

Unit 12: Vocabulary A

Read this profile of comedian Jerry Seinfeld and choose the correct option for each item.

1. Jerry Seinfeld, a stand-up comedian, is considered one of the best observational **shortcuts / comedians** in America.
 shortcuts
 comedians
2. An observational comedian makes **witty / offensive** comments about what he or she notices in everyday life.
 witty
 offensive
3. This type of humor seeks to **expose / exaggerate** the absurdity that most of us usually don't see until it is pointed out. Observational comedy is more about generating an "Aha!" moment from the audience, rather than telling straight jokes with punch lines.
 expose
 exaggerate
4. Seinfeld is well known for his delivery—the way he uses the pitch of his voice to **exaggerate / expose** and emphasize his points with a note of sarcasm.
 exaggerate
 expose

5. He is also admired by many for his "clean" material. Seinfeld has said of using off-color language: "Profanity is a great shortcut of comedy and the reason I don't use it is that I am concerned about the joke-quality suffering." He believes comedians can be funny without being **hysterical / offensive**.

- hysterical
- offensive