A **pun** is a joke that uses the different possible meanings of a word, or the fact that there are words which sound alike but have different meanings.

## Examples of puns (and non-puns):

Pun example = *Leaf* me alone, I don’t want to go watch paint dry.
Why is *leaf* a pun in this example?
Answer- because *leaf* sounds like *leave*, and *leave* would have been the grammatically correct word to use.

Non-Pun example = A *leaf* is on a tree.
Why is *leaf* not a pun in this sentence?
Answer- because *leaf* is being used correctly, since a *leaf* is actually a plant part on a tree.

## Bee Punny Activity Directions:

To have fun with a pun, you can have your students do the following:

1. Share the **written pun** examples and the **visual pun** examples with your students.
2. Each student can create **written puns** for the word “bee” on the Be Punny activity sheet. Students can also make puns with additional words (i.e. *leaf* for leave, or some*bunny* instead of somebody).
3. Students draw a **visual pun** for one or more of your written puns on the Be Punny activity sheet. A **visual pun** can have both a drawing and words or just drawings!

## Examples of Bee Puns

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Write your own Bee Pun! *Example* - Let it bee

Draw your Visual Bee Pun! *Example* - Let it

Write your own Bee Pun!

Draw your Visual Bee Pun!

*Feel free to write and draw on a separate sheet of paper or print more activity sheets!*