

URSULA's Writing Ideas



Quick, put your hands over your ears!
I can hear Many Ants Yelling!
Shhh, quiet, please, ants.

That's better. Mm, that's a strange sentence, all right.
Have a look at the first letter of each word, and put them together:
M – A – Y. That's it!

This is a word game called a BACKRONYM. Now you probably know quite a lot of ACRONYMS. That's when you take a phrase and use the first letter of each word to make it shorter. So **BTW** is an acronym for **By The Way** and **IDK** for **I Don't Know**. Why not make a list of all the acronyms you can think of?

A backronym is like the opposite of an acronym – you start with the shorter word and make it into a longer sentence.

Here's a backronym Magpie has done. Can you work out the original word?

Mysterious **A**lligators **G**leefully **P**ut **I**ce **E**verywhere!

And what about this one?

Unusually **R**otten **S**eaweed **U**nderstands **L**onely **A**lpaca.

Now it's your turn to make a backronym. You could start by making a different one for **MAGPIE**. Write the letters down, one on each line, and then make a word starting with each letter. I bet you've got lots of ideas!

Until next time,



**Big Yellow Egg
Big Yaks Eating!**



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