

cheer-up wanted My **date** for Saturday night called **to cancel** because I am not her type. Dear God, we're **out of** sherry. **Insult... made injury**. — Well, here's something that will **cheer you up**. Ronee's boss gave her his cabin for the weekend, so we're **heading** up there tonight. — Oh. Well, **being** home alone for the weekend **might be just the thing** for someone in my **state of mind**.

boy oh boy I **have not seen** the boy for a month since he **set off** on his school **exchange trip** to Japan. His emails **have been extremely dull**, asking for news about Liverpool FC and Celtic (**it beats me** why he can't **look up** the facts **on the** internet) and **complaining about** the school food.

dinner from hell **Despite** all the bad **stuff** that **had** happened, I thought dessert would more than **make up for** it. I **had** Patti **turn down** the lights as I carried the dessert into the dining room. "You must eat a lot of these," Craig said. **That did it**. I put the dessert down on the table and **marched** to our bedroom, where the guests' coats **were being kept**. My plan was to grab Craig's jacket, return to the dining room, throw it over his head, and order him to leave. But when I opened the bedroom door, I found my kitty, Arthur, on the floor. I **rushed over to** him and noticed that something was **sticking** from his mouth. Arthur **had choked to death** on my Beanie Baby. Well, after that, the dinner party just **fell apart**.