

Politically incorrect jokes

Discussion

Read this joke about a blind person. Is it funny?

A blind man and his guide dog went into a department store to do some Christmas shopping. All of a sudden, the man picked up his dog by the tail and started to swing it around in a circle. A sales assistant shouted, "Sir! Can I help you?" "No thanks," the blind man replied, "I'm just looking."

Have you ever laughed at something that other people thought was not funny or told a joke which upset people? Describe the situation.

Is it OK to tell jokes about anything and everything? Would any or all of the following offend you? Why?

- a joke about a physically disabled person
- a joke that makes fun of women
- a joke that makes fun of men
- a joke that makes fun of the elderly
- a joke that ridicules a particular religion
- a joke involving a particular country or nationality
- a joke making fun of lawyers
- a joke that makes fun of blondes

Do you know any jokes involving any of the above?

Is there a particular group of people in your country who are often the object of jokes?

Language

Use the correct form of these verbs to complete the jokes below:

put
have

drown
call

make
take

climb
retrain

say
throw

1. How do you a blonde laugh on Friday?
> Tell her a joke on Monday.
2. How do you a blonde?
> Put a mirror on the bottom of a swimming pool.
3. What's the difference between a blonde and a computer?
> You only have to information into a computer once.
4. Why did the blonde over the glass wall?
> To see what was on the other side.
5. What do you do if a blonde a grenade at you?
> Pull the pin out and throw it back.
6. Why don't blondes get coffee breaks?
> It takes too long to them afterwards.
7. What do intelligent blondes and UFOs in common?
> You often hear about them, but you never see one.
8. How many blondes does it to screw in a light bulb?
> One. She holds the bulb still and the world revolves around her.
9. What do you a blonde with half a brain?
> Gifted.
10. What would a blonde if her doctor told her that she was pregnant?
> Is it mine?

Did you find these jokes offensive? Do you know anybody who would? Are they blonde? Think about a joke that you know and try to translate it into English. Write it down first and then tell it to a classmate.