

Joke Book for Teenagers (2026): 180+ Clean Jokes Plus a Funny Book Reading List

184 original puns, ready to copy

Most joke books for teens fall into two bins: too babyish or too rude. This one tries for the middle. It is a free, chapter-style joke book with 180+ original clean jokes about school, phones, gaming, food and family. It also covers how to pick a printed joke book and which funny books teens actually finish. Start at Chapter 1, or skip ahead. If you teach a class, our teacher puns make a good warm-up.

Quick summary

A joke book for teenagers should be funny, clean and not talk down to its reader. This page is a free chapter-style joke book with 180+ original jokes on school, phones, gaming, food and family, plus tips for choosing a printed joke book and a short list of funny books teens enjoy.

- 180+ original clean jokes in 15 chapters.
- Chapters on school, phones, gaming, food, family, holidays, sports, streaming, sleepovers, first jobs and riddles.
- How to choose a printed joke book for a teen.
- A short list of funny books teens enjoy reading.
- Updated 2026-10-24. No tasteless, cruel or adult jokes.

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Chapter 1: Funny Jokes for Teens About School

School is the shared set for every teen. Everyone knows the bell, the cafeteria and the homework pile. Teachers might enjoy these too. See our college and school life puns for a grown-up version.

1. I told my teacher the dog ate my homework. She asked what kind of dog. I said, "A really hungry one with a diploma."
2. My school has a great lunch menu. It says "mystery" on Tuesday and "surprise" on Wednesday.
3. Procrastination is just the art of working smarter later.
4. Why was the eraser so popular? It always fixed everyone's mistakes.
5. My alarm clock and I have a complicated relationship. It speaks, I ignore.
6. The best part of school is when the teacher says, "Take out a pencil," and you realize you have six, none of which work.
7. I was going to study last night, but my brain left me on read.
8. A group project is a solo project with extra emails.
9. Homework is just a reminder that the school day wasn't long enough.
10. Why did the calculator break up with the pencil? They just didn't add up.
11. I'm on a first-name basis with the cafeteria fries.
12. The bell rang and every student moved at the speed of a glacier. A very motivated glacier.
13. My locker combination is the only number I've memorized, and I still get it wrong.
14. The quiet kid in class isn't shy. They're just buffering.
15. Why did the pencil get detention? It kept making pointed remarks.
16. Substitute teacher days are a free trial of chaos.

Chapter 2: Phone and Group Chat Jokes

Phones are half the teen social life. These lines poke fun at screens, not at people. Share the ones that make you laugh at yourself first.

17. My phone is at 1%. My social life is at 0%. We are both trying to survive.
18. I opened my phone to check the time and got lost for 40 minutes. The time was fine.
19. The group chat is where good ideas go to be replaced by memes.
20. Why did the phone sit at the back of the class? It didn't want to be called on.
21. I said I'd reply in a minute. That minute has become a lifestyle.
22. My charger is the real MVP. It's always connected and never gets credit.
23. The best notification is a message that says, "Want to hang out?"
24. Autocorrect and I are in a fight. It changes "meet" to "meat." Now my plans are weird.
25. Airplane mode: the original cheat code for peace and quiet.
26. I've been screen-free for ten whole minutes. I'm feeling quite fresh and slightly lost.
27. My photo gallery is 90% pictures of food and 10% blurry pictures of my cat.
28. Why was the phone cold? It left its Wi-Fi at home.

Chapter 3: Gaming and Tech Jokes

Gamers have a language of their own. This chapter speaks it. For more nerdy fun, see our gaming and tech puns.

29. I'm not addicted to gaming. I just have a very long to-do list that starts with "one more level."
30. The game said "loading." I read the whole thing. I've learned patience.
31. Why did the gamer bring a ladder? He wanted to reach the next level.
32. Lag is just the internet taking a deep breath.
33. My controller has one broken button and zero apologies.
34. Winning feels good. Losing and laughing with friends feels better.
35. My Wi-Fi works great, as long as I'm not doing anything important.
36. I put my phone on silent. Then I put myself on silent. Both are hard.
37. What did the computer say to the gamer? "You've got a lot of bytes."
38. I tried turning it off and on again. It now judges me for it.
39. I asked my mom to join my game. She joined, then spent ten minutes on the character creation screen.
40. A good teammate is like good Wi-Fi: you only notice when it's gone.
41. I beat the final boss. Then Mom called me for dinner, and that was the real final boss.
42. Why did the game character break up with the console? It felt too controlled.
43. Respawning is the game's way of saying, "Try again, but with snacks."
44. My little brother watched me play for three hours and still says I'm doing it wrong.

Chapter 4: Food and Snack Jokes

Teens love food. These lines cover pizza, snacks and the fridge. They are short and friendly.

45. Pizza is not a food. It is a love language.
46. Why did the cookie go to the doctor? It was feeling crumbly.
47. I'm on a seafood diet. I see food, and I eat it.
48. The fridge is always empty, yet I keep checking. It's called hope.
49. A balanced diet is a snack in each hand.
50. The best part of any hangout is the snack table.
51. My cooking skills peaked with cereal. I'm told that's not a cooking skill.
52. I tried a healthy snack once. It was fine. I felt betrayed.
53. What do you call cheese that isn't yours? Nacho cheese.
54. The cafeteria pizza is square. Geometry is everywhere.
55. I asked for the secret to a good sandwich. They said, "Bread, and then everything else."

Chapter 5: Family, Sibling and Parent Jokes

Family is a goldmine. These jokes are gentle, so everyone can laugh, including the people in them. For full-on dad energy, see our swimming dad jokes.

56. My dad's favorite phrase is "back in my day." My favorite phrase is "that was ten minutes ago."
57. My little brother is a great teacher. He taught me patience, and also how to hide snacks.

- 58. Mom says she's not mad, just disappointed. It's a very specific kind of weather.
- 59. My sister borrowed my sweater. It's now a long-term loan with no interest.
- 60. Why did the teenager clean his room? He wanted to find a clean sock.
- 61. Family road trip rule: whoever brings snacks controls the playlist.
- 62. My parents text me "k." I text them "kk." We're thriving.
- 63. Grandma's cooking is so good I'd walk three miles for it. Sadly, she lives in the next room.
- 64. Chores are the original group project.
- 65. My dad says he's reading the manual. It's been on the table for three months.
- 66. I told my mom I needed space. She gave me a smaller bedroom.

Chapter 6: Dad Jokes for Teenagers

Teens say they hate dad jokes. Teens also tell dad jokes. This chapter proves it. Say them with a straight face.

- 67. I started a book about clocks. It's very time-consuming, but the ending is right on time.
- 68. Why did the scarecrow win an award? He was outstanding in his field.
- 69. I used to hate facial hair, but then it grew on me.
- 70. What do you call a fake noodle? An impasta.
- 71. I only know 25 letters of the alphabet. I don't know y.
- 72. Why can't you trust an atom? They make up everything.
- 73. I got a job at a calendar factory. I took a day off and they let me go.
- 74. What do you call a bear with no teeth? A gummy bear.
- 75. I told a joke about paper. It was tearable.
- 76. Geometry tip: if you're ever lost, just find your angle.
- 77. Dad: "Hi, hungry." Me: "Hi, I'm done."

Chapter 7: Knock Knock Jokes for Teenagers

Knock-knock jokes are older than anyone's grandparents. They still work because they are a tiny game. For a full set with a running theme, visit our knock knock running jokes.

- 78. Knock, knock. Who's there? Interrupting cow. Interrupting cow w- MOO!
- 79. Knock, knock. Who's there? Atch. Atch who? Bless you.
- 80. Knock, knock. Who's there? Tank. Tank who? You're welcome.
- 81. Knock, knock. Who's there? Selfie. Selfie who? Selfie-xplanatory. I forgot my key again.
- 82. Knock, knock. Who's there? Wanda. Wanda who? Wanda hang out later?
- 83. Knock, knock. Who's there? Watson. Watson who? Watson the homework list tonight? Please say nothing.
- 84. Knock, knock. Who's there? Needle. Needle who? Needle little help with this joke.
- 85. Knock, knock. Who's there? Barbie. Barbie who? Barbie-Q chips.
- 86. Knock, knock. Who's there? Wire. Wire who? Wire you always late for this?
- 87. Knock, knock. Who's there? Data. Data who? Data not what you said yesterday.
- 88. Knock, knock. Who's there? Snow. Snow who? Snow use, I forgot the punchline.

89. Knock, knock. Who's there? Phone. Phone who? Phone-y you should ask. I've been texting you for ten minutes.
90. Knock, knock. Who's there? Emma. Emma who? Emma bit tired of waiting, so open the door!
91. Knock, knock. Who's there? Alpaca. Alpaca who? Alpaca the snacks, you bring the games.
92. Knock, knock. Who's there? Ivana. Ivana who? Ivana sleep in, it's Saturday!

Chapter 8: Halloween, April Fools and Birthday Jokes

Holiday jokes give you something new for the calendar. Keep it kind and keep the pranks safe. For December, try our jingle bell puns.

93. Why did the vampire skip the cafeteria? The food was a pain in the neck.
94. What's a ghost's favorite fruit? Boo-berries.
95. April Fools prank idea: put a sticky note on the mirror that says "You look great today." Harmless and confusing.
96. My pumpkin carving skills are so bad, my jack-o'-lantern looks surprised about it.
97. Birthday tip: the best present is a friend who remembers your favorite snack.
98. I'm not old. I'm just collecting experience points.
99. My cake had so many candles the fire alarm joined the party.
100. Why do birthday cakes make good friends? They're always layered with love.
101. Easter egg hunt rule: if you can't find it, it's probably in Dad's pocket.
102. You know it's a good birthday when the cake survives the cutting.

Chapter 9: Book and Library Jokes

A joke book should end with a joke about books. These are for the reader in your life. Looking for pun-heavy shelves? Our book puns go deeper.

103. I told the library I'd love to stay longer. They said, "That's fine, you can pay the fine."
104. Why did the dictionary have so many friends? It always had the right words.
105. My to-read list is longer than my life expectancy.
106. A good book is a door that opens inward.
107. The best smell in the world is a new book, a rainy day and a blanket.
108. I judge books by their covers. I've never been wrong about the dragons.
109. I borrowed a book on time management. It's three weeks overdue.
110. What do you call a book that tells time? A bookmark.
111. I put a bookmark in my book. Then I lost the bookmark. Now I have two problems.
112. Reading in bed is a sport. The goal is to stay awake past page two.

Chapter 10: Sports, Gym Class and Team Jokes

Not every teen loves gym class. Every teen has a gym class story. This chapter is for the athletes, the benchwarmers and everyone hiding behind the bleachers.

113. Gym class has two teams: people who love dodgeball and people who are very good at hiding.
114. Why did the basketball player bring a suitcase to practice? He kept traveling.
115. Our coach says "give 110%." I'm still looking for the first 100.

116. The bench is the best seat in the game. Great view, zero sweat.
117. I did the mile in gym today. Well, I walked a mile with a lot of confidence.
118. Why did the shin pads get an award? They were always there for support.
119. Team photo day: twenty players, one sneeze, forty takes.
120. Losing a game with friends still beats winning a group project alone.
121. My sports bag smells like a science experiment nobody approved.
122. A team captain is just the person brave enough to say "everyone run laps."
123. I joined the track team for the snacks. Nobody mentioned the running.
124. Why was the volleyball net so calm? It knew how to stay in the middle of things.

Chapter 11: Music, Movies and Streaming Jokes

Teens run on playlists and late-night episodes. These jokes are about headphones, spoilers and the dreaded "Are you still watching?" screen. For more screen humor, see our movie and TV puns.

125. I said I'd watch one episode. The app asked if I was still watching. Rude, but fair.
126. Why did the popcorn join the band? It wanted to be a pop star.
127. My playlist has 400 songs. I skip 397 of them.
128. Spoilers come from people who can't keep a plot to themselves.
129. That movie trailer was so long it needed its own trailer.
130. The best concert is the one in the car, with your friends singing badly.
131. My headphones are a "do not disturb" sign for my whole head.
132. Why did the guitar get sent to the principal? It kept picking on people.
133. I finished a whole series in one weekend. Now I'm grieving people who aren't real.
134. Autoplay is the app's way of saying bedtime is just a suggestion.
135. I tried to learn a viral dance. My knees filed a complaint.
136. Why was the music teacher locked out of class? Her keys were inside the piano.

Chapter 12: Science and History Class Jokes

Lab days and history tests both need a laugh. These jokes are safe to tell in class, and some might even help you remember the lesson. Teachers can find more in our science puns.

137. History tests are hard. They keep asking about things that happened before I was born.
138. Why did the biology student break up with the microscope? It kept looking too closely.
139. Chemistry class taught me one thing: never trust a liquid that looks like water.
140. Why did the cell leave the party early? It needed to split.
141. My lab partner and I have great chemistry. We still set off the smoke alarm.
142. Why was the history teacher so calm during the fire drill? She'd read about much worse.
143. Gravity is the only thing keeping me in my seat during first period.
144. Our science teacher says everything is made of atoms. My homework is made of excuses.
145. Why did the map go to school? It wanted to find its direction in life.
146. I studied the periodic table all night. It was elementary, but my brain still felt heavy.
147. The best lab result is when your friend laughs so hard they snort.

148. Archaeologists have it easy. They get paid to dig up the past and nobody calls it drama.

Chapter 13: Weekend, Sleepover and Friend Group Jokes

Weekends are when the best stories happen. This chapter covers sleepovers, group plans that never get made and the friend who is always five minutes away.

- 149. Sleepover rule one: nobody sleeps. Rule two: everyone is grumpy at breakfast.
- 150. A real friend saves you the last slice and pretends they weren't hungry.
- 151. We made weekend plans. Then we spent four hours choosing where to eat.
- 152. Why did the sleeping bag look so worried? It was all zipped up inside.
- 153. Every friend group has one person who plans everything and five people who say "I'm down."
- 154. Saturday mornings prove time can stand still. Sunday nights prove it can sprint.
- 155. We watched a scary movie at the sleepover. Now nobody will turn off the hallway light.
- 156. Our group chat has a name, a theme song and zero actual plans.
- 157. The best hangouts end with "same time next week?"
- 158. What did one sock say to the other at the sleepover? "Let's pair up."
- 159. I told my friends I'd be ready in five minutes. They've started bringing snacks to wait.
- 160. Board game night is just a friendship stress test with dice.

Chapter 14: First Job, Money and Driving Lesson Jokes

Growing up comes with a paycheck and a learner's permit. These jokes are for older teens, and for the parents gripping the passenger seat.

- 161. My first paycheck came in. I can finally afford one fancy coffee and the guilt that comes with it.
- 162. Why did the learner driver love roundabouts? They kept coming back to her.
- 163. Driving lessons with Dad are two lessons in one: driving and holding your breath.
- 164. A budget is just your money telling you where it already went.
- 165. My summer job taught me two things: smile a lot, and the customer always wants a different size.
- 166. Parallel parking is the final boss of the driving test.
- 167. My first paycheck bought Mom some flowers and me a lot of snacks. Balance.
- 168. I opened a savings account. Mostly it saves me from looking at it.
- 169. An online shopping cart is where my wishes wait for payday.
- 170. Mom practiced driving with me in an empty parking lot. She still hit the brakes on her side of the car.
- 171. What did the gas pump say to the new driver? "You've got a lot of fuel-ings about this."
- 172. I got my license. My parents got a whole new list of rules to go with it.

Chapter 15: Riddles and Brain Teasers for Teens

End the book with a puzzle. Read the question, give everyone ten seconds, then reveal the answer. These are original twists on classic riddle shapes.

- 173. What has keys but can't open your locker? Your keyboard.
- 174. What goes up when the bell rings and down when class starts? The noise level.
- 175. What has a screen, a full battery and nothing to say? A phone with no group chat.

176. What runs all day but never leaves the hallway? The school clock.
177. What has a spine and pages but never stands up straight? The textbook at the bottom of your bag.
178. What disappears the moment you stand up from the couch? Your spot, if your sibling is watching.
179. What is always coming but never arrives? Tomorrow, the day I promise to start studying.
180. What gets louder the closer it is to lunch? Your stomach in fourth period.
181. What has four wheels, two seats and one very nervous parent? A driving lesson.
182. What can you catch but never throw? A cold, a bus or a case of the giggles.
183. What belongs to you, but your siblings use it more? Your phone charger.
184. What gets better the more you share it? A good joke, which is why this book exists.

Frequently asked questions

What are some good comedy books for teenagers?

Good picks include *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney, *Holes* by Louis Sachar and *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan. For older teens, try *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams. Check the age notes at your library.

What are some witty and funny books for teenagers?

Witty choices include *The Princess Bride* by William Goldman and *Guards! Guards!* by Terry Pratchett. *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* also has dry British wit. Each has a different style, so sample a page first.

What's a good joke for a teenager?

A good teen joke is short, current and not mean. Try "A group project is a solo project with extra emails" or "I started a book about clocks. It's very time-consuming, but the ending is right on time." The fifteen chapters above have 180+ more.

What are the best joke books?

The best joke book depends on the reader. For clean, easy fun, many families like *Laugh-Out-Loud Jokes for Kids* by Rob Elliott. For short real-life stories, *Reader's Digest's Laughter*, the *Best Medicine* is a long-running favorite. Look for a clean label and read a few pages.

What are some funny books for teenagers?

Try *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, *Holes*, *The Terrible Two* by Mac Barnett and Jory John, or *Calvin and Hobbes* collections by Bill Watterson. Pick one that matches the reader's age and taste.

What is a really good funny book?

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy is often named as a funny classic. *Three Men in a Boat* by Jerome K. Jerome has been making readers laugh since 1889. Both are good for older teens.

What are the top 10 funny novels?

No official list exists, and taste varies. Common names on funny-book lists include *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, *The Princess Bride*, *Three Men in a Boat*, *Holes*, *Guards! Guards!* and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*. Use them as a starting shelf.

What's the funniest joke ever written?

There is no official winner. In 2001, psychologist Richard Wiseman ran an online study called LaughLab to find the funniest joke, and a hunter-and-emergency-call joke came out on top. It is not suitable for this page, so we link to the study instead of repeating it.

What is the oldest joke book?

The oldest surviving joke book is *Philogelos*, which means "The Laughter Lover." It is a collection of about 265 jokes in Greek from late antiquity, usually dated around the 4th or 5th century. Many jokes poke fun at forgetful scholars.

Are these jokes safe for teens and classrooms?

Yes. We keep every joke clean and kind. We avoid insults about bodies, race, religion or background. Teachers can use them as warm-ups.

What kind of jokes do teenagers like?

Teens like short jokes that feel real. School, phones, food and friends are all favorites. Dad jokes work if the delivery is deadpan. Cruel jokes and baby jokes are the ones to skip.

Should I buy a joke book with tasteless jokes?

We would not. Some searches for teen books lead to titles built on cruel or tasteless jokes. They tend to hurt people and can get a teen in trouble at school. Pick a clean book or use a free page like this one.

How can I write my own jokes?

Start with something true that happened. Add a surprise at the end. Cut every word that does not help. Our dad jokes about math show how short setups and a strong last word work.

Can a joke book help a reluctant reader?

Yes. Short jokes are easy to finish and feel like a win. Many teachers use them as warm-ups for reading time. Once a teen enjoys the short format, a funny novel is an easier next step.