

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