

One morning I shot an elephant in my pajamas. How he got into my pajamas I don't know. Can you explain how he got there?



The line you shared is a famous joke from Groucho Marx, playing on the ambiguity of language. It's a classic example of a "garden path" sentence, where the structure leads the listener or reader to interpret the meaning one way, only to reveal a completely different and humorous interpretation.

Here's the breakdown:

- The first part of the sentence, "One morning I shot an elephant in my pajamas," makes it sound like the speaker is wearing the pajamas.
- But the punchline, "How he got into my pajamas I don't know," suddenly shifts the meaning, suggesting that it was actually the elephant that was in the pajamas—not the speaker.

This switch is where the humor lies. As for how the elephant got into the pajamas? That's the absurd, playful twist! In reality, of course, the elephant wouldn't fit in pajamas—it's just a comedic setup for the joke!



I have a book onto of which there is a pen. When I move the book from the table to the chair, what all moves?



When you move the book from the table to the chair, both the book and the pen will move together, assuming the pen stays on top of the book and doesn't fall off during the movement. Here's what happens:

1. **The Book Moves:** Since you're directly moving the book, its position will change from the table to the chair.
2. **The Pen Moves:** Because the pen is resting on top of the book, it will move along with the book, assuming no external force causes it to slide or fall off.

In summary, both the book and the pen will move from the table to the chair, as long as the pen stays on top of the book during the movement.

What if I tape the pen to the book, will it move too?



Yes, if you tape the pen to the book, the pen will move along with the book when you move it. The tape would effectively secure the pen to the book, ensuring that both objects move together as a single unit without the risk of the pen falling off.

In this case, both the book and the pen (now taped to it) would move together from the table to the chair.

What if the pen is attached to a rope which is screwed to the table top?



If the pen is attached to a rope that is screwed to the table top, the situation changes. Here's what would likely happen:

1. **The Book Moves:** When you move the book, it will still move to the chair, as long as the rope doesn't affect the book's movement.
2. **The Pen Might Not Move (Much):** Since the pen is attached to the rope, and the rope is screwed to the table, the pen will be restricted in how much it can move. The tension in the rope will likely prevent the pen from moving along with the book, or it may move only a little until the rope becomes taut, stopping the pen from moving further.

So, in this scenario, the book would move, but the pen would stay behind or be restricted by the rope attached to the table.

I am going to move a book with an anvil on top of it from the table to the chair. What all will move?



In this case, when you attempt to move the book with an anvil on top of it, what happens depends on several factors:

1. **The Anvil's Weight:** Anvils are typically very heavy, much heavier than a book. The significant weight of the anvil will likely prevent you from easily moving the book, as the book might not be able to support or move under the weight of the anvil.
2. **What Could Move:**
 - If you manage to lift or move the book while the anvil is on top, both the book and the anvil would theoretically move together. However, this would be extremely difficult because of the anvil's weight.
 - More likely, the book would either tear, slide out from under the anvil, or stay put while you try to move it, as the weight of the anvil would pin it down.
3. **Possible Outcomes:**
 - **If you try to slide the book:** The book may crumple or stay stationary while the anvil remains on top.
 - **If you try to lift the book:** You'll probably only lift the book partway before the anvil stays in place (unless you're strong enough to lift both together!).

In practical terms, it's safe to say that the anvil would likely stay where it is, and the book may not move unless you separately move the anvil first.