

LISTENING 1a

You are going to hear a radio interview about humour in the language classroom. Choose the best answer according to the recording. Only one answer is correct.

1 In the radio programme they are going to talk about

- A the influence of humour in the way we learn our own language.
- B how humour influences the way we learn another language.
- C the importance of languages in the classroom.
- D humorous classrooms.

2 Most teachers

- A believe humour is important but not essential.
- B never encourage the use of humour.
- C believe they have to be experienced to use humour.
- D consider humour essential.

3 Which of these factors influence the use of humour?

- A rapport, age, interests, travel.
- B speaking another language, age, interests, making jokes.
- C speaking another language, age, interests, rapport.
- D making jokes, age, interests, travel.

4 Teachers can influence the relationship they have with the class from the beginning through

- A being informal.
- B good manners.
- C good wishes.
- D body language.

5 If a teacher wants the atmosphere to be informal,

- A it is important to show she can also make mistakes.
- B she has to be approached by students.
- C she shouldn't reduce the social distance.
- D she should smile all the time.

6 One of the risks of teachers treating students in a supportive way is that

- A students can get embarrassed.
- B students don't understand the limits.
- C teachers can get embarrassed.
- D both students and teachers don't understand the limits.

7 Students often laugh spontaneously when

- A there's a misunderstanding
- B something expected happens
- C their teacher makes a mistake
- D no one else finds it amusing

8 According to the professor,

- A all languages are communicative.
- B English is the most communicative language.
- C some languages are not as communicative as others.
- D all languages are international.

9 What humorous technique is not mentioned?

- A facial expressions.
- B silly comments.
- C exaggerated gestures.
- D silly exercises.

LISTENING 1b

Listen again. Are the following statements true or false?

- 1 Humour is an essential aspect of teaching for many teachers.
- 2 If the teacher uses humour, the student will too.
- 3 It is always difficult to use humour in a language class.
- 4 Rapport among students is not a relevant factor.
- 5 To create a good atmosphere, teachers should connect well with students.
- 6 The teacher should always avoid making mistakes.
- 7 Teachers should use strict discipline to keep individuals in line.
- 8 There are specific techniques to use humour in class in all languages.

LISTENING 2a

You are going to hear a radio programme in which someone talks about homelessness.

Choose the best answer according to the recording. Only one answer is correct.

1 The radio station is called

- A KPCD
- B BMB2
- C BMC2
- D BMA2

2 What is the programme about?

- A The social situation in the USA.
- B Social measures in the UK.
- C Homelessness.
- D The economic crisis.



3 How many Americans are homeless?

- A 633.000.
- B More than 630.000.
- C More than 650.000
- D 370.000

4 Why is homelessness expected to increase?

- A Because of a growth in poverty.
- B Because there aren't any new houses being built.
- C Because the government is not making any more cuts.
- D Because there aren't any services provided.

5 Services that are offered include

- A clothing and food.
- B clothing and shelter.
- C clothing, economic help and shelter.
- D clothing, food and shelter.

6 The latest data is from

- A 2012
- B 2013
- C 2011
- D 2009

7 According to the text, politicians think

- A things will get worse.
- B the problem isn't being treated effectively.
- C things will get better.
- D we won't see signs of recovery for more than five years.



8 Social groups say

- A that only men become homeless.
- B it's impossible to feel broken inside.
- C your dignity can't be taken away.
- D anybody could become homeless.

9 Liz Murray

- A has travelled around the world.
- B has written a book about her homeless experience.
- C has always been homeless.
- D has written a successful play.

LISTENING 2b

Listen and complete the sentences with the expressions the speaker uses.

1. we can say that it has always existed, the thing is that with the economic crisis, this situation has worsened in some areas.
2. , in Western countries there has been an increase in the number of people who...
3. , a larger number of homeless people is expected...
4. of this is Liz Murray.

Listen again. Match the expressions in Exercise 3 with their functions (A-D)

- A to express a possibility
- B to give an example
- C to add information
- D to express contrast