



Comedy

Common questions

Part 1 - Do you like comedy?

Part 1 - What kind of comedy is popular in your country?

Part 1 - Are you good at telling jokes?

Part 2 - Describe a movie or TV program that made you laugh.

Part 3 - What is the difference between comedy on TV and comedy in books?

Part 3 - Is humour easy to translate from one language to another?

Vocabulary and expressions

Hilarious (adj) - extremely funny and causing a lot of laughter.

I think Jim Carrey is absolutely hilarious!

Irony (n) - the use of words that are the opposite of what you mean.

I think irony can be a really clever type of comedy.

Parody (n) - comedy that copies the style of someone famous or a particular situation.

The movie is a parody of the horror genre.

Satire (n) - a way of criticizing people or ideas in a humorous way.

Political satire was so popular while Trump was in power.

Slapstick (n) - comedy based on clumsy actions and humorously embarrassing events.

Slapstick is a very popular type of comedy in my country.

Make fun of (phr) - tease, laugh at, or joke about someone in a mocking way.

I don't find it funny when people make fun of each other.

Stand-up comedy (n) - performed by a single person telling jokes and funny stories on stage

My favourite type of comedy is stand-up comedy!

Deadpan (adj) - looking or seeming serious when you are telling a joke.

My favourite comedian tells jokes in a really deadpan voice; it's hilarious!

Sense of humour (n) - your ability to understand funny things.

People tell me I have a good sense of humour.

Over the top (adj) - too extreme and not suitable.

For me, slapstick comedy is too over the top.