

A Child's Perspective on Humor



Geoffrey Hampden has a lot of friends and is very popular at parties. Everybody admired him for his fine sense of humour, except his six-year-old daughter, Jenny.

Recently, one of Geoffrey's closest friends asked him to make a speech at a wedding reception. This is the sort of thing that Geoffrey loves. He prepared the speech carefully and went to the wedding with Jenny. He included a large number of funny stories in the speech and, of course, it was a great success. As soon as he finished, Jenny told him she wanted to go home. Geoffrey was a little disappointed by this but he did as his daughter asked. On the way home, he asked Jenny if she enjoyed the speech. To his surprise, she said she didn't. Geoffrey asked her why this was so and she told him that she did not like to see so many people laughing at him!

1. What kind of person is Geoffrey Hampden?

A. Serious and quiet
B. Funny and has many friends
C. Shy and easily embarrassed
D. Strict and unfriendly

2. Why was Geoffrey invited to the wedding?

A. To sing a song
B. To decorate the venue
C. To give a speech at the wedding
D. To take photos of the bride and groom

3. How did Geoffrey prepare for his speech?

A. He didn’t prepare at all
B. He wrote the speech carefully
C. He asked his friends to write it for him
D. He memorized a speech from a book

4. How did people react to Geoffrey’s speech?

A. They felt bored
B. They laughed and enjoyed it
C. They didn’t pay attention
D. They left the party

5. Why didn’t Jenny like her father’s speech?

A. She thought it was too long
B. She thought people were laughing at her father
C. She didn’t understand the speech
D. She wanted to go home early

6. How did Geoffrey feel when Jenny said she didn’t like the speech?

A. Sad and disappointed
B. Happy and proud
C. Indifferent
D. Angry at his daughter

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