

# VI11 HUMOR AND SERIOUSNESS



## BEGINNER

humorous	A. funny, amusing
witty	A. 1) funny in an intelligent way 2) full of fast, humorous responses

Crack up-----to laugh loudly  
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

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
silly	A. funny in a slightly stupid way; funny in a way which is not really intelligent or sophisticated
twisted	A. 1) sick, disgusting, abnormal 2) using sick or disgusting things in a humorous way
witty	A. 1) funny in an intelligent way 2) full of fast, humorous responses

## Activity 1

**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**

Describe someone:  
Funny jokes and quotes that ticked your funny bones.  
A person who usually crack a joke.  
A family member who cracks up on a joke.  
A person who keep a straight face in a joke