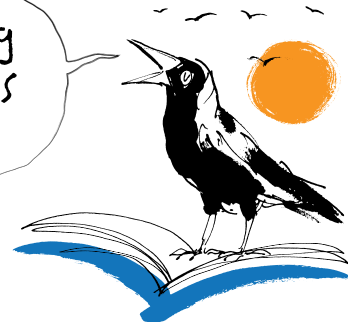


THE WORD SPY QUIZ

- For lunchtime today, I had a nice hot *peat mie*.
Hmm, that's a spoonerism. What is it in ordinary English?
- We can't start the game until you roll the *rats and mice*.
Roll the what? It's rhyming slang – can you work it out?
- Hey, did you see that animal with the big horn on its head just go hopping by?
Was that a *rhinaroo*? What two animals could that be a mixture of?
(Try drawing one, while you're at it.)
- Would you like to swap *a nut* for a can of *tuna*?
Or if not, can you work out what is special about the words that are in italics?
- Mix up all the letters of the words *the eyes* and try to make two new words that tells you what eyes do. (This is called an anagram.)
- Can you translate this Pig Latin sentence into English?
lg-pay Atin-lay an-cay rive-day ou-yay razy-cay ometimes-say!
(Hint: in Pig Latin, you take the first letter from a word, put it at the end of the word, and add "ay".)
- Some angry mice offended Annabel.*
This is a secret code for a country in the South Pacific. Can you work it out?
- This is a song you know, but someone has not heard the words quite the right way (something known as a mondegreen.)
*"Andy sang as he washed and waited till his billy boiled,
Who'll come with what's in my toolbox with me?"*
What should the words really be?
- Find the silent letters in this sentence -
Two naughty little lambs sailed a yacht to the island one night.
- Circumlocution is when you use A LOT of words to say something simple.
Here's a nursery rhyme that's been turned into a circumlocution.
Can you work out what it is?
Baa Baa, ovine animal of the hue that is the most extremely dark on the spectrum, I wonder if you might possibly be in possession of a supply of the long oily hairs that grow all over you that people are in the habit of shearing off and knitting into jumpers?

ANSWERS
1. Meat pie. 2. The dice. 3. Rhinoceros and kangaroo – a portmanteau word.
4. It's a palindrome, which means it reads the same backwards and forwards.
5. They see. 6. Pig Latin can drive you crazy sometimes! 7. SAMOA – spelled out from the first letter of each word in the sentence – this is called a backronym, a kind of acronym.
8. "And he sang and he watched and waited till his billy boiled, Who'll come a waiting maldada with me." 9. I found 13 - Two naughty little lambs sailed a yacht to the island one night.
10. Baa, baa, black sheep, have you any wool?

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