

USE OF ENGLISH – ASSIGNMENT #8

UNIT 2 – Use of English 1 and 2

1. Read the article and choose the correct answer.

Is comedy the same everywhere?

Everyone likes to laugh, but does everyone laugh at the same things? There are some stereotypes: for example, people believe that the Germans are **1**.....serious than other nationalities or that British jokes are **2**.....to understand. A poll of the world's favourite comedy movies showed that some nationalities don't find the same movies as **3**.....others do. But this is probably because jokes don't translate very well, so the original version is **4**.....than the translated one. A bad translation might make them **5**.....amusing, or maybe not even funny at all! Some comedy movies are **6**.....popular in certain countries because they make references to pop culture. If you don't know what the characters are talking about, it is a **7**..... difficult to understand the joke.

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| 1. MORE | THE MOST | THE MORE |
| 2. THE HARDEST | THE MOST HARD | THE HARDER |
| 3. FUNNIER THAN | FUNNIEST | FUNNY AS |
| 4. GOOD | BETTER | BEST |
| 5. THE LEAST | LESS | LEAST |
| 6. MUCH MORE | LOT MORE | BIT MORE |
| 7. MORE | LITTLE MORE | LESS |

2. Rewrite the sentences using the words given. Use between two and five words, including the word given.

1 The tickets don't cost as much as last year. LESS

The tickets last year.

2 The park wasn't as close as we thought. THAN

The park we thought.

3 Gill did much better than me in the test. AS

I didn't Gill in the test.

4 I find speaking English much easier than writing English. FAR

I find writing English speaking English.

5 No other comedian in the world is as rich as him. THE

He is in the world.

6 Eric is a much quicker learner than I am. QUICKLY

Eric I do.

7 The book isn't as amusing as the movie. LESS

The book the movie.

8 I didn't leave quite as late as the others.

BIT

I left the others.

3. Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

1 Nobody was sure how TRUTHFUL - TRUTHFULLY. the story was.

2 Derek was HOPEFUL - HOPEFULLY that no one had seen him.

3 FINAL - FINALLY , the explorers had evidence of the local urban myth.

4 Petra waited ANXIOUS - ANXIOUSLY for the results of the storytelling competition.

5 The children ran NOISY - NOISILY along the corridor.

6 Hikers in these mountains FREQUENT FREQUENTLY see tourists looking for a strange creature.

7 Sammy looked NERVOUS NERVOUSLY about the challenge.

8 As the concert finished late we decided to stay OVERNIGHT OVERNIGHTLY

9 Everyone thought the woman was guilty because she had been behaving SUSPICIOUS

SUSPICIOUSLY

4. Complete the article with the correct form of the words in brackets.

Urban legend, or just a good story?

Everyone knows at least one urban legend. But most people couldn't 1 (HONEST)

say where or when they first heard it. By the time you hear it, it may have changed from the

2 (ORIGIN) story. And by the time someone else hears it, it will

3 (PROBABLE) be different again! No one really knows if people telling

urban legends are telling the 4 (TRUE). In fact, most of them might be

inventions. Sometimes, they are exaggerated versions of incredible events that appear in the news.

So, why do they spread so 5 (QUICK) and widely? Most likely because they

sound like they could be real. And, even if we hear them and know that they

6 (CERTAIN) aren't real, they are usually amusing. They often have a lesson that we can all 7 (EASY) understand. Legends are also seen as something interesting and 8 (MYSTERY), so we pass them on for a bit of fun.

5. Complete the text messages from a young reporter at a technology exhibition. Use the past simple, past continuous or past perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

Wow! I 1..... (try on) some shoes fitted with GPS **earlier**.
I 2..... (walk) around the town in them **when** they **suddenly**
3.....(light up) and 4..... (tell) me where to go! It
was so cool!
I 5..... (read) about these robots that looked like real
humans **before** but when I actually 6..... (see) them, I couldn't believe it.
They looked so life-like! Unfortunately, I 7..... (not have) time to
watch the robotic dog performance, but maybe next time.
Last year they 8..... (talk) about new smart glasses. This year it's all
about an interplanetary internet between here and Mars. What next?