

THE WORD SPY QUIZ

1. For lunchtime today, I had a nice hot *peat mie*. Hmm, that's a *spoonerism*. What is it in ordinary English?
2. We can't start the game until you roll the *rats and mice*. Roll the what? It's *rhyming slang* – can you work it out?
3. Hey, did you see that animal with the big horn on its head just go hopping by? Was that a *rhinaroo*? What two animals could that be a mixture of?
4. Do you want a *nut tuna*? Or if not, can you work out what is special about the words that are in italics?
5. Mix up all the letters of the words *the eyes* and try to make two new words that tells you what eyes do. (This is called an *anagram*.)
6. Can you translate this Pig Latin sentence into English? *Ig-pay Atin-lay an-cay rive-day ou-yayrazy-cay ometimes-say!* (Hint: in Pig Latin, you take the first letter from a word, put it at the end of the word, and add "ay".)
7. *Some angry mice overheard Annabel.*

This is a secret code for an island country in the South Pacific. Can you work it out? (Hint: look at the first letters of each word.)

8. Here is a song you know, but someone has not heard the words quite the right way (something known as a *mondegreen*.) Can you guess what it is?

*"Andy sang as he washed and waited till his billy boiled,
Who'll come with what's in my toolbox with me?"*
9. Find the silent letters in this sentence - *Two naughty little lambs sailed a yacht to the island one night.*
10. *Circumlocution* is when you use A LOT of words to say something simple. Here's a nursery rhyme that's been turned into a circumlocution. Can you work out what it is?

Baa Baa, ovine animal of the hue that is the most extremely dark on the spectrum, I wonder if you might possibly be in possession of a supply of the long oily hairs that grow all over you that people are in the habit of shearing off and knitting into jumpers?