

VI11 HUMOR AND SERIOUSNESS



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BEGINNER

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| humorous | A. funny, amusing |
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| witty | A. 1) funny in an intelligent way 2) full of fast, humorous responses |
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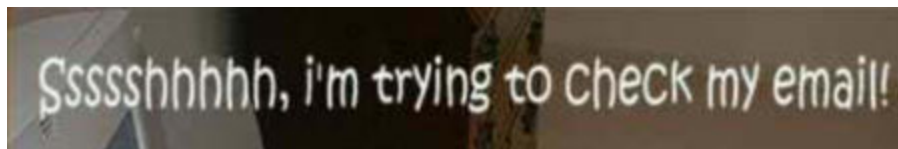
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Mean business-----to be serious about a situation

Activity 1 Pronunciation of words and phrases

Activity 2 Make sentences using the picture story

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INTERMEDIATE

A. = Adjective ADV. = Adverb IDM. = Idiom N. = Noun V. = Verb

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|---------------------|---|
| to crack up | V. to laugh uncontrollably, to laugh a lot |
| dry | A. not obvious, subtle (sense of humor) |
| to giggle | V. to laugh a little without opening your mouth very much |
| humorous | A. funny, amusing |
| an impression | N. the act of speaking or singing like a famous person |
| to kid | V. to make jokes, to joke with someone; to not be serious about something |
| a stand-up comedian | N. a person who entertains by telling humorous stories and jokes; a professional comedian who performs live |
| ... | A. funny in a slightly stupid way; funny in a way which is not |

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Robin: Did you meet Jake, the guy who's studying philosophy and Latin?

Michele: Yeah, he was hilarious! He had a great sense of humor.

Robin: I thought his jokes were really _____ Some of them were totally sick! I don't like that kind of humor. What about Karen? Didn't you think she was really funny? I was _____ the whole time she was telling that story about her trip to London.

Michele: I thought the story was slightly _____, but she's no _____. Half of the time, I couldn't tell if she was _____ or being serious.

Robin: She just has a _____ very sense of humor, that's all. I thought she was quite _____ - - her jokes were so intelligent.

Michele: Did you see that guy who was doing the Elvis ? Wasn't that _____ ?

Robin: Oh! I was so embarrassed just watching him. Talk about an idiot! A few people were _____, but I think that was just _____ because he was making such a fool out of himself.

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ADVANCED

Tickle someone's funny bone-to make someone laugh, to amuse someone

Crack up-----to laugh loudly
Doubled up-----tie up in knots, to laugh so hard that someone almost feels pain
For laughs-----for the purpose of having fun
Keep a straight face----showing no emotion when one is really laughing inside
No laughing matter----a matter to be taken seriously
Mean business-----to be serious about a situation
Hit home-----to make serious impression on someone.
the downturn in the economy has really hit home at our firm.

Activity 1 Picture Story
Activity 2 Let's Talk

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