

INTRODUCTION

The word I have chosen to research is “Humor” because I think that I will be able to find a lot of good information on it. Before deciding to research this word, I wanted to do the word “life”, but when I was searching the etymology of the word “life”, I found a website with etymologies of other words too. One word I thought had an interesting etymology was the word “humor”. So I decided to do my word on the word “humor” instead of “life”.

When I was looking for songs and poems with the word “humor” in them, I started to realize that maybe humor wasn’t the best word to research, because I kept finding songs and poems under the genre of humor instead of with the word “humor” actually in the text. The same thing happened to me when I was looking for a passage from Shakespeare with the word in it. I kept finding Shakespeare’s comedic plays that had to do with humor, but I didn’t find any with the word “humor” actually in the passage. In the end though, I managed to find five songs and three poems with the word humor in them, but I wasn’t able to find a passage from Shakespeare with the word in it. So with the advice of Ms. Bates, I used the word “fancy” instead which means the same thing as humor.

To find a city or town with my word in its title, I tried searching Google maps, but I didn’t find anything so Ms. Bates said that I could use Looneyville because it is related to the word humor.

Another difficulty I had was finding a destination spot with my word in it. When I didn’t find anything on Google Maps, I tried searching on Google Earth. I didn’t find a destination spot with the word “humor” in its title, but I managed to find a place in Finland called “Funny Gull”.

Also, finding a piece of artwork with the word humor was hard. So I decided to put ‘comic art’ in my anthology instead because it is a form of art and it is funny as well.

I thought that it was easy finding the other stuff like a quote from a famous individual and a movie quote because it didn’t take me that long.

In conclusion, I have learned that you can learn so much from just one word.

HISTORY

I am including this article in my anthology because it explains the origin of the word and how it came to be part of the English language. It also explains what the word means and how it was used in medieval times.

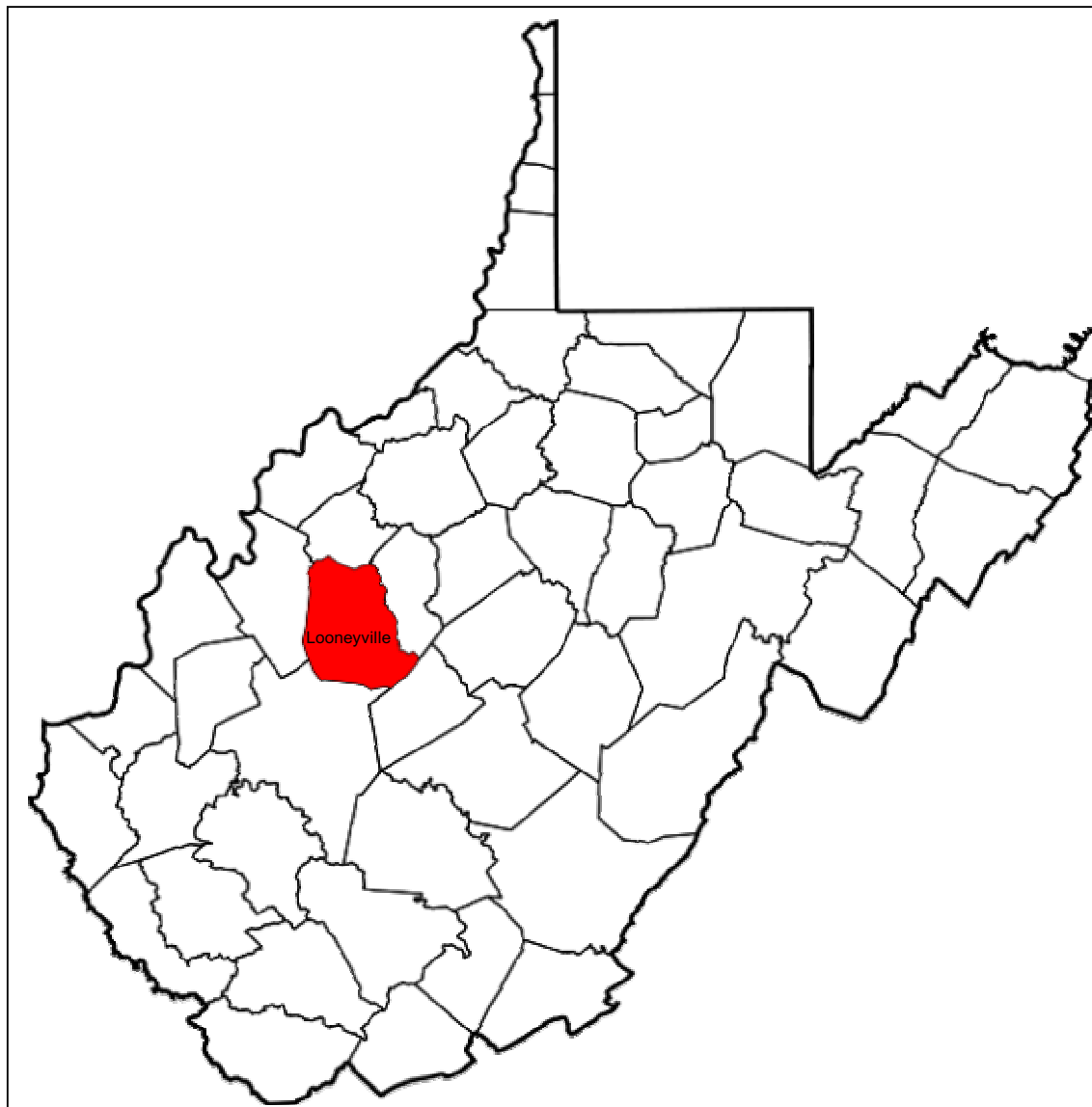
The English word *humor* also known as *humid* derives from the Latin word *Humidus* which simply means 'liquid'. In medieval psychology, it was believed that the body was made up of four liquids (*humors*); blood, phlegm, yellow bile, black bile. These humors were used to determine a person's attitude or character.

CITY/TOWN

I chose this city because its title, Looneyville, is related to the word humor.

“**Looneyville** is an unincorporated community on Flat Creek of the Pocatalico River in Roane County, West Virginia, United States. It is on West Virginia Route 36. The community is named for Robert Looney, a settler on the site in 1844. The post office was established in 1870.” –*Wikipedia: The Free Encyclopedia*

**Map of Looneyville in
Roanne County,
West Virginia,
USA**



SONGS

I am including these five songs in my anthology because these songs all have the word “humor” in them and they all show how the word is used in the English language.

1. Sense Of Humor lyrics by Darren Hayes

You will like my sense of **humor**
You will be addicted to my smile
Laughing all the while
And I will end each conversation
I will leave the room with upper hand
And you will understand
You will find my scent attractive
You will like my real, engaging eyes
And playful, childlike smile
You will find my style appealing
I will overpower you with wits
And I will be a hit
If only you'd run to me
If only you'd come to me
If only you'd relax upon your rules

2. Waiting For The Good Humor Man lyrics

by Hugh Blumenfeld

I am waiting for the Good Humor Man
to come driving his white truck down my street again
and the neighborhood kids doing skids on their bicycles
over and over again
We were all out of school, just trying to be cool
catch a ride to the Y and go pee in the pool
waiting for the good **humor** man,
waiting for the good **humor** man.
I am waiting for the good humor man
with his rock and roll haircut and his lazy girlfriend
selling rockets on a stick and clicking out his change
as if nothing could change
And at night on the tube

3. **Humor Me lyrics** by Dean Friedman

Humor me
Humor me
Don't take what I say too seriously
It's not that I am insincere
I really do mean everything I say
It's just that every time you're near
I get carried away
Humor me
Humor me
And in time I get a little silly
Please to try not to be dismayed
You know it's really not my fault
Just take everything I say with a grain of salt
You see underneath this cynical exterior
There's a child in me waitin' for the chance
To prove that all my logic is inferior
To romance
Humor me
Humor me
But the fight is with the truth

4. **A Sense of Humor** by David Allan Coe

Every night another woman
Every day a different town
If I'm not accused of speeding
I'm accused of coming down
With a legal dose of something
That you heard was going 'round
And you wondered why I lost my sense of **humor**
Every song another record
Every day just like a clock
Knowing well I've had to take it
Till I make it to the top
With the devil right behind me
And my heart about to stop
Then you wondered why I lost my sense of **humor**
Twenty years I was in prison
More than that I was alone
Some lily-white reporter
Thinks it's time that I was stoned
Without sin, he wrote the story
And it chilled me to the bone
Then he was dead and had lost any sense of **humor**

5. Surrendering by Alanis Morissette

you were full and fully capable
you were self sufficient and needless
your house was fully decorated in that sense
you were taken with me to a point
a case of careful what you wish for
but what you knew was enough to begin
and so you called and courted fiercely
so you reached out, entirely fearless
and yet you knew of reservation and how it serves
and I salute you for your courage
and I applaud your perseverance
and I embrace you for your faith in the face of adversarial
forces
that I represent
so you were in but not entirely
you were up for this but not totally
you knew how arms length-ing can maintain doubt
and so you fell and you're intact

so you dove in and you're still breathing
so you jumped and you're still flying if not shocked
and I support you in your trusting
and I commend you for your wisdom
and I'm amazed by your surrender in the face of threatening
forces
that I represent
you found creative ways to distance
you hid away from much through **humor**
your choice of armor was your intellect
and so you felt and you're still here
and so you died and you're still standing
and so you softened and you're still safely in command
self protection was in times of true danger
your best defense to mistrust and be wary
surrendering a feat of unequalled measure
and I'm thrilled to let you in
overjoyed to be let in in kind

because they all have the word humor in
a unique definition of the word humor.

1. Humor

Translated by George Reavey
Yevgeny Yevtushenko

Tsars, Kings, Emperors,
sovereigns of all the earth,
have commanded many a parade,
but they could not command **humor**.
When Aesop, the tramp, came visiting
the palaces of eminent personages
ensconced in sleek comfort all day,
they struck him as paupers.
In houses, where hypocrites have
left the smear of their puny feet,
there Hodja-Nasr-ed-Din, with his jests,

2. Laughter

by Sophia Borger

What would I do without laughter?
A sad place indeed, it would be.
The funnies..the sillies..whatever it takes
for the sound of laughter.
Never laughing at someone else..
Only sharing together the **humor** of the moment..
Makes a lighter load to carry
Of the burdens we face..
If there is also a little laughter.

3. A Journey

by Sidney W. Johnston

A journey to god is a journey within the self.
Not because we think, we are god's,
But because there we find his mercury,
His love and his **humor**.
Yes **humor** that he would a group like us,
Not just that he would make a group like us.
But he would find favor and purpose in all,
The never-ending pilgrimage,
Into the mind and soul of self.
To find the wonders he has done,
That is our journey,
To the greator, to the one.

FAMOUS INDIVIDUAL QUOTE

I chose this quote because it was said by a famous individual and it gives me another person's understanding of the word humor

*"Through **humor**, you can soften some of the worst blows that life delivers. And once you find laughter, no matter how painful your situation might be, you can survive it."* - Bill Cosby

SHAKESPEARE PASSAGE

I am including this passage in my anthology because it uses the word "fancy" which means the same thing as humor. Also, this passage shows how the word is used in Shakespearean.

Hamlet

Let me see.

Takes the skull

*Alas, poor Yorick! I knew him, Horatio: a fellow of infinite jest, of most excellent **fancy**: he hath borne me on his back a thousand times; and now, how abhorred in my imagination it is! my gorge rims at it. Here hung those lips that I have kissed I know not how oft. Where be your gibes now? your gambols? your songs? your flashes of merriment, that were wont to set the table on a roar? Not one now, to mock your own grinning? quite chap-fallen? Now get you to my lady's chamber, and tell her, let her paint an inch thick, to this favour she must come; make her laugh at that. Prithee, Horatio, tell me one thing.*

HUMOR IN ART

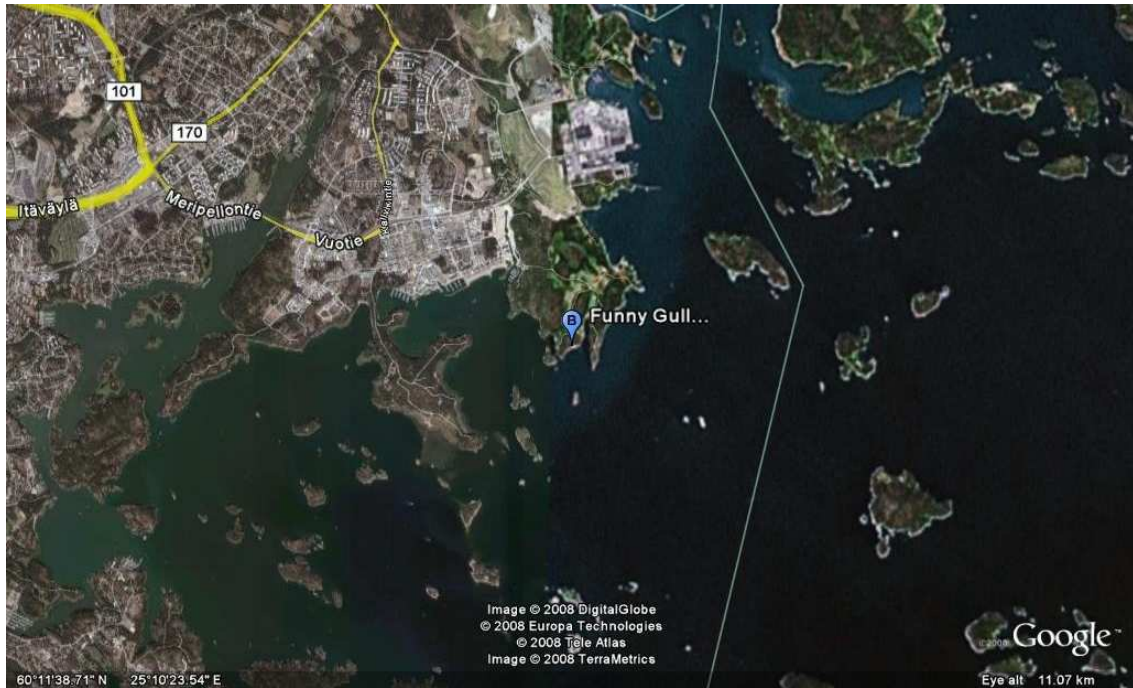
I chose to include comic art as a form of artwork because it is a good example of how “humor” can be used in art.



DESTINATION SPOT

I have chosen to include this destination in Finland called Funny Gull because its name is similar to the word “humor”.

Funny Gull is a peninsula situated on the Gulf of Finland in between Europe and Africa.



MOVIE QUOTE

I chose to include this movie quote in my anthology because it gives me another understanding of the word “humor”.

“You guys have an unusual sense of humor. I missed the joke completely. Maybe it's the climate. What do you think?” –Movie: Bugsy 1991

WRITE A PIECE OF WRITING THAT HAS THE WORD IN IT

I chose to include my own piece of writing in this anthology because it gives my understanding of the word "humor". I have chosen to write my piece in the form of a poem.

Haiku by Jessica Parshotam

*Humor Makes You Laugh
It Brings A Smile To Your Face
And It Is Funny*

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