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Zoë Foster Blake enjoys writing her biography because she can write things like, 'The literary world was shocked when Foster Blake was controversially awarded the Pulitzer Prize for the third time', despite the fact that this is patently untrue. Things that are true include a decade of journalism, being founder of Australian skincare line Go-To, and being the author of four novels, three dating and relationship books, one beauty tips and tricks book, and an ABIA-winning picture book about a charismatic fart. Zoë lives in Springfield with her husband, Homer, and her three children, Maggie, Lisa and Bart.

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# HOW TO WRITE AN EXCELLENT JOKE



By Zoë Foster Blake,  
who never has

- 1 Watch something hilarious to warm you up, like your brother trying to sing, or your mum juggling watermelons as she rides a unicycle on a tightrope. Man, she's amazing. I still can't believe she can do that.
- 2 Get out your funniest pen.
- 3 And funniest paper. Do NOT use boring paper. It will ruin your joke and my day.
- 4 Make sure you have adequate snacks: apples (decent), popcorn (better), leftover birthday cake (outstanding).
- 5 Now think of something REALLY funny, absolutely hilarious, a real zinger, and then tip your head on its side, so the idea falls out of your ear and onto the page.

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- 6 Quickly fence in the funny idea with words and full stops and commas and a terrific punchline so it can't escape! Ideas, especially funny ones, are very fast and wear extremely expensive sneakers. They will escape the second they can. You must be fast!
- 7 Have a snack; you must be exhausted.
- 8 Read your joke. (Is it a knock-knock joke? I hope so. They're great.) (Except if you own a doorbell, then they can be a bit confusing.)
- 9 If the joke is good, bravo! You're done. Grab your cup and hit the lemonade fountain. (You do still have a lemonade fountain, yeah?)
- 10 If the joke is terrible, quickly google 'funny jokes' and nick one of those.