

Laughing Your Way to Friendship

Most people are not consciously aware that laughter is contagious. To illustrate this fact, imagine sitting with a group of people. If one person starts to laugh, most of the other members of the group, including you, join in, even though probably no one has any idea why they are laughing. Nobody feels embarrassed about

5. laughing for no apparent reason.

Another interesting fact about laughter is its inconsistency. One day a joke or incident will make you laugh and the next day it doesn't seem to be funny. This is because we have to really be in the mood to laugh in order for us to see the funny side of something.

10. Humour is very personal. What is funny to one person is not amusing to another. Some people can laugh at themselves when others laugh at them, while others are extremely upset. Some people find jokes about specific ethnic groups to be very amusing, while others may find humour in jokes about the opposite sex, children, animals or any number of things.

15. More important than any of the above facts is the simple truth that laughter creates a good feeling within you and a laugh shared with other people gives a feeling of closeness and well-being. People can communicate much better with each other after they have shared a laugh or two. _____, medical studies have shown that laughter is important for good health. Research has shown that most happy

20. marriages are the result of the spouses making each other laugh. A shared laugh has a lot of power.

In conclusion, if you want to get closer to people, use your sense of humour to build bonds that will be a source of warmth, trust and good health.

Answer the following questions - Row A (40 points)

1. Circle the correct answer (2 points)

Laughter is described as "contagious" because (-)

- it is dangerous
- it is an illness.
- it spreads from one person to another
- it is good for you

2. The word in lines 2-9 that means "clear / obvious" is _____ (3 points)

3. a) Do people laugh at the same things? (Circle the correct answer.) Yes / No

b) Copy the sentence that justifies your answer. (6 points)

4. What can make some people very angry? (paragraph 3) (4 points)

5. Which 2 of the following are NOT mentioned as a type of joke? Circle the correct answers. (4 points)

- monkeys
- the Chinese
- youngsters
- the opposite sex
- television
- politicians

6. Circle the correct answer. (2 points)

The word "well-being" (line 17) means

- being wealthy
- a feeling of satisfaction
- a good person

7. In lines 19-20 the writer explains the connection between (4 points)

8. The word(s) missing from line 18 is/are: Circle the correct answer. (2 points)

- In conclusion
- As a result
- In addition
- However

9. What does the writer explain in the last paragraph (lines 22-23). (4 points)

10. Complete the following table: (9 points)

Cause	Effect
One person starts laughing	
We are not in the mood to laugh	
	Happy marriage

Grammar (20 points) Row A

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs: Present simple/progressive, past simple/progressive, future, present perfect simple/progressive.

1. I _____ (already/write) my paper for Dr. Ruth. I _____ (write) it two days ago.
2. _____ (you/speak) to her about our proposition when you _____ (see) her tomorrow?
3. _____ (you / talk) on the phone all morning? I _____ (ring) you several times unsuccessfully since I _____ (wake) up.
4. I _____ (write) to my parents at least ten times since I _____ (leave) home.
5. The last time I _____ (see) Tom, he _____ (wear) a yellow shirt.
6. I _____ (think) about Sam when he suddenly _____ (appear) at my door.
7. When I _____ (be) older, I _____ (buy) myself a nice little car.
8. "What _____ (be) green, _____ (have) seven legs and _____ (eat) very tall trees and people?"
9. _____ (you / understand) the use of all these tenses?" "Not yet, but I _____ (do) my best."

Row A (20 points)

Complete the sentences with words learnt from the story "The Best Teacher I Ever Had"

1. The _____ of the story "The Best Teacher" is David Owen and the _____ is a former student of Mr. Whitson's class.
2. The teacher was _____ by their behavior, she couldn't believe they would do such a thing.
3. There was no _____ of the thief. Nobody found anything at all.
4. Susan's family are having some kind of _____. It began when her father lost his job.
5. There was a very _____ man walking around the neighborhood last night.
6. My mother told me to take off my _____ clothes and put on something nicer.
7. My night _____ is quite poor which is why I don't like driving in the dark.
8. The dinosaurs were _____ to survive and that is why they are now extinct.
9. My mother is very _____, sometimes she doesn't believe me even when I am telling the truth.

Please answer the following question. Pay attention to grammar, spelling and punctuation. Please write about 100 words (20 points)

1. In your own words explain what Mr. Whitson did. Do you think he was a good teacher? What in your opinion makes a good teacher.