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# HELLO FROM HENRY



**Tee hee! Just when your parents and annoying brothers and sisters thought they'd heard all of your mega-watt killer jokes, my all time best joke book is here to save the day.**

**These fantastically funny jokes will guarantee non-stop laughs. Why should you have to listen to boring story CDs in the car when everyone can listen to YOU instead? Purple Hand Gang - Henry's ultimate, deluxe, super-whopper mega joke book has arrived.**

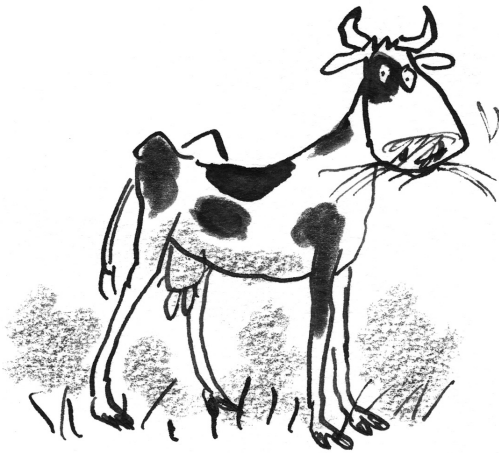
**Keep laughing!**

**Henry**



# HORRID HENRY'S TOP TEN BONKERS BEASTS

*What do you get if you sit under a cow?*  
A pat on the head.



*Why don't leopards cheat in exams?*  
Because they know they'll be spotted.

*How does an elephant get down from a tree?*  
He sits on a leaf and waits for it to fall.



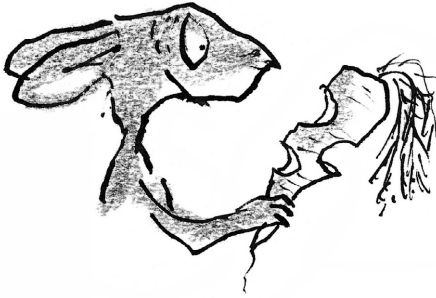
*What's worse than an elephant with  
a sore trunk?*  
A centipede with sore feet.

*When is it bad luck to be followed  
by a black cat?*  
When you're a mouse.

*Why do giraffes have long necks?*  
Because their feet smell.

*What's orange and sounds like a parrot?*

A carrot.

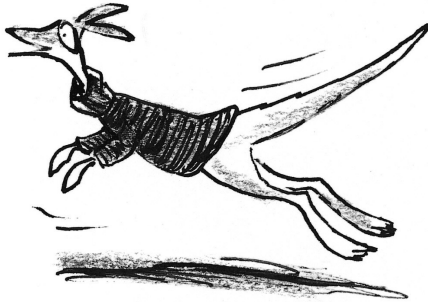


*When's the best time to buy a bird?*

When it's going "cheep cheep".

*What do you get when you cross  
a sheep with a kangaroo?*

A woolly jumper.



*Waiter, waiter, do you serve fish?*

Sit down, sir, we serve anyone.

# DAFT DOCTORS



*Doctor, Doctor, I swallowed a dictionary.  
Don't breathe a word to anyone.*

*Doctor, Doctor, I can't feel my legs!  
That's because I've cut off your arms.*

*Doctor, Doctor, I think I'm a little overweight.  
Nonsense, pull up three chairs and we'll  
talk about it.*

*Doctor, Doctor, how can I stop feeling  
run-down?*

Try looking both ways before you cross  
the road.



*What do you call someone who sits in a  
doctor's waiting room for hours and hours?*

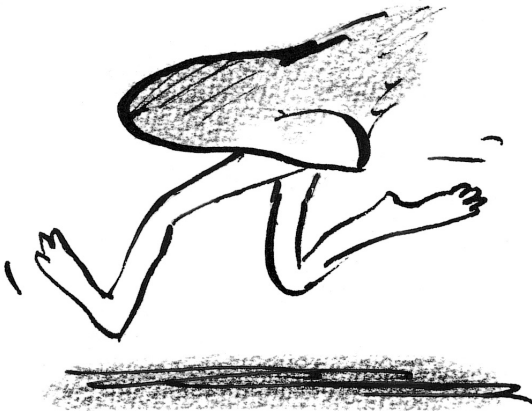
Patient.



*Where do ships go when they are ill?*  
To the docks.

*Doctor, Doctor, I swallowed a bone.*  
Are you choking?  
*No, I really did.*

*Doctor, Doctor, how do I stop my nose from running?*  
Stick your foot out and trip it up.



*Doctor, Doctor, I feel like a pack of cards.*  
I'll deal with you later.

*Doctor, Doctor, my sister thinks she's a lift.  
Well, tell her to come and see me.  
She can't – she doesn't stop at this floor.*

*Doctor, Doctor, I snore so loudly  
I keep myself awake.  
Sleep in another room then.*

*Doctor, Doctor, when I press with my  
finger here, it hurts – and when I press  
here, it hurts – and here and here.  
What's wrong with me?  
You've got a broken finger!*