

Fools Worksheet

1. **Look at these excerpts from the April Fool's Quiz and find:**

- three words which have a similar meaning to *joke*.
- three verbs which mean people *believe a lie*. (Two of these verbs are in the passive form.)
- four verbs which have a similar meaning to *tell a lie*, or *make people believe a lie*. (All these verbs are in the active form.)

In 1957 many people were fooled when a British TV programme showed spaghetti being picked from trees in Italy.

A website hoax in 2005 made some people fall for a story that water had been found on Mars.

Many listeners believed a 1964 radio report that The Tower of London was planning to have an extra tower built. It was a trick that made a number of listeners quite angry.

Many viewers were taken in by the footage showing a celebrity walking with the penguins and following their flight to the Amazon.

A Dutch TV station caught out some gullible viewers in 2003 with a story about an alien spaceship landing in Amsterdam.

A 1985 Australian radio broadcast claimed that a number of koala bears, wallabies and kangaroos were having a picnic together with some of the general public in a Sydney park.

In 1965 a British company made up a story saying smells could be transmitted through the television. It was obviously a successful prank because in 2007 an online version of the story was repeated.

In the 1950s a Dutch broadcaster played a trick on the public indicating that the Leaning Tower of Pisa had fallen over.

2. **Collocations. Which of the following is the odd one out?**

<i>Example</i>	<i>write</i>	<i>a story/a poem/a <u>trick</u></i>
a	tell	a lie/a story/a trick
b	fallen/fooled/taken in	by
c	fall for/believe in/play	a lie
d	make	over a lie/up a story/a fool of
e	play/make up/fool	a trick
f	tell/make up/catch out	a story
g	fall for/ tell/be fooled by	a hoax

Fools Worksheet Answer Key

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- a hoax, prank, trick
- b were fooled by, fall for, taken in by
- c caught out, claimed that, made up, played (a trick)

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- a tell a lie/a story/a trick
- b fallen/fooled/taken in by
- c fall for/believe in/play a lie
- d make over a lie/up a story/a fool of
- e play/make up/fool a trick
- f tell/make up/catch out a story
- g fall for/ tell/be fooled by a hoax