Joke relay

A game with no losers. Every player holds one punchline and one setup, so everyone has to listen for their own line to come up.

How to play

1. **Cut out the 16 cards** on the next two pages and hand one to each player, in any order. With fewer than 16 players, some players hold two cards. With more, two players can share a card.
2. **The leader starts** by reading the first line aloud (in the box below).
3. **Listen for your punchline.** The player whose "I have" line answers the setup says "I have…" and reads it, then reads the "Who has" line on the same card.
4. **Keep passing.** The chain runs through all 16 cards and ends back at the leader's first line. Applause for everyone.

LEADER READS FIRST

"Who has: How many photographers does it take to change a lightbulb?"

LEADER'S KEY: THE ORDER THE CARDS PLAY

Card 9 → Card 11 → Card 13 → Card 3 → Card 12 → Card 1 → Card 5 → Card 14 → Card 8 → Card 15 → Card 10 → Card 4 → Card 6 → Card 7 → Card 2 → Card 16 → back to the leader

Variations

Team race

Print two copies, make two teams, and time each chain. The faster team wins, but a wrong "I have" costs ten seconds.

Seated or standing

It works in a circle of chairs, around a table, or standing in a line. Players can read cards aloud for someone who would rather not.

Make your own deck

Pick any jokes and number them 1 to N. On card k, write joke k's punchline under "I have" and joke k+1's setup under "Who has." On the last card, use joke 1's setup so the chain closes. The online relay dealer does this for you, for 4 to 24 players.

CARD 1 OF 16

I HAVE

Exact change.

WHO HAS

Why did the glue stick get an A?

CARD 2 OF 16

I HAVE

None. The old one is already on the floor, and nobody saw anything.

WHO HAS

What do you call a snowman in July?

CARD 3 OF 16

I HAVE

None. They'll plant it and wait until spring.

WHO HAS

Why is it called a sleepover when nobody sleeps?

CARD 4 OF 16

I HAVE

Play the song everyone swears they hate.

WHO HAS

What's the difference between a good meeting and a great one?

CARD 5 OF 16

I HAVE

It stuck with it.

WHO HAS

Why did the clock join the choir?

CARD 6 OF 16

I HAVE

A good one has an agenda. A great one has leftover cookies.

WHO HAS

What's the only machine that knows when you're in a hurry?

CARD 7 OF 16

I HAVE

The printer. It jams exactly then.

WHO HAS

How many cats does it take to change a lightbulb?

CARD 8 OF 16

I HAVE

It carried everybody.

WHO HAS

What's the quietest sound in the world?

CARD 9 OF 16

I HAVE

None. They're waiting for golden hour.

WHO HAS

Why is confetti the worst houseguest?

CARD 10 OF 16

I HAVE

Four. One to change it, and three to tie the ladder in a knot so secure that it has to be cut off after dinner.

WHO HAS

How do you fill a dance floor?

CARD 11 OF 16

I HAVE

You'll still find it in June.

WHO HAS

How many charades players does it take to change a lightbulb?

CARD 12 OF 16

I HAVE

Because by 3 a.m., somebody is over it.

WHO HAS

What is a vending machine's love language?

CARD 13 OF 16

I HAVE

None. The only one who knows how is miming it, and everyone else is shouting "Swimming!"

WHO HAS

How many gardeners does it take to change a lightbulb?

CARD 14 OF 16

I HAVE

It already knew how to keep time.

WHO HAS

Why did the backpack win Teammate of the Year?

CARD 15 OF 16

I HAVE

A room full of people waiting for someone else to go first.

WHO HAS

How many scouts does it take to change a lightbulb?

CARD 16 OF 16

I HAVE

A puddle with a carrot.

WHO HAS

How many photographers does it take to change a lightbulb?

Large-print read-aloud sheet

Jokes about gardens, kitchens and pets. Read the question, let the room guess, then read the answer.

JOKE 1

Why is the sunflower such good company?

It always looks on the bright side.

JOKE 2

Why was the kettle the life of the party?

It was always ready to blow off a little steam.

JOKE 3

Why did the tomato win the blue ribbon?

It was well-rounded.

JOKE 4

What's a cat's idea of a perfect morning?

A stretch, a yawn, and a long look at the empty food bowl.

JOKE 5

What's a dog's idea of a perfect afternoon?

Three walks, two naps, and one very suspicious squirrel.

JOKE 6

Why was the mail carrier such a good storyteller?

She always delivered.

JOKE 7

Why are a cup and a saucer such a good team?

One holds everything together, and the other catches what spills.

JOKE 8

How many knitters does it take to change a lightbulb?

None. The bulb has been wearing a little sweater since Tuesday.