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HELP! THE HYPHENS ARE ON THE LOOSE!

Hyphens can be used to split long words when you get to the end of a line. But watch out! Split a word in the wrong place, and you never know what might happen!

Read each two-line sentence on the page, in which the last word on the top line has been divided with a hyphen. What should the sentence say (without the hyphen), and what does it **SEEM** to say?

You'll need your largest dictionaries to work out these puns – have fun!

Will was amazed by the selection of clothing in the **men-
swear** section of the Department Store.

Dan Sinkween, the music and dance teacher, believed that **disco-
very** often leads to effective learning.

The furious demonstrators put on a **flag-
rant** display with their banners.

Rob Inkusins gave up figure-skating and became a security **off-
icer** at the rink instead.

The old skateboarding park had **ramp-
ant** damage as well as being eaten by woodworm.

In Batman's opinion, the Joker's worst crime was the **mans-
laughter** on April Fool's Day.

May Denly said she would prefer a **wee-
knight** when the extremely tall Sir Loin asked her to the afternoon jousting.

If you're looking for stupidity, you'll find it **now-
here** in this school!

"The Meating Place" is a **no-
table** restaurant with a long-standing reputation.

KookRite Products is notorious for its unreliable **break-
fast** appliances such as toasters and coffee makers.

Olive Althelitezon said the **use-
less** laws on energy reduction annoyed her.

You could tell by his **hand-
shake** that Serge Unn would be no good at playing 'Operation'!