

The Surfing Pun Quiver: 463 Original Lines for Every Wave, Wipeout and Sunset Session

463 original puns, ready to copy

Surfing has the best ratio of vocabulary to actual surfing of any sport. You can spend a whole morning in the water and ride forty seconds of it, but you'll come home fluent in sets, swells, lineups, kooks, groms, barrels, closeouts and the sacred art of not dropping in. Almost every one of those words means something else on dry land, which makes the beach a pun factory. This page collects 463 original surfing puns in 32 groups, from one-liners and short captions to wipeouts, wetsuits, tide charts, big-wave days, pick-up lines, kids' jokes and sayings for a driftwood sign. If you prefer the pool to the point break, our swimming puns cover lanes, laps and cannonballs. Everyone else, wax up, tap Copy on any card and paddle it straight to your caption.

Quick summary

Surfing puns are jokes built on surf words that carry a second everyday meaning, such as swell, wave, board, tide, set, peel, current and barrel. This page has 463 original, clean surfing puns in 32 groups, including one-liners, short puns, captions, Instagram lines, lineup etiquette, wipeouts, gear and wetsuits, forecasts, big waves, cheeky lines, pick-up lines, kids' jokes, riddles, team names, slogans and sayings.

- 463 lines across 32 groups, each written once, with no line repeated on the page.
- Real surf vocabulary: lineups, kooks, groms, sets, swell periods, barrels and closeouts.
- Separate sections for captions, Instagram, pick-up lines, kids' jokes and sayings.
- The cheeky section stays clean: double meanings only, fine for the beach car park.
- We skipped the shore-ly and water-you-doing lines every rival repeats.

*Read the full guide with search, filters and FAQs: <https://homespunsecret.com/surfing-puns>
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Surfing Puns One Liners, Delivered Between Sets

The lull between sets is the only quiet time in the lineup. These single lines fill it without any setup.

1. I don't fall off my board, I dismount into the ocean with conviction.
2. Surfing is ninety percent paddling, nine percent waiting and one percent the reason I keep coming back.
3. The ocean doesn't care about my plans, so I keep bringing it new ones.
4. I spent three hours in the water and rode eleven seconds of it. Worth it.
5. My surfing improves dramatically every time I describe it to someone who wasn't there.
6. The waves were overhead, mostly because I was lying down.
7. Every surfer has a quiver of boards and an even bigger quiver of excuses.
8. I'm not unemployed, I'm between swells.
9. The tide waits for no one, especially not me while I untangle my leash.
10. A good wave is like a good joke: timing is everything, and I usually miss it.
11. My wetsuit has seen more of the ocean floor than most submarines.
12. I paddled out a beginner and paddled in a slightly wetter beginner.
13. Surfing taught me patience, humility and how to sneeze saltwater.
14. The best surfer out there is the one having the most fun, so technically I'm a contender.
15. I don't chase waves, I politely follow them at a distance.
16. My board is a soft top, but my landings are not.

Short Surfing Puns, Waxed Down to the Essentials

Two to five words each, short enough for a board sticker, a bio or a quick reply from the car park.

17. Swell, thanks.
18. Wax on, worries off.
19. Board meeting, adjourned to the beach.
20. Fin-ished work early.
21. Peeling off, logging off.
22. Leash said, soonest mended.
23. Lip service, delivered.
24. Glassy-eyed and stoked.
25. Pitted and committed.
26. Offshore, off duty.
27. Salt life, soft top.
28. Paddle battle won.
29. Dawn patrol, no snooze.
30. Kook and proud.
31. Set for life.
32. Wave goodbye to Monday.

Laugh-Out-Loud Surf Humor for the Beach Car Park

Told best while half out of a wetsuit, standing on a towel, with sand in at least one ear.

33. I asked a local where the best wave was, and he pointed at the parking meter.
34. Surf trip packing list: three boards, two wetsuits, one pair of underwear.
35. I've been surfing for ten years and I'm almost ready for year one.
36. My surf watch tracks waves caught, but mostly it tracks time spent paddling in circles.
37. I changed under a towel and gave the car park a show it never asked for.
38. Every surfer's car smells like neoprene, wax and questionable life choices.
39. Surfers don't have mornings, they have tide windows.
40. I told my boss I'd be late because of low tide, and he did not understand.
41. My partner said it's them or the board. I've been single for three swells.
42. The surf report said head high. It didn't say whose head.
43. The water was so cold my thoughts had icicles.
44. I bought a surfboard to find myself and found mostly sand.
45. Mom asks if I'm careful out there, and I say yes while bleeding from the reef.
46. There's no such thing as a bad surf day, only bad surfers, like me.
47. I tried surfing on a lake. Very calming, completely pointless.
48. My best trick is zipping up a back-zip wetsuit without help.

Surfing Puns Captions You Can Post Before Your Hair Dries

Quick captions for the photo someone took from the beach, the shot of your board and the honest post-session selfie.

49. Salt in my hair, sand in my soul, water in my ears.
50. Board certified in fun.
51. Caught one, kept it.
52. Proof I stood up. Briefly.
53. Dolphin sighting confirmed, standing up still pending.
54. This is what peak dawn patrol looks like.
55. Fresh out of the ocean and still full of it.
56. Tan lines courtesy of a spring suit.
57. Rinse, wax, repeat.
58. Lineup selfie, paddling not included.
59. One wave, a thousand photos of the wave.
60. Sea level: perfectly content.
61. Pretending this wasn't taken right before the wipeout.
62. Beach hair, salty air, nowhere to be.
63. Paddled out stressed, came back fully rinsed.
64. Goofy-footed and proud of it.

When the Wave Is Gone but the Post Isn't: Surfing Captions for Instagram

Lines built for reels, drone shots, photo dumps and stories, including the ones that only show your forehead.

65. Reel: twenty seconds of wave, two minutes of paddling cut out.
66. Photo dump from the water: sky, sky, foam, me falling, sky.
67. Golden hour session, golden retriever energy.
68. My grid is ninety percent blue and ten percent board wax.
69. Swipe to see the wave that got away, and me with it.
70. Pink board, blue water, zero plans.
71. Surf story highlight: still trying.
72. The drone shot makes me look way better than the water did.
73. Living on island time two hours from the nearest island.
74. Posted from the car park, still in my wetsuit.
75. Filter: saltwater. Edit: none.
76. Tagging the ocean, it did most of the work.
77. Action-cam footage, mostly of my own forehead.
78. Barefoot, sunburned and fully booked by the tide.
79. Caption pending, I'm still pulling sand out of my ear.

The Lineup: Etiquette, Snaking and Who Has Priority

The unwritten rules of the lineup, written down. The surfer closest to the peak has right of way, and nobody likes a snake.

80. Dropping in on someone is the fastest way to get uninvited from a whole beach.
81. Snaking a wave is cutting in line, except the line is wet and remembers your face.
82. Priority goes to the surfer closest to the peak and the one with the angriest tan.
83. The lineup has a pecking order, and the seagulls rank above me.
84. Sitting in the lineup is meditation with occasional shark thoughts.
85. I paddled to the outside and immediately regretted my confidence.
86. Locals only means the waves have a guest list.
87. The lineup is the quietest office in the world, until a set shows up.
88. Every lineup has one person who catches every wave and one who catches feelings about it.
89. Lineup rule: don't paddle through the impact zone, and don't take my wave.
90. I waited forty minutes for a set, then turtle-rolled through all of it.
91. Paddle battles are races where nobody admits they're racing.
92. A party wave is everyone dropping in and nobody getting angry, which is rare and beautiful.
93. Lineup chatter is mostly about the wave you just missed.
94. Sitting on a board staring at the horizon counts as a hobby, apparently.

Kooks, Groms and Every Character in Surf Slang

A kook is a clueless beginner, a grom is a young surfer and every break has a cast of regulars. Here's the whole roll call.

- 95. A kook is anyone who surfed worse than you did today.
- 96. Groms are surfers who are younger, braver and faster than me, which is everyone under twelve.
- 97. Every beach has one soul surfer, one shortboard ripper and one guy who only talks about the old days.
- 98. The longboarder walks the board like it's a Sunday stroll.
- 99. The surf dad films everything and catches none of the waves.
- 100. The local legend was here before the car park was paved, and he'll tell you.
- 101. The SUP rider can see every set coming and still makes everyone nervous.
- 102. The weekend warrior has the newest board and the oldest technique.
- 103. A charger goes for every big wave, a kook goes for every wave.
- 104. The beach bum is technically a full-time surfer, just unpaid.
- 105. Every surf town has a shaper who is also a philosopher.
- 106. The surf instructor's whistle is the soundtrack of every beginner beach.
- 107. The van-lifer has a board, a stove and a very flexible relationship with showers.
- 108. The forecast nerd knows the swell period before he knows his own phone number.
- 109. The tourist surfer stands up once and buys the T-shirt.

Wipeouts, Washing Machines and the Long Hold-Down

The washing machine is what surfers call the tumbling you get under a broken wave. Everybody does a load eventually.

- 110. Getting held down is the ocean's way of offering a free meditation retreat.
- 111. I went through the washing machine and came out lightly folded.
- 112. My wipeout had style, substance and three somersaults.
- 113. Pearling is when the nose of your board dives and your dignity follows.
- 114. I got caught inside and spent ten minutes as an honorary piece of seaweed.
- 115. The wave closed out, and so did my plans for the morning.
- 116. Going over the falls is a ride, just not the one I wanted.
- 117. I swallowed so much seawater I'm now officially part ocean.
- 118. My board hit me on the head, which I'm told is a rite of passage.
- 119. Wipeouts today: twelve. Waves ridden: emotionally, several.
- 120. The ocean humbles everyone, but it seems to enjoy humbling me personally.
- 121. I got rag-dolled so hard my wetsuit nearly changed sides.
- 122. Every wipeout ends the same way: surface, gasp, check if anyone saw.
- 123. I'm not bad at surfing, I'm advanced at falling.
- 124. Sand in my ears is just the ocean leaving a review.

Boards Big and Small: Longboards, Shortboards and Foamies

Every board in the quiver has a personality. Most of them are better surfers than their owners.

- 125. Longboards are for cruising, shortboards are for showing off and foamies are for surviving.
- 126. My quiver has five boards, and I ride the same one every time.
- 127. A fish is the only fish that helps you catch something.
- 128. Foam boards are the training wheels of the ocean, and nobody is ashamed.
- 129. Shortboarders duck dive, longboarders duck out of the argument.
- 130. Nose riding is walking to the front of the board to see what happens.
- 131. A funboard is named after what it's for, which I appreciate.
- 132. My board has more dings than my car, and both are held together with resin and hope.
- 133. A gun is a big-wave board, and the only gun I've ever been scared of.
- 134. Twin fin, single fin, thruster: my board has more setups than my dating life.
- 135. Choosing a board is like choosing a dog: get one that matches your energy.
- 136. Hanging ten means toes on the nose, not ten minutes of hanging around.
- 137. My board is a soulmate with a fin.
- 138. Board shapers turn foam into feelings.
- 139. Nobody buys just one board. The second one is called personal growth.

Wax, Leashes and Fins: The Gear That Holds It All Together

Small, cheap and constantly lost, until the moment you need it in the water.

- 140. Surf wax is the only thing standing between me and a cautionary tale.
- 141. My leash is the most committed relationship I have.
- 142. Fins come in sets of three, like my excuses.
- 143. A board bag is a sleeping bag for something more expensive than my bed.
- 144. A wax comb is the only grooming tool I use regularly.
- 145. The leash plug is tiny, crucial and constantly ignored, like me at parties.
- 146. Basecoat, topcoat, done: that's my whole skincare routine.
- 147. A broken leash is the ocean saying go get it yourself.
- 148. Traction pads give my back foot something to believe in.
- 149. Fin keys are designed to vanish the moment you need one.
- 150. A ding repair kit is first aid for the board, with the same vocabulary.
- 151. A soft rack turns any car into a surf wagon and any drive into a rattle.
- 152. Cold-water wax and warm-water wax: same job, different moods.
- 153. A surf poncho is a towel that went to fashion school.

Wetsuits: The Squeeze, the Peel and the Mystery Warmth

Getting in is a workout, getting out is a performance, and nobody asks about the warm patch.

- 154. Putting on a wetsuit is a full-body workout before the actual workout.

- 155. My wetsuit fits like a hug from someone who won't let go.
- 156. Peeling off a wetsuit is how bananas must feel.
- 157. A five-mil wetsuit is a sleeping bag you can paddle in.
- 158. Back-zip, chest-zip, zipless: every option ends with me asking for help.
- 159. That sudden warm patch in the wetsuit? We don't talk about it.
- 160. Booties keep your toes warm and your walk unsteady.
- 161. A hood in cold water turns every surfer into a very determined seal.
- 162. My wetsuit smells like the ocean, then a gym bag, then a decision.
- 163. A spring suit is a wetsuit that believes in optimism.
- 164. Neoprene keeps the cold out and the drama in.
- 165. Changing in the car park takes a towel, a prayer and excellent balance.
- 166. My wetsuit has a hole in the knee and a story about a reef.
- 167. A rash vest is a shirt with one job, and it does it well.

Forecasts, Swells and the 5 A.M. Surf Check

Swell period, wind direction, tide height: surfers read forecasts the way other people read horoscopes, with about the same success rate.

- 168. Checking the surf report is my version of reading the morning paper.
- 169. Swell period is the only period I track with enthusiasm.
- 170. The forecast said four to six feet. The ocean said two and a half, maybe.
- 171. Offshore winds are the ocean holding the door open for you.
- 172. Onshore winds turn perfect waves into wet mashed potatoes.
- 173. Dawn patrol is when your alarm clock and the tide chart finally agree.
- 174. I drove two hours for a forecast and found a lake.
- 175. The surf cam is the only reality show I binge.
- 176. Flat days are for wax, naps and dramatic sighing.
- 177. The swell always arrives exactly when my workweek starts.
- 178. Glassy conditions are the ocean in its best mood.
- 179. A groundswell travels thousands of miles just to knock me off my board.
- 180. Every surfer is part meteorologist, part optimist and part liar.
- 181. You should have been here yesterday is the official greeting of every surf town.
- 182. My calendar runs on the moon now, and I'm fine with it.

Tides, Rips and Currents With an Attitude

The ocean floor keeps moving and the water keeps rising and falling. Here's how surfers cope.

- 183. Low tide exposes rocks, reefs and my lack of planning.
- 184. High tide, high hopes, high chance of a closeout.
- 185. A rip current is a free conveyor belt to the lineup, terms and conditions apply.
- 186. The tide went out, and so did my confidence.

187. Tide charts are horoscopes for surfers.
188. The current carried me down the beach, so now I'm surfing a different town.
189. King tides are the ocean flexing.
190. I don't fight the current, I negotiate with it and lose.
191. Mid-tide is the ocean being reasonable for once.
192. The tide turned, and so did everyone's mood in the lineup.
193. Paddle parallel to the shore in a rip: the one piece of advice I always remember.
194. Sandbars are the ocean's floor plan, and they keep remodeling.
195. The moon controls the tides, so technically my surf schedule is astrology.
196. A drifting lineup is the ocean's version of musical chairs.

Barrels, Tubes and the Quest to Get Pitted

A barrel, or tube, is the hollow space inside a breaking wave. Getting pitted means riding inside it, and most surfers chase it for years.

197. Getting barreled is the only time I want to be in a tight spot.
198. A tube is a room the ocean builds for a few seconds.
199. I got pitted once, and I've been describing it ever since.
200. A barrel is a wave rolling out the red carpet, briefly.
201. The green room is the only green room I'll ever be invited to.
202. I came out of the barrel looking like I'd seen the light, and I had.
203. Pulling in is easy. Coming out is optional, according to the wave.
204. Tube rides are measured in seconds and retold in hours.
205. The spit at the end of a barrel is the wave saying well done.
206. Getting shacked is surf slang for winning, briefly.
207. I chased a barrel all morning and found a closeout.
208. A perfect tube is the ocean doing architecture.
209. A barrel looks like a tunnel and feels like a hug from a freight train.
210. Every surfer dreams of a barrel. Most of us get a shower.

Big-Wave Surfing and Very Tall Water

Tow-ins, jet skis, inflatable vests and faces taller than a house: lines for the surfers who think fifty feet sounds fun.

211. Big-wave surfers measure waves in buildings.
212. Tow-in surfing is surfing with a chauffeur.
213. The waves at Nazaré are tall enough to need an elevator.
214. Big-wave surfers stay calm by thinking about anything except the wave.
215. The jet ski driver is a big-wave surfer's best friend and only taxi.
216. A forty-foot face is the ocean's skyscraper, with a slide.
217. Paddling into a giant wave takes nerves of steel and arms of rubber.
218. Inflatable vests are life jackets with a big-wave résumé.

219. Surfers at Mavericks call a freezing morning a warm-up.
220. Big waves don't break, they collapse with a press release.
221. The bigger the wave, the quieter the beach watching it.
222. A two-wave hold-down is the ocean asking for an encore.
223. Big-wave surfers train by holding their breath. I train by holding my coffee.

Surf School and the First Day on a Foam Board

Whitewater, pop-ups and an instructor shouting paddle from somewhere very far away.

224. Lesson one: pop up. Lesson two: pop up again. Lesson three: pop up, but faster.
225. My instructor said paddle, paddle, paddle, and I said breathe, breathe, breathe.
226. The whitewater is the beginner's playground and the instructor's headache.
227. Standing up for the first time feels like winning the lottery for two seconds.
228. Surf school taught me three things: wax, paddle, apologize.
229. The pop-up looks simple on the sand and impossible on the water.
230. Beginners watch the waves, experts watch the horizon, and I watch my feet.
231. First-day surfers fall off the front, the back and both sides, which is impressive coverage.
232. My instructor pushed me into a wave, and I took full credit.
233. A foamie can hit you on the head and still feel like a pillow.
234. Day one: tired arms. Day two: sore arms. Day three: what arms?
235. The first wave I rode was knee high and the best thing I've ever done.
236. Practicing pop-ups on the living room floor counts as surf training.
237. Surf camp is summer camp with more salt and fewer canoes.
238. Surf lessons come with a rash vest, a soft board and encouragement shouted from very far away.

Sharks, Seals and Other Locals in the Water

Some of the best surfers at any break never pay for a wetsuit. These lines are for the wildlife.

239. Dolphins catch every wave and never pay for lessons.
240. Seals in the lineup are locals who refuse to wear wetsuits.
241. A shadow under my board made me paddle faster than ever. It was kelp.
242. Sea turtles have surfed longer than anyone and still don't brag.
243. Pelicans glide along the wave face like they own the break, and they do.
244. Jellyfish season is when the whole beach learns a new dance.
245. The crab on the beach watched my surfing and walked away sideways.
246. Seagulls are the beach's security team, and they mostly guard sandwiches.
247. When a dolphin surfs past you, you realize you're the tourist.
248. The stingray shuffle is the only dance every beachgoer knows.
249. Kelp is the ocean grabbing your ankle for no reason.
250. Whales breaching outside the lineup make every wave feel like a sideshow.
251. Sea urchins are the reason reef booties exist.

252. Fish nibbling my toes count as a free pedicure, according to me.

Surf Trips, Vans and Board Bags at the Airport

Excess baggage fees, secret spots that aren't secret and the van that smells permanently of wax.

253. Airlines charge more for my board than for me, and honestly, fair.

254. A surf trip is a vacation that wakes up at five a.m.

255. The board bag is heavier than my suitcase, and more loved.

256. Van life: board on the roof, sand in the bed, wax in the cup holder.

257. Every surf trip has one perfect day and four days of it was better yesterday.

258. Surf trip itinerary: check surf, eat, check surf, nap, check surf.

259. I flew across the world and still managed to surf a closeout.

260. Surf hostels come with bunk beds, board racks and exactly one guitar.

261. Boat trips to remote reefs come with fresh waves and a bucket for seasickness.

262. Customs asked if I was carrying anything to declare, and I said only stoke.

263. A surf map is a treasure map where the X keeps moving with the swell.

264. We drove eight hours to a secret spot and found eight cars already there.

265. A surfer's passport is full of stamps and sand.

266. The best souvenir from a surf trip is a reef scar and a good story.

Bodyboards, SUPs and Wave Pools: Surfing's Cousins

Bodyboarders, stand-up paddlers, kitesurfers, foilers and the folks who book their waves online.

267. Bodyboarders ride waves lying down, which I've also done, accidentally.

268. Stand-up paddleboarding is surfing with a walking stick.

269. Wave pools serve perfect waves on schedule, like a buffet for surfers.

270. Skimboarders run, throw and hope, which is also my approach to email.

271. Bodysurfing is surfing for people who left their board at home, and their pride.

272. A wave pool is the only ocean with a booking system and a snack bar.

273. Kitesurfers let the wind do the paddling and still find something to complain about.

274. Foil boards make surfers look like they're levitating, and they love it.

275. SUP yoga is balance with a better view and a higher chance of swimming.

276. Windsurfers carry a sail, a board and a very strong opinion about wind direction.

277. River surfers ride a standing wave and never have to paddle out.

278. Wakesurfing is surfing with a motorboat for a best friend.

279. Bodyboard fins are flippers with a rebellious streak.

280. Wave pool surfers never check the forecast, just their reservation.

Cold-Water Surfing: Hoods, Booties and Brain Freeze

Empty lineups, numb toes and a hot water bottle waiting in the car.

281. Winter surfing is what happens when an ice cream headache meets the ocean.

282. Cold water keeps the crowds away and the toes numb.
283. Duck diving in winter is free cryotherapy.
284. My face is the only part of me exposed in winter, and it's furious.
285. A hot water bottle in the car is my winter surf secret.
286. Winter lineups are so empty you can hear the seals gossip.
287. Surfing in snow feels wrong until the first wave, then it feels legendary.
288. Neoprene gloves are thick, warm and terrible at untying a car key.
289. Pouring warm water into a wetsuit after a winter session is pure luxury.
290. I didn't lose feeling in my feet, I just stopped hearing from them.
291. Cold-water surfers are the ocean's toughest polar bears.
292. A winter session is one hour in the water and two hours defrosting in the car.
293. The van heater gets more love than anyone on a winter morning.

Saltier Than Usual: Surfing Puns Dirty in a Strictly Wink-Wink Way

If you came looking for dirty surfing puns, this is the cheekiest the page gets. Every line runs on a double meaning about wetsuits, boards and long rides, with nothing explicit.

294. I like my waves long, my board waxed and my sessions uninterrupted.
295. Peeling off a wetsuit is the only striptease every beach has seen.
296. He said he'd show me his quiver, and it turned out to be boards.
297. We shared a party wave, and it got a little intimate.
298. Nothing says romance like zipping each other into wetsuits.
299. Surfers do it standing up, sitting down and lying on their stomachs, all while paddling.
300. She asked about my stance, I said goofy, and that ended the conversation.
301. Getting tubed is a full-body experience, ask any surfer.
302. Wax on, clothes off, wetsuit on: it's a process.
303. Every surfer loves a long ride and a soft landing.
304. The lifeguard asked if I needed help, and I said only with my zipper.
305. Sand gets everywhere, and I do mean everywhere.
306. He complimented my tan lines, and I said it's a spring suit situation.
307. We met in the lineup, and things moved quickly once the set came through.

Surfing Pick Up Lines for the Sunset Paddle Back In

Cheesy, sweet and best delivered on the walk back up the beach with your board under one arm.

308. Are you a set wave? Because I've been waiting for you all morning.
309. You must be an offshore wind, because everything's smoother with you around.
310. You can drop in on me any day.
311. Are you a leash? Because I already feel attached.
312. Is your name Swell? Because my heart rises when you show up.
313. You're the glassy morning to my choppy afternoon.

314. I'm not a great surfer, but I'd paddle across the ocean for you.
315. Can I share your wave, and maybe your sunscreen?
316. Are you a barrel? Because I can't stop thinking about getting closer.
317. Are you high tide? Because you lift everything up.
318. You had me at let's check the surf.
319. I must be pearling, because I fell for you nose first.
320. You're the wax to my board: without you I'd slip.
321. Surf date? You bring the board, I'll bring snacks and bandages.
322. Are you the forecast? Because I check on you every five minutes.

Surf Jokes for Kids Building Sandcastles Between Waves

Short, silly and easy to read aloud on the beach blanket or in the back seat on the drive home.

323. Why did the wave go to school? To get a little more current.
324. What do you call a surfing dinosaur? A Tyranno-surfus Rex.
325. Why wouldn't the crab share its surfboard? It was a little shellfish.
326. What does the ocean say to the beach? Nothing, it just waves.
327. Why don't fish learn to surf? They'd rather stay in school.
328. What's a surfer's favorite lunch? Sand-wiches.
329. Why did the sand blush? Because the sea weed.
330. Why are surfers so calm? They always go with the flow.
331. What do you call a dog that surfs? A Labra-dude.
332. What's a shark's favorite meal after surfing? Surf and turf.
333. Why did the seagull take surf lessons? It wanted to catch a wave instead of a fry.
334. My little sister calls her boogie board a pancake that floats.
335. What do you call an octopus that surfs? Well-armed.
336. Why did the jellyfish skip surf lessons? It didn't have the backbone to stand up.
337. What's a surfer's favorite day of the week? Sun-day, every time.

Ask the Ocean: Surf Riddles With a Splash of Groan

Question first, punchline second. The pause in between does most of the work.

338. What's a surfer's favorite kind of music? Anything with a good wave-form.
339. Why do surfers never get lonely? They're always in the lineup.
340. What do you call a surfer's bank account after a surf trip? Flat.
341. Why did the surfer refuse to leave the bar? It was a sandbar with great waves.
342. Why did the wave break up with the shore? It needed space to swell.
343. What's a surfer's favorite letter? C, as long as it's glassy.
344. What did one surfboard say to the other? Long time, no sea.
345. Why did the surfer bring a pencil? To draw lines on the wave.
346. What did the surfer say after losing his board? I'm at a loss for boards.

347. What's a surfer's favorite workout? Paddle-ates.
348. Why do surfers love geometry? Every wave face is full of angles.
349. What do you call a nervous surfboard maker? A shaker, not a shaper.
350. Why are surfers bad at keeping secrets? They always spill the secret spot.
351. Why do surfers make terrible comedians? Their timing is always one wave late.

Knock-Knock, Who's Paddling?

Twelve doorstep jokes made from surf words. Knock twice, wait for the set, then deliver the punchline.

352. Knock knock. Who's there? Wave. Wave who? Wave been waiting out here forever, open up.
353. Knock knock. Who's there? Board. Board who? Board out here, let me in.
354. Knock knock. Who's there? Shore. Shore who? Shore hope you've got snacks.
355. Knock knock. Who's there? Tide. Tide who? Tide of knocking, open the door.
356. Knock knock. Who's there? Fin. Fin who? Fin-ally, you answered.
357. Knock knock. Who's there? Wax. Wax who? Wax up, doc?
358. Knock knock. Who's there? Swell. Swell who? Swell, aren't you going to let me in?
359. Knock knock. Who's there? Surf. Surf who? Surf-prise, it's me!
360. Knock knock. Who's there? Leash. Leash who? Leash you could do is open the door.
361. Knock knock. Who's there? Kook. Kook who? Kook-ie jar's empty, just so you know.
362. Knock knock. Who's there? Barrel. Barrel who? Barrel-y made it, let me in.
363. Knock knock. Who's there? Set. Set who? Set the table, the surfers are home.

Dad Jokes From the Beach Towel

Delivered from a folding chair under an umbrella, by someone who still says tubular.

364. I'd tell you a surfing joke, but it might not land.
365. I used to teach surfing, but the job had too many ups and downs.
366. Dad's surf advice: if you can't stand up, lie down and call it bodyboarding.
367. I bought a used surfboard, and the seller said it had a lot of wave experience.
368. Dad brings a beach umbrella for shade and for dramatic entrances.
369. Dad calls the waves the big ones even when they're ankle high.
370. Dad says he surfed in the eighties. The board says it's from a 2019 garage sale.
371. Dad's surf stance is goofy, and so is everything else about him.
372. Dad still says tubular, and he still means it.
373. Dad's only beach trick is making sandwiches appear from the cooler.
374. I told Dad the waves were pumping, and he went to check the tire pressure.
375. Dad refuses to wear a wetsuit and says he's naturally insulated.

Surf Club, Surf Shop and Team Name Ideas

For a surf club, a contest team, a board shop, a boardriders' group chat or the van that does the dawn run.

376. Swell Mates

- 377. Board Members
- 378. The Wax Collective
- 379. Fin & Tonic
- 380. Gnarly Charlies
- 381. Set Lords
- 382. Kook Club
- 383. The Low Tide Society
- 384. Peel Good Inc.
- 385. Salt & Board
- 386. The Duck Divers
- 387. Shaka Shack
- 388. Dawn Patrol Club
- 389. Stoke Exchange
- 390. Pitted Bulls
- 391. Leash Expectations

Birthday Swell Wishes and Surf Gift Tags

For the surfer turning a year older, retiring to the beach, catching a first green wave or nursing a reef cut.

- 392. Happy birthday! May your year be full of sets and short lineups.
- 393. Another year older, another year of catching the good ones.
- 394. Wishing you offshore winds and a birthday that's pure glass.
- 395. Hope your birthday is swell from dawn patrol to sunset session.
- 396. Gift tag: fresh wax, so you keep a grip on the year ahead.
- 397. Gift tag: a new leash, so you never lose what matters.
- 398. Thanks for pushing me into my first wave.
- 399. Get well soon. The lineup isn't the same without you dropping in.
- 400. Happy anniversary to my favorite party-wave partner.
- 401. Congrats on your first green wave, the moment that makes everything worth it.
- 402. Happy retirement. Now every day is a dawn patrol.
- 403. Merry Christmas from the beach, where Santa wears boardshorts.
- 404. Happy Father's Day to the man who taught me to read the ocean.
- 405. Here's to a year with more rides than wipeouts.

Surfing Sayings From the Parking Lot, the Lineup and the Van

The kind of line you hear from an old local leaning on a van, then think about for the rest of the day.

- 406. The ocean always has the last word.
- 407. There's always another set.
- 408. Paddle out with hope, paddle in with stories.
- 409. You can't stop the waves, but you can wax for them.

- 410. Respect the locals, the reef and the rip.
- 411. Wet hair is the sign of a good morning.
- 412. Waves come in sets, and so do second chances.
- 413. Salt water fixes most things, except boards.
- 414. Patience is a wave you haven't caught yet.
- 415. Every wave is a one-time offer.
- 416. Fall, laugh, paddle back out.
- 417. The tide moves, so should you.
- 418. Read the ocean before you ride it.
- 419. Commit to the drop.
- 420. A flat day is the ocean taking a breath.
- 421. Everyone's a beginner to a big enough wave.

Surf Slogans for Boardshorts, Stickers and Contest Banners

Punchy and printable. Three to five words reads best on a sticker or a contest jersey.

- 422. Paddle hard, ride easy.
- 423. Wake, wax, wave.
- 424. Stoke over status.
- 425. Chase swells, not trends.
- 426. Salt first, coffee second.
- 427. Ride the sets, forget the rest.
- 428. More waves, fewer emails.
- 429. Stand up, stay stoked.
- 430. Live for the drop.
- 431. Dawn patrol or bust.
- 432. See you at the peak.
- 433. Glass days, good days.
- 434. Respect the reef.
- 435. Leave only footprints and wax.
- 436. Pop up, stand tall.

Ride the Wave, Go With the Flow: Everyday Idioms With a Surf Twist

English borrows heavily from the ocean. These lines send a few of those phrases back where they started.

- 437. Riding the wave of success sounds great until you pearl on it.
- 438. Going with the flow is great advice, unless the flow is a rip.
- 439. Making waves at work is fine. Making waves in the lineup gets you yelled at.
- 440. Testing the waters is easy when you're already sitting in them.
- 441. I'm in over my head, which at this break means a good day.
- 442. Catch you on the next wave is surfer for goodbye.

- 443. Don't rock the boat, I'm trying to paddle out.
- 444. Swimming against the tide is just paddling out on a big day.
- 445. The tide is turning, so check the chart before you celebrate.
- 446. Hang loose is advice, a hand gesture and a lifestyle.
- 447. Every drop counts, especially the late drop.
- 448. Smooth sailing? I'd rather have glassy surfing.
- 449. Ride it out is my answer to everything, including Monday.
- 450. Weather the storm, then surf the swell it leaves behind.

Post-Session Hunger, Fish Tacos and Beach-Shack Snacks

Paddling burns through breakfast fast. These lines are for the meal that comes after.

- 451. Post-surf hunger is a different species of hunger.
- 452. Fish tacos taste better with salt still in your hair.
- 453. An acai bowl is a smoothie that went to surf school.
- 454. Surfers measure their appetite in sets.
- 455. The burrito after dawn patrol is the real reward.
- 456. A cooler full of snacks is the surfer's treasure chest.
- 457. Coconut water is the official drink of pretending to be a local.
- 458. The beach shack sells burgers, wax and free life advice.
- 459. Banana bread in the van counts as a balanced diet.
- 460. I paddled out on empty and came back ready to eat the menu.
- 461. Every beach sandwich comes with a free side of sand.
- 462. Coffee before, burrito after, ocean in between.
- 463. Poke bowls are the only fish I catch all day.

Frequently asked questions

What are some catchy surfing phrases?

Catchy surfing phrases are short, rhythmic and borrowed from the lineup, such as "Paddle hard, ride easy," "Wake, wax, wave," "Commit to the drop" and "There's always another set." Everyday surf slang works too: dawn patrol, hang loose, glassy and stoked. Our Surfing Sayings and Surf Slogans sections have thirty-one original options between them.

What is a good slogan for surfing?

A good surfing slogan is three to five words with one strong image, like "Stoke over status," "Chase swells, not trends," "Live for the drop" or "Leave only footprints and wax." Short lines read well on stickers, boardshorts, contest banners and surf shop signs. Our Surf Slogans section has fifteen originals ready to print.

What are some funny quotes about surfing?

A line widely credited to surf pioneer Phil Edwards says the best surfer out there is the one having the most fun. Mindfulness author Jon Kabat-Zinn wrote that you can't stop the waves, but you can learn to surf. For funnier takes, try "I'm not unemployed, I'm between swells" or "The surf report said head high. It didn't say whose head."

What are some common surfing idioms?

Common idioms with a surfing or ocean origin include ride the wave, go with the flow, make waves, test the waters, catch a wave, hang loose, wipe out and in over your head. Surf the web came straight from surfing too. Our Everyday Idioms With a Surf Twist section turns fourteen of these phrases back into surf jokes.

What are good surfing captions for Instagram?

Good surfing captions for Instagram are short and honest about what happened, such as "Filter: saltwater. Edit: none," "Pink board, blue water, zero plans" or "Photo dump from the water: sky, sky, foam, me falling, sky." Match the tone to the photo. Our Instagram section covers reels and photo dumps, and our captions section covers quick post-session shots.

What does kook mean in surfing?

A kook is surf slang for an inexperienced or clueless surfer, usually someone who ignores lineup etiquette, drops in on others or paddles out at a break beyond their skill. It's often used affectionately among friends. Our Kooks, Groms and Every Character in Surf Slang section has jokes about the kook and the rest of the cast at a typical break.

Are the dirty surfing puns okay to share?

Yes. The Saltier Than Usual section uses double meanings about wetsuits, quivers, long rides and sand getting everywhere, with no explicit language. It works for an adult group chat or a surf trip, and the rest of the page, including the kids' jokes, is completely family friendly.

How many surfing puns are on this page?

This page has 463 original surfing puns in 32 groups. They cover one-liners, short puns, captions, Instagram lines, lineup etiquette, surf slang, wipeouts, boards, gear, wetsuits, forecasts, tides, barrels, big waves, surf school, wildlife, surf trips, bodyboarding and SUP, cold water, cheeky lines, pick-up lines, kids' jokes, riddles, knock-knocks, dad jokes, team names, cards, sayings, slogans, idioms and food.