

## FUN with WORDS

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Three names jumped out at me, because they really knew how to put words together. Shakespeare, whose plays are still being produced and performed over a hundred years since they were first written. For a real fun play “A Comedy of Errors” is probably the most hilarious piece of writing I have come across in my ninety-six years. Edgar Allen Poe, who astounded me when he created a word to describe the sound of a chorus of ringing bells in his poem “Bells”: “tintintabulation.” Finally there is the master of putting words together to keep one smiling and chuckling, Ogden Nash. “Behold the duck It doesn't cluck A cluck it lacks. It quacks When it sups It's bottom ups.” This is just a sample.

Then on the internet on Feb. 24, 2013 I came across the following:

“I have been in many places, but I've never been in Cahoots . . . Apparently, you can't go alone – you have to be in Cahoots with someone.

I've never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there. I have, however, been in Sane . They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my friends family and work.

Would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not much on physical activity anymore.

Have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in Flexible but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

One of my favorite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!

I may have been in Continent, but I don't remember what country I was in. It's an age thing.” This title prompted me to add my own in the same vein.

I have been in Cluded, by friends and family at festive gatherings. I have been in Determined, when I felt I wasn't sure of myself.

I have been in Charge, and was told the place made me bossy.

I been in Separable, my wife and I went there together many times. I have been in Active, when I got caught being lazy.

I have been in Despair, when I lost a friend.

I have been in Grown, when my toe nails needed trimming.

I have been in Dentured, by huge balances on my credit cards.

I am stuck in Conclusion, because I think I have reached the five hundred word limit.

