

FOR FUN

Know any good jokes?

If athletes get athlete's foot, what would an astronaut get?
 Brian Koenig, Portland, OR

Why can't you insult a potato?
 Because it has a thick skin
 Jami Darnell, Vancouver, WA

What walks on four in the morning?
 Stella Palmer, Portland, OR

Why did the man put his car in the oven?
 Because he wanted a hot pot
 Jason Burgard, Vancouver, WA

What did Benjamin Franklin say when he discovered electricity?
 Jenell Zimmerly, Vancouver, WA

Why was the carrot afraid of the lemon?
 Eric Newlean, Vancouver, WA

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Word Power

By Lianne Forney

Lots of magicians say the word **abracadabra** to make things appear or disappear. The word has always been magical, but originally it was a word that people wore rather than a word they spoke.

The letters that make up **abracadabra** were arranged in an upside-down pyramid and worn around the neck as a good luck charm. People thought the charm protected them from trouble or illness. **Abracadabra** was written so that one less letter appeared in each line of the pyramid, until finally only **a** was left to form the bottom point of the triangle. People believed that as the letters disappeared, so did the trouble or the illness.

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