



CALENDAR PAGE

COMIC MONOLOGUE OR DIALOGUE

Have calendar pictures of animals available. The pictures can have one or more animals. Choosing a picture is highly motivating so make sure you have quite a few *more* calendar pictures than students.

Take a minute to explain that humor is often created by writing something the reader *isn't* expecting to read. Humor is often simple, clever conversation that surprises the reader and so makes the reader laugh. Encourage your students to write what the reader *isn't* expecting the animals to say.

Now on how to write a monologue:

1. On a scratch piece of paper, write one line sentences to represent thoughts that the animal may be having.
2. Choose the best one and write it on a piece of white paper.
3. Cut out the sentence in speech bubble form.
4. Paste the speech bubble onto the calendar page so that the point of the bubble is near the mouth but not covering the animal.
5. Place the comic in a plastic sheet protector.
6. Have students share their work for good laughs!

Now on how to write a dialogue:

1. On a scratch piece of paper write out what each animal might be saying. Brainstorm 1-3 scenarios.
2. Choose the best one. Write each sentence on a small piece of white paper.
3. Cut out the sentence in speech bubble form.
4. Paste the speech bubbles onto the calendar page so that the reader will read left to write. Make sure the point of the bubble is near the animal's mouth but not covering the animal.
5. Place the comic into a plastic sheet protector.
6. Have students share their work for good laughs!

If you'd rather give the students speech bubbles to fill in, you can print the ones on the following page:

