

# Vocabulary Idioms

## 20 English Idioms about Laughter! – Activities

Match each idiom with a definition below and sort them into two groups: idioms with a positive meaning and idioms with a negative meaning. Then write your own sentence with each idiom:

Idioms:

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| 1. are you having a laugh?                    | 11. don't make me laugh!             |
| 2. be (a) laugh a minute                      | 12. have a laugh                     |
| 3. be a laughing stock                        | 13. have somebody in stitches        |
| 4. be laughed out of court                    | 14. have the last laugh              |
| 5. be laughing all the way to the bank        | 15. laugh in the face of sth         |
| 6. be laughing on the other side of your face | 16. laugh sth off                    |
| 7. be no laughing matter                      | 17. laugh your head off              |
| 8. be the class clown                         | 18. laughter is the best medicine    |
| 9. burst out laughing                         | 19. not know whether to laugh or cry |
| 10. do sth for a laugh                        | 20. you've got to laugh              |

note: sth = something

Definitions:

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| a) be brave when faced with a problem            | k) ignore something serious          |
| b) make somebody laugh a lot                     | l) it is not something to joke about |
| c) be somebody who is funny (or unfunny)         | m) laugh a lot                       |
| d) do sth for fun, without a particular reason   | n) don't say stupid things           |
| e) are you serious?                              | o) laughing makes you feel better    |
| f) it is better to laugh at a negative situation | p) win a battle                      |
| g) it is an easy way to make money               | q) look stupid in public             |
| h) your idea will be rejected as ridiculous      | r) laugh suddenly                    |
| i) feel incredibly emotionally confused          | s) our fortunes will be reversed     |
| j) have fun                                      | t) the person who makes others laugh |

Your sentences with the idioms:

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| 1. _____  | 11. _____ |
| 2. _____  | 12. _____ |
| 3. _____  | 13. _____ |
| 4. _____  | 14. _____ |
| 5. _____  | 15. _____ |
| 6. _____  | 16. _____ |
| 7. _____  | 17. _____ |
| 8. _____  | 18. _____ |
| 9. _____  | 19. _____ |
| 10. _____ | 20. _____ |