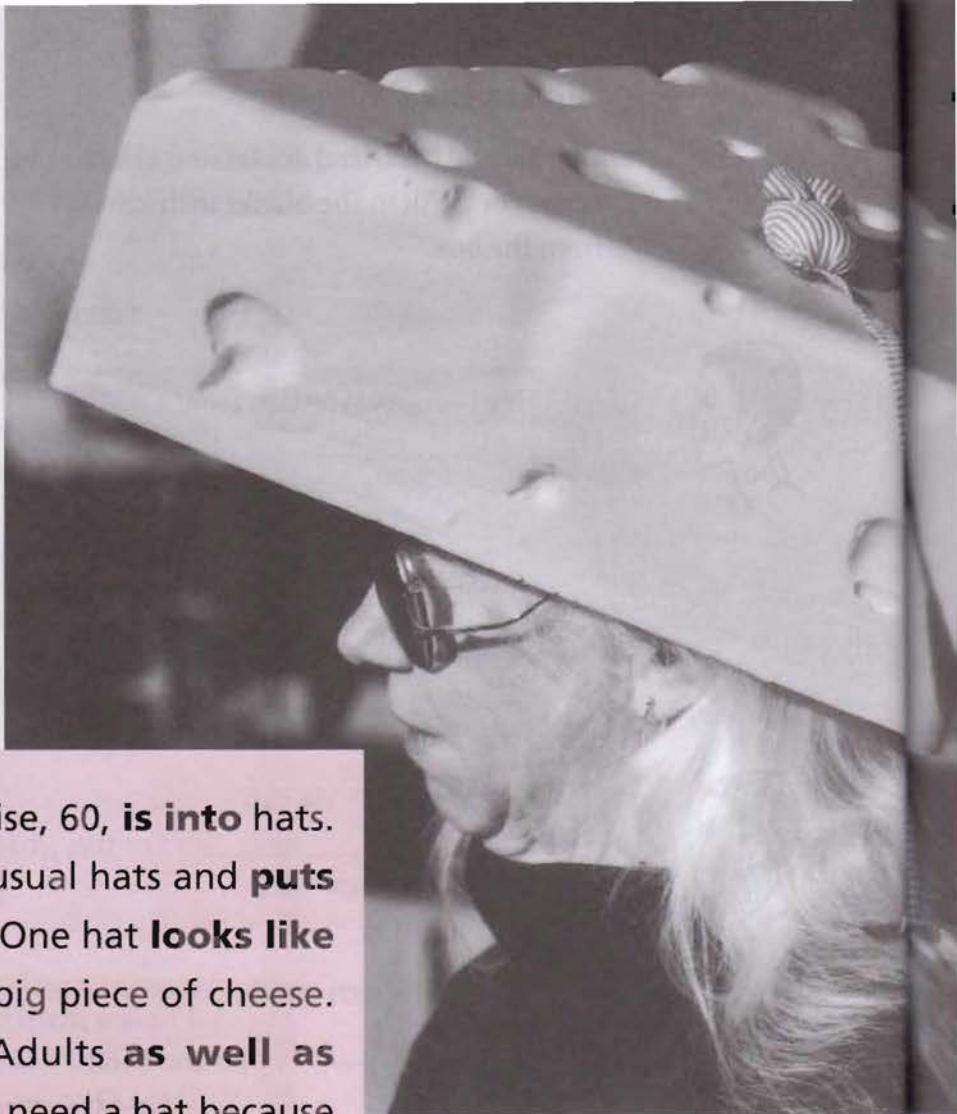


# 7 Hat Lady Wants to Cheer You Up



## 1. Quick Reading

Look at the pictures on page 31.

What is the story about?

Now read quickly to get the main idea.

**SANTA FE, NM, USA** <sup>1</sup>Norma Vise, 60, **is into** hats. She has a big collection of unusual hats and **puts on** a different one each day. <sup>2</sup>One hat **looks like** a carrot. Another looks like a big piece of cheese. Another looks like a pig. <sup>3</sup>Adults **as well as** children **laugh at** her hats. <sup>4</sup>"I need a hat because I'm very sensitive to light," says Vise. But she wears crazy hats, she says, "because it's fun. Life can be sad. I want to **cheer** people **up**." <sup>5</sup>Vise, a college Spanish teacher, also wears traditional hats from Mexico. She is called the "Hat Lady" around campus. <sup>6</sup>What is the most popular hat? "People **are crazy about** my hamburger hat," says Vise.



## New idioms and expressions

<b>cheer someone up*</b> .....	make a sad person happier
<b>be into something</b> .....	be very interested in something
<b>put something on*</b> .....	wear clothes
<b>look like someone or something</b> .....	be similar in appearance to someone or something
<b>as well as</b> .....	in addition to; and also
<b>laugh at someone or something*</b> .....	show joy at someone or something
<b>be crazy about someone or something</b> .....	like someone or something very much

\*phrasal verb (see Lexicon and Appendix D)



 **2. Listen**

Cover the story and look only at these pictures. Listen to the story two or three times.



**3. Read the Story**

Now read the story carefully. Pay special attention to the idioms so that you're ready for Exercise 4.

**4. Complete the Idiom**

Cover page 30. Look at each definition below and then complete the idiom.

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|--------------------------------|------------------|
| a. wear clothes                | = put _____      |
| b. like very much              | = be crazy _____ |
| c. and also                    | = as well _____  |
| d. be similar in appearance to | = look _____     |
| e. be interested in            | = be _____       |

**5. Tell the Story**

Cover the story and look at the pictures above. Tell the story using as many idioms as you can.

- First, work with the whole class to retell the story.
- Then tell the story to a partner or small group.

## 6. Answer the Questions

### About the story .....

- a. What is Norma Vise into?
- b. What does she put on everyday?
- c. What do some of the hats look like?
- d. Who laughs at her hats?
- e. Why does Vise wear unusual hats?
- f. Which hat are people crazy about?
- g. What do you think of Norma Vise?

### About you .....

- h. What are you into?
- i. Name three foods you are crazy about.
- j. Who (or what) cheers you up when you're sad?
- k. Who do you look like?

## 7. Write About Yourself

Complete the sentences, writing something true about yourself.

- a. When I was younger, I was into \_\_\_\_\_.  
Now I'm into \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. I like to put on \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. I'm crazy about \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. I laugh at \_\_\_\_\_.

## 8. Take a Dictation

Norma Vise \_\_\_\_\_ hats. She  
\_\_\_\_\_ a different unusual hat each  
day. One hat \_\_\_\_\_ a carrot. Another  
\_\_\_\_\_ a pig. Vise wears crazy hats  
because "it's fun. I want to \_\_\_\_\_ people  
\_\_\_\_\_." Adults \_\_\_\_\_  
children \_\_\_\_\_ her hats. What is her  
most popular one? "People \_\_\_\_\_ my  
hamburger hat," says Vise.



9. Complete the Story

a. Read the true story. Fill in the blanks with idioms from the box.

- aren't laughing at
- is into
- cheer...up
- as well as
- are crazy about

# Bubble Lady Wants to Cheer People Up

SANTA CRUZ, CA, USA Karen Turcotte, 35, (1) \_\_\_\_\_ bubbles. Eight hours a week,\* she blows soap bubbles at bus stops and at busy intersections. Drivers honk and wave at her. People (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Turcotte's bubbles, adults (3) \_\_\_\_\_ children. The Bubble Lady, as she is called, says that life is full of tragedy. "This is a way to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ people \_\_\_\_\_."

But police (5) \_\_\_\_\_ her bubbles. They've given Turcotte a traffic ticket. "The bubbles could cause an accident," says police officer Brad Goodwin.



\* a week: each week

b. Read or tell the story to a partner.