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| SPEAKING LESSON PLAN |
| **Topic: The World’s Funniest Joke!** |

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| Instructor:  LIHUA | Level:  Upper-Intermediate | Students:  16 | Length:  45 minutes |

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| Materials:  -White board, Board marker  -Work sheet (16 copies) |

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| Objectives:  -Students will improve their speaking by retelling others funny jokes  -Students will learn vocabulary related to some jokes and listen to the other’s opinion and share their own ideas  -Students will be enable to learn some skills on how to tell jokes and let others laugh by listening to the teacher |

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| Language Skills:  -Speaking : Students will discuss with their group and retelling the jokes  -Writing : Students will write their own opinions on the worksheets  -Reading: Students will read worksheet about the world’s Funniest Joke  -Listening: Students will listen to teacher’s instruction and others students speaking |
| Language Systems:  -Phonology : Pronunciation of some words in their jokes  -Lexis : Main vocabulary and new vocabulary  -Function : Questing each other about the funny jokes  Grammar: General observation  -Discourse : Conversation and Discuss which jokes may let people laugh |

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| Assumptions:  -Most students are interested in the jokes  -Some students may already know some jokes |

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| 1. Anticipated problems and Solutions:   - Students may feel some of jokes are not funny at all   1. Make students understand whether jokes are funny depend on persons or countries   -Student may feel a little hard do the “Alien , Tiger, Cow ” activity   1. Demonstrate and explain the meaning more detail   -Students may need more time to make a interview   1. Give them more time and give them short time in post-activity |

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| 1. References:   <http://www.onestopenglish.com/>  <http://www.coolfunnyjokes.com/>  <http://iteslj.org/Lessons/> |

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| Pre-task | | |
| Materials: Board, Marker | | |
| Time | Set-up | Procedure |
| 2min  8min | Whole class  Group | Greeting  Ice breaker  Let each group stand up and make a circle. There three things that players can be ‘Alien, Tiger, or Cow’  On three everyone commits to one of the three character tailpipes, tiger, or cow. Keep repeating the cycle of 1-2-3 until everyone does the same creature.  Generally dissolves into complete chaos before there is any synchronicity.  Demonstrating  Teacher shows the activity with other two students  Do the activity  Close when students still enjoy it |

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| Task Preparation | | |
| Materials: Board, Marker, 16copies Worksheet | | |
| Time | Set-up | Procedure |
| 4min  8min | Whole class  In group | 1. First activity   From the ice breaker lead in today’s topic: World’s Funnies Jokes  Let students speak freely what happened that made you laugh? Or when you may laugh?  Elicit the situation (comedy, gag, humor, someone is clumsy , funny or someone tickles you , joke)  Hand out the worksheet and think. When they are ready, they should turn to the person next to them about the last time they laughed  Share their jokes in pairs  2. Second activity  Questionnaire  Now tell the class that they are going to do a speaking activity to find out when each other laugh  Divide the class into groups of three or four. Assign one person in each group the of “researcher”  Give the researcher the first hand out (What makes you laugh)  And then ask the researchers to report back on what they have discovered  Hand out the questionnaire and the jokes paper  Give them 5 minutes  Monitor discretely and answer students questions  Elicit some vocabulary in the jokes  Report the discovery |

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| Task Realization | | |
| Materials: Board, Board marker | | |
| Time | Set-up | Procedure |
| 2min  8min | Whole Class  In pairs | Tell students that British Association for the Advancement of Science conducted an investigation that lasted over a year to discover the world’s funniest joke.  Write them on the board  Ask students to try to make out what the jokes is in pairs  They should try to tell it to each other from the cues.  Give them 5 minutes to do it  Ready for their speaking  Monitor actively |

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| Post Task | | |
| Materials: 16 copies work sheet , Board, Marker | | |
| Time | Set-up | Procedure |
| 5min  8min | Whole class  In Group | Pass students 16 funny jokes (Each group has 4 or 5 different jokes)  Let them find the funniest one in theirs (If there is not any , they may search the internet)  Then tell it to the whole class  Let them know this is a race and they have 6minutes  Start the activity  Teacher monitors discretely  Students share their opinions  Begin the race  Conclude lesson: Checking today’s topic  Error correction : Do any correction |

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| SOS Activities | | |
| Materials: Worksheets, Board , Board marker | | |
| Time | Set-up | Procedure |
| 5min  6min | In pairs  In pairs | 1.Clint activity  Divide the class into pairs  Write the following names on small pieces of paper  Make a model: One student has CLINT. He must find EASTWOOD  Start the activity  Check some students  2. Information Gap  Nominate student A and B in each pair.  Give each student A an A worksheet and each B a B worksheet  Tell them ask questions to find the missing information on their worksheet. They must not show each other the worksheet while they are doing this  Monitor actively  Error Correction  3. Talking about movies  Distribute the conversation questions.  Each student takes it in turn to ask a question from the list to everybody else in the group, who has to answer.  Then it passes to another student who asks a question  Circulate and help where necessary  Closing  Do some group feedback to find out what they learnt about each other?  Error Correction |

**What makes you laugh?**

You are researcher doing an investigation about laughter. Interview two or three people and be prepared to make a summary of what you find out.

Here some questions to help you. Ask more questions to find out more. Be prepared to report back what you find out.

☺ How often do you laugh? (All the time/a lot/often/rarely/hardly ever)

☺ Do you laugh when you get embarrassed?

☺ Do you laugh when you don’t know what to say?

☺ Do you laugh when you don’t know it’s funny but someone wants you to laugh?

☺ Do you laugh when you feel nervous?

☺ Do you laugh if someone is clumsy?

☺ Do you laugh when other people are laughing?

☺ Do you laugh when someone tickles you?

☺ Do you laugh when someone is being silly?

☺ Do you laugh when someone makes fun of a third person?

☺ Do you laugh a lot when you are tired?

☺ Do you laugh at jokes? (Look at your worksheet: The world’ funniest jokes)

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THE WORLD’ FUNNIEST JOKES

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The operator in a calm, soothing voice replies: “Take it easy. I can help. First, let’s make sure he’s dead.”

There is a silence, and then a shot is heard.

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**Funny Joke**

☺ Wilfred had just learned his abc's and was very scared of doing them in front of the class. The teacher, though, told him that the best way to conquer his fears would be to just go ahead and do it. So, trembling, he stood in front of the class and began.

"ABCDEFGHIJLKMNOQRSTUVWXYZ."

"Very good, Wilfred. But you forgot the P. Where's the P?

"It's running down my leg."

☺ A little kid gets on a city bus, sits right behind the driver, and starts talking loudly, "If my dad was a bull and my mom a cow, I'd be a little bull."

The driver gets annoyed as the kids continue to yammer on. "If my dad was a rooster and my mom a hen, I would be a little chick."

The kid goes on and on with all the animals he knows, when finally, the bus driver yells, "What if your dad was a bum and your mom was a drunk?"

The kid smiles and says, "I'd be a bus driver.“

Bum: a lazy, incompetent or annoying person. / The buttocks

☺ A policeman was escorting a prisoner to jail when his cap below off. "Shall I run and get it for you Sir?" asked the prisoner obligingly. The policeman immediately retorted..."You think I am a damn fool. You stand here, and I will get it. “

☺A man was talking to his friend about his son-in-law..

"He can't drink and he can't play cards." "That's nice," commented his friend. "You are fortunate to have a son-in-law like that." "No," said the man and continued.. "He can't afford to drink, and he drinks...He can't afford to play cards, but he plays."

☺ a housewife answered her doorbell to find a man collecting money for a poor woman in the block. He said the old woman owed him money for local and groceries and was about to be evicted because she owed four month's rent. "Sir," the housewife said, "It's nice of you to take it on yourself to get money for the poor woman. Who are you?“ The man replied... "I'm the landlord," replied the man.

☺ "My boyfriend is an electrician." "Oh, is he your current boyfriend?"

"No, he's alternating between me and the girl next door."

☺On her death bed, she said to her husband, "I know you will marry again someday, and that's alright. She will live in this house, and sleep in our bed and use my dishes, and that's alright. But I want you to promise me one thing...I don't want your next wife to wear my clothes."

The husband responded.. "Alright, I promise. Your clothes wouldn't fit her anyway."

☺"Now," soothed the psychiatrist, "tell me about this dream you had."

"Well," said his female patient, "I dreamed I was walking down the street with nothing on but a hat." "And were you embarrassed?"

She replied.. "Yes, I was. It was last year's hat."

☺Jack: "Why were you running down the street yesterday?"

Sam: "I was trying to prevent a fight between two fellows."

Jack: "Who were they?"

Sam: "David and me."

☺A college student was boasting that he had been to all hospitals in the town. Suddenly, one of the boys said. "I don't believe that." "Why not?" "Have you been to Maternity Hospital?"

The boy answered..."Of course, I was born there."

☺ At three in the morning, a man was walking hurriedly towards the station to catch the train, when he noticed flames coming from a garment factory. He rushed into the factory and found the owner filling a bucket from a large tank and pouring the contents into the furious flames. The bucket was too small and the passer-by told the owner that it was better to call the fire department as what he was doing would not help.

The owner replied emphatically, "Of course it helps."

And he continued. "It is petrol."

☺ On seeing the progress card presented to him the father shouted at the son... "Are you not ashamed to get such low marks in all the subjects?"

The boy replied..."Daddy, see the card properly. This is not mine. It is yours, which I picked from the old trunk."

☺ "You used to hold my hand when we were courting," she said as they were lying side by side in bed. He reached over, took her hand and held it.

"Then you used to kiss me," she purred. He turned over, gave her a soft kiss, and then turned over again, trying to sleep. "After that, you used to bite my neck." With this the husband got up. "Where are you going?" she asked.

"To get my teeth," he grumbled.

☺ "To please my wife, I have given up smoking, drinking and gambling," a fellow told his friend. "That must make her very happy," said the friend.

"No, it has not," said the man and continued...

"Now every time she begins to talk to me, she can't think of anything to say. So she feels miserable."

☺ He: "Please, darling, whisper those little words that will make me walk in the air." She gave him a fitting reply...

She: "Go hang yourself."

☺An English professor wrote the words: “A woman without her man is nothing ” on the board and asked his students to punctuate it correctly. All of the males in class wrote“

“A man, without her man, is nothing.”

All the females in the class wrote:

“A woman: without her, man is nothing.”

**SOS Activity**

Worksheet A

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| Movie | Directed by... | Starred... | Won the Oscar in... |
| Gladiator |  | Russel Crowe |  |
| The English Patient | Anthony Minghella |  | 1996 |
| The Science of the Lambs |  | Anthony Hopkins and Jodie Foster | 1991 |
|  | Richard Attenborough | Ben Kingsley |  |
| Rocky |  | Sylvester Stallone | 1976 |
| The Godfather | Francis Ford Coppola |  |  |
| Lawrence of Arabia | David Lean | Peter O’Toole |  |

Worksheet B

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| Movie | Directed by... | Starred... | Won the Oscar in... |
|  | Ridley Scott |  | 2000 |
| The English Patient |  | Ralph Feinnes |  |
| The Silence of the Lambs | Jonathan Demme | Anthony Hopkins and Jodie Foster |  |
| Ghandi |  |  | 1982 |
|  | John Avildsen | Sylvester Stallone | 1976 |
| The Godfather |  | Marlon Brando and  AlPacino | 1972 |
| Lawrence of Arabia | David Lean |  | 1962 |

**MOVIE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Do you like movies?

2. How often do you go to the cinema?

3. What are some famous movies from your country? Do you like them?

4. Do you have a favorite actor or actress? Who is it?

5. Do you watch American movies in English (with subtitles), or do you prefer to see movies dubbed in your own language?

6. Do you think that movie stars make too much money?

7. If a book made into a movie, do you prefer to read the book first or see the movie first?

8. What the last movie you saw? What did you think about it?

9. What was one of the worse movies you have ever seen?

10. Do you like to eat food at the cinema? What do you eat? What do you drink?