

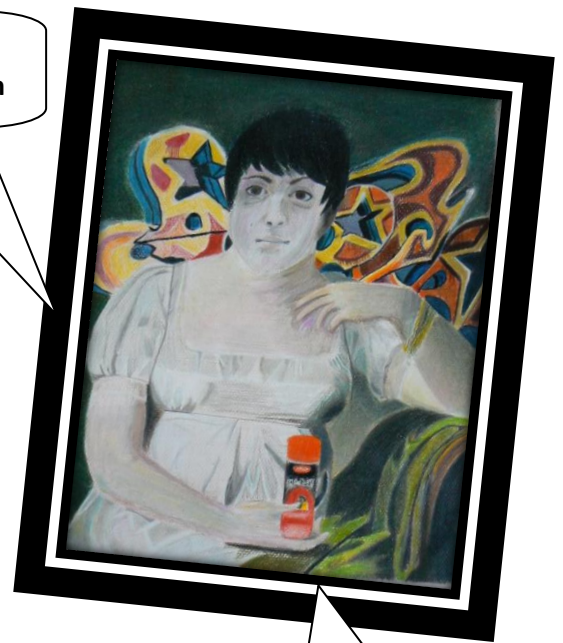
This portrait paints a picture of modern women

## Poking Pun at Portraiture!

What is a pun?! A pun is a play on words using a word or words that have more than one meaning.

Examples\*:

1. I recently spent money on detergent to unclog my kitchen sink. It was money down the drain.
2. Our social studies teacher says that her globe means the world to her.
3. A jury is never satisfied with the verdict. The jury always returns it.
4. Sir Lancelot once had a very bad dream about his horse. It was a knight mare.
5. A dog not only has a fur coat but also pants.
6. I work as a baker because I knead dough.
7. A backwards poet writes inverse.
8. A baker stopped making donuts after he got tired of the hole thing.
9. A baker's job is a piece of cake.
10. A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two tired.
11. A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.
12. A cannibal's favorite game is 'swallow the leader'.
13. A doctor who fell on his funny bone had a nurse tell him it was a humerus incident.
14. A good baker will rise to the occasion - it's the yeast he can do.
15. California smog test: Can UCLA?
16. English kidney bank: Liverpool.
17. Gardeners always know the ground rules.
18. Hawaii vacationers are here today, gone to Maui.
19. How do you make antifreeze? Steal her blanket.
20. Long fairy tales have a tendency to dragon.



The Painted Lady

A couple of ways to create puns are:

- Think of words or phrases that you know that have more than 1 meaning.
- Find a word or words that sound similar to others.

And then write a funny pun using them.

In case you need help getting started, here are some suggestions\*:

Taiwan (tie one)  
newly weds (newly webs)  
Tylenol (tile and all)  
appeal (a peel)  
Lettuce (let us)

seasons (salt and pepper or  
Holiday)  
ice day/nice day  
well  
sew/so

mahogany (wood/ my hog  
any)  
read/red  
tear (to rip something/fluid in  
eye)

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