



LAUGH OUT LOUD
Listen and Discuss



A man was walking in the park and he saw an old man standing next to a parrot.

He went up and asked him, "Excuse me, is your parrot friendly?"

"Yes, he is," he answered. "He's very friendly. He never bites."

So the man reached down to pet the parrot, but the parrot bit his hand.

"Hey!" said the man. "I thought you said your parrot was friendly."

"He is," said the old man, "but that's not my parrot."

Do you think the joke was funny? Why or why not?
What do you think makes a joke funny?

In pairs ask and answer the first two introductory questions.
Volunteer to tell one of the jokes you heard and thought was funny.

1. What TV show or comedian makes you laugh the most? Why?
2. What is the funniest joke you know?

Look at the cartoons. What animals are the jokes about?

Play the audio and listen with your book closed.

Pause briefly after each joke.

Did you understand the joke?

Did it make you laugh? Why or why not?



Play the audio again, listen and read along in your book.

Additional questions:

1. Which jokes did you understand?
2. Which didn't you understand? Why?
3. Which jokes did you think were funny? Why? Which jokes weren't funny? Why not?
4. Had you heard any of these jokes before?
5. If someone has to explain a joke to you, is it still funny? Why or why not?
6. Do you like to tell jokes? Why or why not?





Quick Check A

Look at the words in the box and find them in the jokes.
Work individually to complete the sentences and then compare answers with a partner.



Quick Check B

1. How is the word “bilingual” used in a humorous way in the joke about the mice?
2. Why was the student at the lecture theater amazed by the parrot?
3. Why was the parrot owner surprised? Why is this funny?
4. How did the second truck driver misinterpret the first truck driver’s request?
5. Why shouldn’t the snail and grasshopper have sent the centipede out for the pizza?

