

NOTES GRADE 8

UNIT 2: LISTENING FOR PURPOSE

Hello my dear. Let's see what our friends are up to.

Today at the bank, an old lady asked me to help check her balance. So, I pushed her over.

What? That was mean!

You didn't get it? That was a joke!

I didn't really push her. Body balance?...

You don't get jokes, do you?

No, you don't tell jokes well! Let me tell you a joke.

A girl asks a boy: "Peter, how much do you love me?"

The boy looks her in the eyes, "Look up at the stars, that's how much I love you."

The girl is confused, "But it's morning, there are no stars.

The boy nods, "Exactly"

I must confess. It's a fairly good joke!

Hello Viewers. Do you know what makes a joke funny?

The unexpected. Jokes often use the unexpected or a surprise to make something funny and that is an art in itself.

Listen to the unexpected lines in these jokes .See if you can spot them.

Mother is waking her son:

"Paulie, come, wake up, you have to go to school."

"Mom, just a bit more sleep, please."

"No, it's really high time. Now get up and off to school!"

"Mom, give me two good reasons why I should go to that stupid school."

"Paulie, first of all, you're 45, and second ,you're the headmaster."

Clearly, you didn't expect the 45-year-old headmaster to be woken up by his mother and forced to go to school!

Such unexpected twists at the end often make a joke funny and this is the beauty of creating jokes!

Moreover, it is also about the punchline .When do you give away that 'unexpected twist?' For best effect, it is usually at the end to allow for greater laugh. See if you can spot the funny element in the next audio clip.

“Daddy, what is an alcoholic?”

“Do you see those 4 trees, dear? An alcoholic would see 8 trees.”

“Um, Dad – there are only 2 trees.”

Did you spot the funny element? Clearly the unexpected line was the girl saying 'there are only 2 trees and that too, towards the end.

.If you know what unexpected thing to say in a given situation, you too can create your own jokes. Just remember to give it as a punchline at the end.

So, viewers, we will leave you here with the stand-up comedian at work. Enjoy how he uses unexpected sentences and creates fun!

Happy listening and goodbye for now.