

Lesson: S113

Tell Me a Joke



Aim: joke telling/humour discussion

A. Talk with your teacher

- What kind of things make you laugh?
- Are you good at telling jokes? Why/why not?

B. Read and rate these jokes using the following scale:

- 1) Not funny or I didn't get it
- 2) Slightly humorous - it tickled me
- 3) Funny
- 4) Hilarious

Joke 1 A man walks into a doctor's office. He has a sausage up his nose, a piece of cake in his left ear and a banana in his right ear. "What's the matter with me?" he asks the doctor. The doctor says, "It's obvious. You're not eating properly."

Joke 2 A man walks into a doctor's office. He says "Doctor, everyone seems to be ignoring me". The doctor replies, "Next, please."

Joke 3 A man told his doctor that he wasn't able to do all the jobs in the house that he used to do. When the examination was finished, he said, "Now, Doctor, I can take it. Tell me simply what is wrong with me."

"Well, quite simply," the doctor replied, "you're just lazy."

"Okay," said the man. "Now give me the medical term so I can tell my wife."

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Joke 4 1st Eskimo: Where did your mother come from?

2nd Eskimo: Alaska

1st Eskimo: Don't bother, I'll ask her myself!

Joke 5 On a hot summer's day, a priest walking down a country lane sees a young farmer struggling to load hay back onto a cart after it had fallen off.

"You look hot, my son," said the Priest. "Why don't you rest a moment, and I'll give you a hand."

"No thanks," said the young man. "My father wouldn't like it."

"Don't be silly," the priest said.

"You must be allowed to stop work. Come and have a drink of water."

Again the young man protested that his father would be upset. Getting angry, the priest said, "Your father is very hard on you. Tell me where he is and I'll tell him to treat you better!"

"Well," replied the young farmer, "he's under the load of hay."

C. Your turn

Can you translate a joke from your language into English?

D. Talk with your teacher:

- What or who are the typical victims of jokes in your country? For example; mother-in-laws, certain regions of your country, the government, your neighbouring country?
- Some jokes can be cruel rude or offensive. Should it be acceptable to laugh at anything? Are some subjects too sensitive or offensive?

E. Homework:

Find another inoffensive 'clean' story type joke or jokes in your own language and prepare to tell it in the next lesson in English.