 Why does a baby elephant suck its trunk?  Ages 3+ Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: Baby elephants suck their trunks for comfort, the way children suck their thumbs. It can't find its thumb!	Joke 63 Why do giraffes hum at night instead of singing?  Ages 3+ Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: Scientists have recorded giraffes humming at night. They don't want to wake the zebra!
Joke 65 Why did the zebra wear its stripes to the picnic?  Ages 3+ Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: Scientists' best guess for why zebras have stripes: biting flies don't like landing on them. To keep the flies away!	Joke 67 Why did the tiger jump into the river?  Ages 3+ Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: Many tigers love to swim, and their skin is striped too, not just their fur. To wash its stripes!
Joke 68 Why did the monkey pick up the peanut with its tail?  Ages 3+ Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: Some South American monkeys have grabbing tails that can pick up something as small as a peanut. Its hands were busy waving hello!	Joke 70 Why did the parrot hold its crayon with its left foot?  Ages 3+ Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: Parrots have a favorite foot, just like you have a favorite hand. That's its favorite foot!

Joke 71 What does a baby crocodile say inside its egg?  Ages 3+ Turn me round for the answer! "Is it time yet? Is it time yet?" The true bit: Baby crocodiles grunt and bark from inside their eggs. Then mom carries them to the water, gently, in her mouth.	Joke 72 Why doesn't the hippo bring sunscreen to the river?  Ages 3+ Turn me round for the answer! It makes its own. In red! The true bit: A hippo's red "sweat" works as a sunscreen. And hippos can't swim: they walk and bounce along the river bottom.
Joke 73 Why did the gardener throw a party for the ladybug?  Ages 3+ Turn me round for the answer! It ate all the bugs that were eating her plants! The true bit: One ladybug can eat thousands of bugs, like aphids, the little bugs that hurt plants.	Joke 74 Why did the butterfly stand on the birthday cake?  Ages 3+ Turn me round for the answer! To taste it! The true bit: Butterflies have taste sensors on their feet.
Joke 76 Why did the spider buy four pairs of sneakers?  Ages 3+ Turn me round for the answer! It has eight feet! The true bit: Spiders have eight legs, not six. They are arachnids, not insects.	Joke 77 Why did the snail stay in bed all week?  Ages 3+ Turn me round for the answer! It was waiting for a rainy day! The true bit: When it's hot and dry, snails seal themselves inside their shells and take a long rest.
Joke 78 Why do bees hum?  Ages 3+ Turn me round for the answer! They don't know the words! The true bit: Honeybees don't need words: they do a "waggle dance" to tell the hive where the flowers are.	Joke 80 Knock knock. Who's there? Interrupting cow. Interrupting c...  Ages 3+ Turn me round for the answer! MOO! The true bit: A cow has one big stomach with four parts, and she brings her grass back up to chew it again.