

Birthday Card Puns (2026): 160+ Funny Things to Write in a Birthday Card

161 original puns, ready to copy

Quick tip before you pick a line: put the pun first and your real message second. The joke breaks the ice, and the sincere part lands harder right after a laugh. The 160+ original birthday card puns below are sorted by where they sit in the card, from a template for when your mind goes blank to the sign-off and the envelope. Themed pages for hobbies and ages sit in the wider Birthday & Celebration Puns collection, but start here if the card is already in your hand.

Quick summary

Birthday card puns are short, playful lines written inside a card to make the reader smile before they reach your name. This guide has 160+ original ones sorted by card spot: openers, punchlines, lines for friends and coworkers, cute puns, sign-offs, P.S. lines and envelope notes, plus fill-in templates for writer's block.

- Updated 2026-10-26 with clean, card-safe wording.
- 160+ funny things to write in a birthday card, all original.
- Sorted by card spot, from the first line to the envelope.
- Lines for friends, coworkers, grandparents and a 50th.
- Fill-in-the-blank templates for when your mind goes blank.

*Read the full guide with search, filters and FAQs: <https://homespunsecret.com/birthday-card-puns>
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Stuck on What to Write in a Funny Birthday Card? Start With a Template

Writer's block? These templates do half the work. Swap in a name, a hobby or a shared memory and the line becomes personal in seconds.

1. Happy birthday, _____. You're the _____ to my _____. (Try: the cheese to my crackers.)
2. Another year of _____, and you still haven't _____. Proud of you anyway.
3. You're one in a _____. (Try: a melon-ade stand, a cookie jar, a sock drawer.)
4. If _____ were a person, it would be you. Happy birthday.
5. I'd tell you about _____, but you were there and it was worse than I remember.
6. Thank you for _____. It meant more than you know.
7. Hope your birthday is as _____ as your _____. (Try: as sharp as your eyeliner.)
8. You're officially _____ years old, which is _____ in dog years and fine in human years.
9. This year, may you _____ more and _____ less. (Try: laugh more, worry less.)
10. Remember when we _____? Let's never do that again. Happy birthday.
11. My favourite thing about you is _____. My second favourite is your birthday.
12. You're so _____, even the candles want to be near you.
13. For your birthday I got you _____. Just kidding, I got you this card.
14. _____ + you = my favourite equation.
15. Wishing you _____ cakes, _____ hugs and endless laughs.
16. I'd write you a poem, but _____ doesn't rhyme with anything.

Card Openers: The First Line Inside

17. Before you read this, know that I spent eleven minutes choosing this card. Feel special.
18. Inside this card: one pun, two compliments and a signature. Please enjoy responsibly.
19. Happy birthday! I'm writing this in pen because our friendship is permanent.
20. Warning: this card contains a joke. It is not a good one.
21. Hello, birthday person. You are about to be celebrated in writing.
22. I was going to write a poem, but nothing rhymes with your age.
23. Opening line: you're the reason this card was worth the stamp.
24. This card is 90% love and 10% handwriting I'm hoping you can read.
25. Let me start by saying the card shop had nothing as good as you, so I settled.
26. Dear birthday star, this message has been waiting all year to reach you.
27. I practiced this message on a napkin first. The napkin laughed.
28. First things first: you're a total card-igan, warm and always there for me.
29. They say a picture is worth a thousand words, so this card is short on purpose.
30. Hi, it's me, the friend who remembered. Barely, but still.

Birthday Card Jokes for the Middle of the Card

Here is the main event. These birthday card jokes are the punchline, the line they read out loud to whoever is nearby.

31. Your birthday stats just went up: plus one wisdom, plus one cake tolerance.
32. I wanted to get you something you've never had before, but I couldn't fit a quiet weekend in an envelope.
33. Another year of you? Card me in.
34. Age is just a number, and yours has excellent handwriting.
35. You deserve a cake the size of your personality. Sadly, the bakery has limits.
36. I'm so glad you were born. Otherwise this card would be addressed to nobody.
37. I got you nothing. But I did it with love, and that is something.
38. Have a birth-yay of a day.
39. Today you are officially one candle more interesting.
40. They say you are what you eat, so today you're mostly cake. Good.
41. You make every year feel like a gift, unwrapped and fully assembled.
42. We've been friends so long, this is my third card with the same joke. You still laugh.
43. Birthdays are nature's way of saying, "Look, you've completed another lap."
44. You're the frosting on the friendship cake.
45. I asked the universe for a great friend. Then I asked for a refund. Kidding. Happy birthday.
46. You're proof that good things come in your size.
47. Hope your birthday is so bright, you need sunglasses for the candles.
48. I'd write something deep, but you know me, I'm shallow and supportive.
49. You get better every year. It's suspicious and I'd like to see the receipts.

Sign-Offs and P.S. Lines for the Bottom of the Card

50. Love, your favourite person (I checked, and it's me).
51. Yours in cake and comedy,
52. P.S. The gift is in the bag. The bag is also a gift. You're welcome.
53. With all my heart and half my snacks,
54. P.S. Don't tell anyone how old you are. I'll keep the secret if you keep mine.
55. Signed, sealed and de-lightfully yours,
56. From the one who remembered (with help from a phone reminder),
57. P.S. This card is a limited edition. Please frame accordingly.
58. Hugs, high fives and a big slice of love,
59. P.S. I licked the envelope, so this card is now legally mine to read later.
60. Party on, and I'll see you at the cake table,
61. P.P.S. Yes, there's a P.P.S. I had more to say and no more card.
62. Best wishes, second-best jokes,

63. Forever your fan,

64. P.S. Your present is coming. It's in the mail. The mail is in my head.

Funny Things to Write in a Friend's Birthday Card

Best friends can take a stronger tease. These funny things to write in a friend's birthday card assume shared history, inside jokes and a high tolerance for puns.

65. Happy birthday to my best friend, my emergency contact and my official snack taster.

66. We're friends for life. Mainly because you know too much.

67. You're the only person I'd share my fries with. Most of them.

68. Twenty years of friendship, zero years of you being boring.

69. I'll always be there for you, especially if there's cake.

70. You and me, like peas in a pod, if the peas also argued about restaurants.

71. Remember that time we laughed so hard we got kicked out? Let's do that again for your birthday.

72. Friendship is when someone knows your coffee order and your worst singing voice.

73. Thanks for being the friend who answers on the first ring and judges me on the second.

74. You're my best friend, my partner in crime and my chief alibi.

75. Happy birthday to the person who makes ordinary days feel like a party.

76. I promise not to post that photo of you today. Tomorrow is a different story.

77. We've been friends so long, we have a joke about our joke about that joke.

78. You're not just my friend. You're my favourite group chat notification.

Birthday Card Puns a Coworker or Boss Can Read Aloud

Office cards need a lighter touch. These birthday card puns are clean, kind and safe to sign in front of HR. Teachers swapping cards in the staff room will also like our teacher appreciation jokes.

79. Happy birthday! May your inbox be empty and your cake be full.

80. Wishing you a birthday with zero meetings that could have been an email.

81. Today's agenda: you, cake and an extra-long lunch break. Minutes to follow.

82. You're a real asset to the team. Especially when you bring snacks.

83. Happy birthday to the only person who knows how the printer works.

84. The office is brighter with you in it, and today it's brighter by a candle.

85. Let's circle back on your birthday: it was a great idea.

86. We all signed this card during a meeting. That's how much you mean to us.

87. This card has been approved by legal, finance and the snack committee.

88. Happy birthday to our favourite colleague. We'd say more, but it's going in the minutes.

89. Out of office: celebrating. Back tomorrow with cake crumbs on the keyboard.

90. Thanks for making Mondays slightly less Monday.

Cute Birthday Card Puns for Grandma, Kids and Sweethearts

Cute birthday card puns are soft, sweet and safe for any age. These work for grandparents, little kids and anyone who prefers a smile to a groan.

91. Grandma, you're the sweetest thing since sliced cake.
92. Happy birthday to someone sew special, stitched into every family memory.
93. You're my favourite person to share a slice and a story with.
94. Bee-lieve me, you are the reason our family hive is so sweet.
95. Happy birthday, little one. You're growing like a sunflower, tall and bright.
96. Wishing you a day as cozy as Grandma's quilt.
97. You make my heart do a happy little cartwheel.
98. Happy birthday to my sweetheart, the cherry on my sundae.
99. Every year with you is a page I want to reread.
100. You're a gem, and today you're polished with candles.
101. Here's to more cuddles, cookies and card games.
102. Grandpa, you're the best story-teller and the best story.
103. Happy birthday, kiddo. You're officially one hug taller.
104. You light up my world brighter than a cake full of candles.
105. Wishing you a day full of sprinkles and soft socks.

Milestone Card? Birthday Puns to Write in a Card for a 30th, 40th or 50th

Round numbers deserve their own lines. These birthday puns to write in a card for a 30th, 40th or 50th birthday tease the number with warmth.

106. Thirty: when your back starts giving opinions on your weekend plans.
107. Happy 30th! You're not old, you're just three decades of awesome.
108. Forty is like a good playlist: all the classics, none of the skips.
109. Happy 40th! You're now officially allowed to say "back in my day" about the internet.
110. Fifty looks fabulous on you. Fifty-one will have to work hard to compete.
111. Happy 50th. Half a century and still can't decide what to have for dinner.
112. You've reached the age where your stories have sequels.
113. Happy milestone birthday. Every year has made you more you.
114. At 30, you can finally afford the nice cheese. Enjoy it.
115. Forty and fabulous? More like forty and fab-ulously punny.
116. Happy 50th! I'd tell you a joke about your age, but I'm still figuring out the math.
117. A milestone birthday is just a chapter heading. The good part is the next page.

Funny Birthday Card Puns by Hobby

A pun about someone's hobby feels made for them, even from a shop-bought card. Match the line to what they love, from gardening to gaming.

118. For the gardener: may your year be full of growth and short on weeds.
119. For the baker: you're a whisk-taker and a real smart cookie.
120. For the gamer: you've unlocked a new level. Sadly, the reward is back pain.
121. For the reader: may your birthday be a real page-turner.

122. For the runner: another lap around the sun, personal best.
123. For the coffee lover: have a brew-tiful birthday, latte love from me.
124. For the cyclist: you're another year older, but you still won't stop talking about gears.
125. For the photographer: you're picture-perfect and always in focus.
126. For the musician: may your birthday be in a major key with no off-beat guests.
127. For the knitter: wishing you a birthday that's purl-fectly cozy.
128. For the camper: may your tent stay dry and your birthday s'mores stay unburned.
129. For the hiker: this year is going to be peak-ture perfect.
130. For the chef: you add spice to every room you walk into.
131. For the dog walker: may every walk today end with cake instead of a muddy paw.
132. For the swimmer: hope your birthday goes swimmingly.
133. For the puzzle fan: you're the missing piece in every group photo.
134. For the traveler: you've got a passport to a great year.
135. For the plant parent: may your birthday be greener than your overwatered fern.

Pun Birthday Wishes to Send With the Card

Sometimes the card is in the mail and the day is today. Send one of these pun birthday wishes as a text so the card has an opening act.

136. Your card is on its way. Until then, consider this text a pre-party pun.
137. Card status: written, stamped, slightly late. Like me. Happy birthday!
138. Happy birthday! The card has the joke. This text has the hug.
139. Text now, card later, cake whenever you want.
140. Your birthday card is in the mail. I paid for the postage stamp, so you know it's serious.
141. Wishing you a dough-lightful birthday. The card is a little crustier.
142. Thinking of you today. The card will say it better, but my heart says it first.
143. Spoiler alert: the card has a pun. Act surprised.
144. You've got mail. Well, soon. Happy birthday!
145. This text is the trailer. The card is the main feature.
146. I wrote your card on fancy stationery, so expect three typos in nice handwriting.
147. Happy birthday! Watch your mailbox for a little paper hug.
148. Hope your birthday is sealed with a smile.
149. The card I sent has glitter. I apologize in advance for your carpet.

Envelope and Gift Tag Puns

The fun can start before the card is even open. Write one of these on the envelope or a gift tag. Short lines work best on a small paper tag.

150. Do not open until you've finished pretending you don't know what it is.
151. Special delivery for a special someone.
152. Envelope: Open carefully. Contains one joke and possibly glitter.
153. To: the birthday star. From: your biggest fan.

- 154. This envelope is sealed with a kiss and a pun.
- 155. Gift tag: I wrapped this myself. Please lower your expectations.
- 156. Postmarked: Happy-Birthday-ville.
- 157. Handle with care: contains one very fragile pun.
- 158. Gift tag: It's not a scarf. Okay, it's a scarf.
- 159. Tag: Made with love, wrapped with tape, mostly on my fingers.
- 160. The stamp on this envelope cost more than the joke inside.
- 161. Envelope: If found, return to the person whose birthday it is. That's you.

Frequently asked questions

What to write in a funny birthday card?

Write one short joke, one honest line and your name. For example: "Warning: this card contains a joke. It is not a good one. Hope your day is great." Keep the joke about the birthday, not the person's looks. If you need a theme, pick their hobby, like cooking or gardening, and add a matching pun.

What is a funny thing to say in a birthday card?

Try a line that pokes fun at the card itself: "I was going to write a poem, but nothing rhymes with your age." It is funny without being mean. Lines that tease the writer, like your handwriting or your late gift, usually land better than lines that tease the reader.

What are some good things to write on a birthday card before you sign your name?

Use a playful sign-off instead of a plain "Love." Try "Yours in cake and comedy," "Hugs, high fives and a big slice of love," or "Best wishes, second-best jokes." Then sign your name. A fun sign-off makes the whole card feel finished, even if the message is short.

What's the funniest message to put in a birthday card?

The funniest message is one only you could write. Start with a shared memory, then twist it: "Remember when we got lost on the way to the beach? Let's do that again for your birthday." Inside jokes beat generic jokes every time, because the reader feels seen and teased at once.

What to write in a birthday card that is not cheesy?

Skip the big words and be specific. Name one thing you appreciate, like "Thanks for always answering on the first ring." Then add a light joke if you want. Specific details feel sincere, while generic praise feels cheesy. One real sentence beats four lines of greeting card poetry.

What to write in a birthday card for a coworker that is funny?

Joke about shared office life, not the person. "Wishing you a birthday with zero meetings that could have been an email" works for almost anyone. Keep it clean and short, since many people sign the same card. For more workplace-safe wordplay, our kitchen utensil puns suit the office kitchen card too.

What to write in a best friend's birthday card that is funny?

Go for an inside joke or a gentle roast. "We're friends for life, mainly because you know too much" is a classic shape you can make your own. Add one warm line at the end so the roast feels like love. Best friends can take more teasing than anyone else.

What is a good tagline for a birthday?

A tagline is a short phrase you can use on a card, banner or cake. Try "One candle more interesting," "Leveling up since birth" or "Birth-yay mode: on." Good taglines are under six words and easy to say out loud. They also work as photo captions on the day.