

## Laugh and Learn

Many jokes use words with **two** different meanings.  
Before enjoying the joke you will need to know this vocabulary.



*Vet* is an abbreviation of veterinarian.  
A vet is an animal doctor.



*Lab* is an abbreviation of Labrador dog.

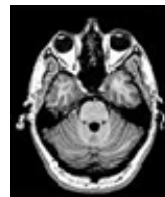
*Lab* is also an abbreviation of laboratory.  
A laboratory is a place where testing and research is done.



cat



A *CAT* scan is an acronym for Computed Axial Tomography, a tool for medical imaging.



CAT scanner.

Image from a CAT scan.



To *scan* is also to look at. It can be a quick look:  
This man is scanning through the newspaper, looking for an article.

Or it can be a detailed observation:  
The sailor is scanning the horizon for land.



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## Vet Joke

A man runs into the vet's office carrying his dog.  
'Please help me!' he says.  
The vet looks at the dog. The body is limp.  
'I'm sorry,' he tells the man. 'Your dog is dead.'  
The man is very upset. He wants a second opinion.



The vet goes into the back room and comes out with a cat.  
He puts the cat down next to the dog's body.



The cat sniffs the body from head to tail then looks at the vet and meows.

The vet says to the man, 'I'm sorry, but the cat thinks that your dog is dead, too.'

The man is still upset. He does not want his dog to be dead.  
'Can't you do anything?' he asks.

So, the vet brings in a black Labrador.

The lab sniffs the body from head to tail then looks at the vet and barks.

The vet says to the man, 'I'm sorry, but the lab thinks your dog is dead too.'



The man is sad, but he knows his dog is really dead.

'How much do I owe?'

The vet says '\$650.'

'\$650 to tell me my dog is dead?' yells the man.

'Well,' says the vet, 'It is only \$50 for my diagnosis. The other \$600 is for the cat scan and the lab test.'

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## Vet Joke

1. Match the words with their meanings.

acronym

to look at

abbreviation

a breed of dog

veterinarian

word made from initials

laboratory

find out what is wrong

to scan

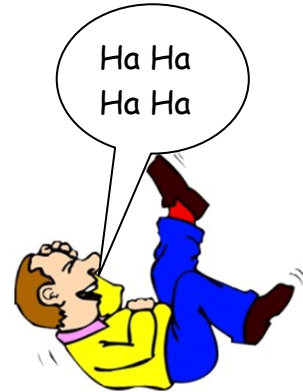
short form of a word

Labrador

place for testing

diagnosis

animal doctor



2. Fill in the missing words.

a. CAT is an \_\_\_\_\_ for Computed Axial Tomography.

b. Vet is an \_\_\_\_\_ for Veterinarian.

c. Lab is an abbreviation for two different words.  
What are they?

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3. Did you enjoy the joke? \_\_\_\_\_

Why is it funny? \_\_\_\_\_

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