

## Six Sketches

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### Summary

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***I'm Right!*** Norma and Colin are on their way by train to a wedding in Winchester. When the ticket inspector comes, they argue over who has got the tickets and who is right or wrong.

***A Good Story:*** Mrs Price's son, Michael, can tell good stories, and he demonstrates this in front of Mrs Roberts.

***Cheese!*** A photographer buys cheese at Mr Smith's shop every day. He tells Mr Smith the reason why, and he also suggests that Mr Smith should smile at the people in his shop.

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***A Good Match:*** The Green family is watching a football match – Rovers vs. United – on TV. They are Rovers supporters. Susan brings her boyfriend who is a United supporter.

***Wedding Day:*** A year later, David and Susan are getting married. Today is the wedding day, and David says he isn't nervous.

***The English Teacher:*** Mr Brown asks each of his students to say a new sentence. When a student tells him that the school is on fire, he thinks it's a new sentence.

### Background and themes

**Sketches:** A sketch is a short humorous scene on stage or television. When a TV programme is made up of a series of sketches it is sometimes called 'sketch comedy' and is very popular. A series of sketches can be a part of a longer show.

**Humour:** Each sketch includes a punch line towards the end. There are different types of humour: for example, something absurd, making fun of stereotypes, and the 'war' between children/students and grown-ups/teachers.

### Discussion activities

#### Pages 1–7

##### Before reading

- Discuss:** Talk about the book cover. Have students look at the book cover. Ask them to tell you what they can see in the picture.
- Guess:** Talk about the pictures. Have students look at the pictures in each sketch. Ask them to guess what the sketches are about.

##### After reading

- Write:** Have students work in pairs to think of the conversation after the punch lines. Ask them to write a conversation between Norma and Colin for *I'm Right!* and another one between Mrs Roberts and Mrs Price for *A Good Story*.
- Role play:** After *Cheese!*, bring in some props for a shop scene, e.g. toy food, toy money, apron, etc. Introduce the structures *Have you got ...?* and *How much is ...?* Demonstrate the dialogues with a student in front of the class first. Put students in pairs. Ask them to come up with a conversation between a shopkeeper and a customer. Then have the pairs act out the scenes for the rest of the class.

#### Pages 8–14

##### Before reading

- Discuss:** Talk about the beginning of the sketches. Have students look at the title, the list of the names, and what the narrator says at the beginning of each sketch. Ask them to guess who is talking at the end of each sketch and what they are talking about. Students can check their answers later.
- Write:** Before *A Good Match*, have students work in pairs or small groups. Ask them to write the different meanings of *match*. They could use their dictionaries. Ask them to write some example sentences using the word *match* with different meanings.

##### Extra activities

- Role play:** Put students into groups. Assign a sketch to each group to act out. Students could choose the part of the sketch they want to practise and act out. Have them think about the emotions and voice qualities of the characters. Later, ask each group to perform in front of the class.
- Discuss:** Have students work in small groups to discuss what the funny part in each sketch is.

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## Photocopiable

## While reading

## I'm Right

## 1 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a A ticket inspector sells tickets. ☐
- b Colin thinks Norma has got the tickets. ☐
- c Colin thinks the tickets are in Norma's coat. ☐
- d Norma says she is sometimes wrong. ☐
- e Colin has got old tickets. ☐
- f Colin has got the right tickets. ☐
- g Colin and Norma are going to the wedding in Winchester. ☐
- h The train is going to Winchester. ☐
- i Colin and Norma are on the wrong train. ☐
- j Norma is always right. ☐

## A Good Story

## 2 Answer the questions.

- a How many children has Mrs Price got?  
.....
- b Who is drinking coffee with Mrs Price?  
.....
- c Who is a quiet boy?  
.....
- d What buildings are in John's picture?  
.....
- e What is Tracy's picture?  
.....
- f Who can tell a good story?  
.....

## Cheese!

## 3 Who are they? Choose the right person.

- a This person has a shop. ....
- b This person wants to buy six brown eggs. ....
- c This person wants to buy six white eggs. ....
- d This person wants to buy some coffee. ....
- e This person wants to buy some cheese. ....
- 1) Mrs Archer
- 2) Mrs Clark
- 3) Mrs Davis
- 4) Mr Smith
- 5) the photographer

## A Good Match

## 4 Underline a mistake in each sentence and make it right.

- a David is Susan's brother.  
.....

- b Peter supports United.  
.....

- c Susan is a United supporter.  
.....

- d Mr and Mrs Green don't like Rovers.  
.....

- e United scores first.  
.....

- f The Rovers and United matches are always two-nil or one-one.  
.....

- g David and Susan are going to the match.  
.....

## Wedding Day

## 5 Underline YES or NO.

- a Is David going to a football match today? YES NO
- b Does Paul think David is nervous? YES NO
- c Does David think he is nervous? YES NO
- d Is Mary a football supporter? YES NO
- e Has David got a new hat? YES NO
- f Has David got a new shirt? YES NO
- g Has David got a new black shoe on his right foot? YES NO
- h Is David nervous? YES NO

## The English Teacher

## 6 Choose the answer from the box.

eggs	Mr Brown	smoke	the school
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- a Who is teaching English?  
.....
- b What is the woman in the shop buying?  
.....
- c What is coming under the door?  
.....
- d What is on fire?  
.....
- e Who doesn't understand?  
.....

## After reading

## 7 Work with a friend. Choose one sketch and look at the pictures. Write about what you can see.

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1 *I'm Right!*: What happens first? What happens next?  
Write, 1–5.

- a ☐ Norma says she is never wrong.  
 b ☐ The ticket inspector comes to check the train tickets.  
 c ☐ Colin looks in his coat.  
 d ☐ Colin says the tickets are in Norma's bag.  
 e ☐ Colin says Norma is wrong.

## Write, 6–10.

- f ☐ Norma tells the ticket inspector that they are going to a wedding.  
 g ☐ Norma says she is always right.  
 h ☐ Colin finds the tickets to Winchester.  
 i ☐ Colin finds the old tickets.  
 j ☐ The ticket inspector tells Norma and Colin that they are on the wrong train.

2 *A Good Story*: Which word in *italics* is right?

- a Mrs Price and Mrs Roberts are drinking *coffee* / *tea*.  
 b *John* / *Michael* is a quiet boy.  
 c John's picture is a town with houses and *parks* / *buildings*.  
 d Mrs Roberts doesn't understand *Tracy's* / *Michael's* picture.  
 e The thing in Michael's picture has got seven blue legs and *two* / *three* yellow eyes.  
 f When Michael says the thing is walking across Mrs Roberts's foot, her face goes *white* / *red*.

3 *Cheese!*: Write the words from the box in the right sentences.

cheese	eggs	nervous	sir	shop	smile	strong
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- a Mrs Archer comes to Mr Smith's .....  
 b Mrs Archer wants to buy six brown .....  
 c Mrs Clark wants some ..... coffee.  
 d Mr Smith asks the photographer, 'Your cheese, ..... ?'  
 e The photographer buys ..... from Mr Smith every day.  
 f People are ..... when the photographer takes their photographs.  
 g The photographer tells Mr Smith to ..... at the people in the shop.

4 *A Good Match*: Circle the odd one out.

- |   |        |             |           |
|---|--------|-------------|-----------|
| a | Rovers | United      | Hunter    |
| b | paint  | score       | shoot     |
| c | cheese | nil         | eggs      |
| d | match  | commentator | supporter |

5 *Wedding Day*: Write questions for the answers.

- a Today is David's wedding day.  
 When..... ?

- b David is nervous.  
 Who ..... ?  
 c David has got a new coat.  
 What ..... ?  
 d David's friends like David's new shoes.  
 What ..... ?

6 *The English Teacher*: Is the right answer 1, 2 or 3?

- a What does Mr Brown teach every day? .....  
 1) Football.  
 2) English.  
 3) Sketches.  
 b What does Mr Brown want everyone to say? .....  
 1) A new sentence.  
 2) A new goal.  
 3) A new match.  
 c What is coming under the door? .....  
 1) Fire.  
 2) Cheese.  
 3) Smoke.  
 d Who says, 'But sir'? .....  
 1) Helena.  
 2) Michel.  
 3) Maria.  
 e What is on fire? .....  
 1) The television.  
 2) The train.  
 3) The school.

## 7 Put the words in the right place to make sentences.

- a is / never / Norma / says / she / wrong  
 .....  
 b a / but / can / can't / good / he / Michael / paint, / story / tell  
 .....  
 c a / always / like / people / photographer / smile / The / thinks  
 .....  
 d and / commentator / family / Green / listen / match / The / the / the / to / watch  
 .....  
 e and / David's / day, / he / is / is / nervous / Today / wedding  
 .....  
 f doesn't / fire / is / Mr Brown / on / school / the / understand  
 .....  
 g are / short / six / sketches / These / very  
 .....

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### Book key

- 1 Open answers
- 2
  - a wrong
  - b right
  - c right
  - d wrong
  - e right
  - f wrong
  - g right
  - h wrong
- 3
  - a six
  - b on a train
- 4
  - a Yes
  - b Yes
  - c No
  - d No
- 5
  - a Michael
  - b John, Tracy
  - c the photographer
  - d Mr Smith
- 6–7 Open answers
- 8
  - a Peter (Green)
  - b David (Jones)
  - c David
  - d John
  - e Yuki
  - f Mr Brown
- 9–12 Open answers

### Discussion activities key

- 1 Possible answers:
  - A man is taking a photo.
  - There are three kinds of cheese on a plate.
  - A boy is holding a picture.
- 2 Possible answers:
  - Perhaps it is about the train trip.
  - I think it is about a story book with monsters.
  - Perhaps this man loves cheese.
  - I think he uses cheese when he takes photos.
- 3 Possible conversations:
 

*Norma:* I can't believe it!

*Colin:* We're on the wrong train ...

*Norma:* I mean, I'm not always right?! I can't believe he said that.

*Colin:* Well, we are on the wrong train ...

*Norma:* It's not my fault, is it? I'm always right!

*Mrs Price:* I'm so sorry about that.

*Mrs Roberts:* Oh, that's quite all right. He certainly CAN tell a good story.

#### 4 Possible dialogues:

*Shopkeeper:* Good morning, madam. What can I do for you today?

*Customer:* Have you got any good coffee?

S: Have I got any good coffee? Of course I do. I have got coffee from Brazil and coffee from Italy.

C: How much is coffee from Brazil?

S: It's £1.99.

C: I'll take that.

S: Anything else, madam?

C: No, that's all. Here's £2.

S: Thank you, madam. Have a good day.

#### 5 Open answers

#### 6 Some example sentences:

Game: I watched a football match on TV.

Marriage: They make a good match.

Something/somebody that combines well: David and Susan are a perfect match for each other.

Fire: I put a match to the letter.

An equal: I was no match for him at tennis.

#### 7 Open answers

#### 8 Possible answers:

- *I'm Right!:* Norma and Colin finally find the train tickets but they're on the wrong train.
- *I'm Right!:* Norma says she is always right. She isn't always right.
- *A Good Story:* Michael tricked Mrs Roberts.
- *Cheese!:* Mr Smith started to say 'Cheese' to people at his shop.
- *A Good Match:* The word 'match' has got different meanings. One is a sports event; another is a marriage.
- *Wedding Day:* David says he's not nervous, but he actually is nervous.
- *The English Teacher:* Mr Brown often says, 'Do you understand?' But he is the one who doesn't understand!

### Activity worksheet key

1 a X b ✓ c X d X e ✓ f ✓ g ✓ h X  
i ✓ j X

2 a She has got three children.

b Mrs Roberts.

c John.

d A bank and a cinema.

e A train in a station.

f Michael.

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3 a 4 b 1 c 3 d 2 e 5

4 a brother > boyfriend

b United > Rovers or Peter > David

c United > Rovers or Susan > David

d don't like > like

e United > Rovers

f two-nil > two-two

g match > cinema

5 a NO

b YES

c NO

d NO

e NO

f YES

g NO

h YES

6 a Mr Brown

b Eggs

c Smoke

d The school

e Mr Brown

7 Possible answers:

*I'm Right!*: train, tree, rabbit, field, cows, flowers, cloud, sky, sign, points, lever, monster

*A Good Story*: storybook, a child, monsters, a thing that has got three eyes and seven legs

*Cheese!*: shop, shopkeeper, man, photographer, cheese, bread, eggs, food, camera, tripod, mouse (mice)

*A Good Match*: living room, television, sofa, armchair, footstool, people, family, tea pot, cups, picture, door, shoes, yellow and blue scarf, red and white scarf

*Wedding Day*: bride, wardrobe, mirror, tie, shirt, brown shoes, black shoes, shoe boxes, wedding cake, table, chair, wine glasses, groom, balloons, ribbons

*The English Teacher*: desk, books, teacher, students, chairs, door, smoke, glasses, fire, firefighter, fire extinguisher

## Progress test key

1 a 4 b 1 c 5 d 2 e 3 f 9 g 8 h 7  
i 6 j 10

2 a coffee

b John

c buildings

d Michael's

e three

f white

3 a shop

b eggs

c strong

d sir

e cheese

f nervous

g smile

4 a Hunter

b paint

c nil

d match

5 a When is David's wedding day?

b Who is nervous?

c What has David got?

d What do David's friends like?

6 a 2 b 1 c 3 d 3 e 3

7 a Norma says she is never wrong.

b Michael can't paint, but he can tell a good story.

c The photographer thinks people always like a smile.

d The Green family watch the match and listen to the commentator.

e Today is David's wedding day, and he is nervous.

f Mr Brown doesn't understand the school is on fire.

g These six sketches are very short. / These are six very short sketches.