

The funniest joke I've ever told (to a three-year-old)

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I've tested this joke on several children ages three and four, and it never fails.

| There were two kittens walking down the street, and one of them fell on its butt!

I developed this joke for one of my honorary nieces. She had just started to learn about joke-telling and asked me to tell her a joke. One of the keys to joke-telling is to know your audience: A three-year-old won't have the attention span for a longer joke, and subtlety and observational humor won't work either. It's got to be short and direct. She thought kittens were cute, and falling on one's butt was funny, so I figured, hey, let me combine the two.

When I told this joke, she fell on the floor in uncontrollable laughter. I had a winner.

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