

16A What's so funny?

Activity 1

- A** A: What is happening in each picture?
B: In the first picture, the man is taking his foot out of a pan of yellow paint.
A: Which situation is the funniest?
B: I think the situation in the third picture is the funniest. What do you think?
A: Really? I don't think that's as funny as . . .
A: Which is the least funny?
B: The one of the cat is the least funny. It's just dumb!
A: I agree.

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- B** A: Do you know any of these actors? Who do you think is the funniest?
B: I think Jackie Chan is the funniest. He always does amazing stunts.
A: He's the only one I know. But I don't think he's very funny.
A: Who's the funniest comedian in this country?
B: We have a lot of comedians in Canada, but I think Mike Meyers is the funniest.
A: I think the funniest comedian in this country is . . .
A: What's the most popular comedy show in this country? What's it like?
B: One of the most popular comedy shows in Japan is *Mecha-Mecha Iketeru!* hosted by Takashi Okamura and Hiroyuki Yabe. The show is made up of comedy sketches and games.
A: I think the most popular comedy show in this country right now is . . .
A: What's the funniest movie you've ever seen?
B: *Kung Fu Hustle*, directed by Stephen Chow. The characters are hilarious.
A: I'd like to see it sometime. I think the funniest movie I've ever seen was . . .

Activity 2

- A** A: Let's write these words in the correct columns. "Chuckle" is a word for "laugh." And "comical" is a word for "funny." You're next.
B: "Giggle" is a word for "funny," I think. Do you agree?
A: Not really. I'm pretty sure it's a word for "laugh."

Activity 2

- B** A: Let's each describe a comedian we like. You first.
B: I think Jackie Chan is hysterical. His use of physical comedy is hilarious, and his slapstick routines are great.
A: Yeah, I always chuckle when I see his films. Now I'll describe . . .

16B That's hilarious!

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- B** A: Let's compare answers. I find this cartoon really funny.
B: Why do you find that one funny? I chose it as the least funny.
A: The least funny? That cartoon is hilarious. I love that kind of humor.

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- C** A: How often do you look at the comics in the newspaper? Do you have a favorite?
B: I always look at the comics. My favorite is *Peanuts*.
C: That's the comic with Snoopy, isn't it?
D: Yes. Snoopy and Charlie Brown and Lucy. That's one of my favorite comics, too.
- A: How often do you watch cartoons on TV?
B: I watch *The Simpsons* every week. It's one of my favorite shows.
C: I like watching *The Simpsons*, too. How about you?
D: No. I used to watch cartoons every Saturday morning when I was a child, but I never watch cartoons anymore.
- A: Do you and your family laugh at the same things? How about you and your friends?
B: I think my father and I have the same sense of humor.
C: No one in my family finds the same things funny. We're all very different.
D: My best friend and I share the same sense of humor. We're always laughing together.

Activity 2

- C** A: Which story was funnier? Why?
B: I think the first story was funnier because the punch line is surprising.
A: Really? I didn't think it was as funny as the second story.
- A: Have you heard any similar stories?
B: I know a similar story. A woman was having trouble closing the door of her van. So she asked a man walking along the street for help. The man shut the door and in return asked if the woman could give him a ride. Since he had been so helpful, she decided to give him a ride. A couple of blocks up the street, the man got out, thanked her, and then got into another car and drove away.
- A: What happened?
B: It wasn't until she saw the news that night that the woman discovered the man had just robbed a bank. Your turn.
A: I've never really heard any similar stories. Sorry!

Activity 3

- A** A: Which do you think is the funniest?
B: I think the third one is the funniest. How about you?
A: The third one is good, but I think the one about the confused baby ant is the funniest.