

1 Identify the characteristics of jokes. Then, compare your answers with your classmates's.

- () They are usually long stories full of details.
- () They can have many forms, but they are usually short.
- () They have a funny and sometimes surprising ending.
- () Their aim is to make people laugh.
- () They necessarily have to make you laugh from the beginning.
- () Some jokes use irony and puns.

2 Match the columns.

burst

out loud (LOL)

tell

a joke

laugh

out laughing

3 Complete the definition with words from the box.

audience comedy entertainer funny jokes laugh

Comedian: an _____ who performs in front of an _____ to make people _____. This person may tell _____ or amusing stories or act in a way that is _____. Actors who play _____ roles can also be called comedians.

4 Answer and discuss these questions in pairs.

a) Are you good at telling jokes? Why?

b) Do you know any comedians? Which one do you like best? Why? What kind of performance does he/she do?
