

22 Humour

"First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win."

— Mahatma Gandhi

Mixed up vocabulary

ceonmida - (n) a person who stands on a stage and tells jokes

soopf - (adj/n) a funny version of something serious

imirsoepn - (n) to do an i_____ is to pretend to be someone else

ggilge - (n/v) a little laugh

foilsoh - (adj) something that isn't sensible

laaulbhge - (adj) total nonsense, completely unrealistic, hard to take seriously

cyrza - (adj) not normal, very unusual, mentally unbalanced

Idioms and collocations

It was difficult *keeping a straight* _____ when she told me about her incontinent cat.

When he told me he'd bought a Ferrari, I didn't know whether *to laugh or to* _____.

The show was so funny, I was *in* _____ from the beginning to the end.

Young man, stealing a policeman's helmet is *no laughing* _____!

Don't worry, the boss doesn't really want to see you, I was *playing a* _____ on you.

prank cry matter stitches face

Grammar bit

A guy says to his friend, "guess how many coins I have in my pocket."

The friend says, "if I guess right, will you give me one of them?"

The first guy says, "if you guess right, I'll give you both of them!"

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What makes you laugh?	Can you think of a funny film you have seen?
Do you like to tell jokes?	Have you ever laughed at an inappropriate time?
Do you ever go to stand-up comedy shows?	Have you ever played a prank on anyone?
Have you ever read a book which made you laugh out loud?	Are there any English words which you find funny?
Who is the funniest person you know?	What's the funniest TV show?