Ambiguity is a term used to express a word or a sentence that has more than one perception in meaning. Ambiguity can be found in words or sentences. In a word it is called lexical ambiguity and in a sentence it is called structural ambiguity. Ambiguity is also used in jokes to create a misinterpretation of meaning and then derive laughter from it. These kinds of jokes usually use words that have more than one meaning or the similarity in how the words are pronounced. This thesis’ goals are to find out what make the jokes funny and whether these kinds of jokes are difficult to be digested by the respondents. In order to achieve the aim of this thesis, the jokes which contain ambiguous words are selected and separated into two variables, homonymy and homophone. An analysis is also conducted based on the questionnaires given to the respondents to find out whether the jokes are really difficult to be understood or not. After finishing the analysis, the writer finds out that most of the jokes based on ambiguous words are difficult to be understood by the respondents. This proved that ambiguous-based jokes are really difficult to be digested.

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