

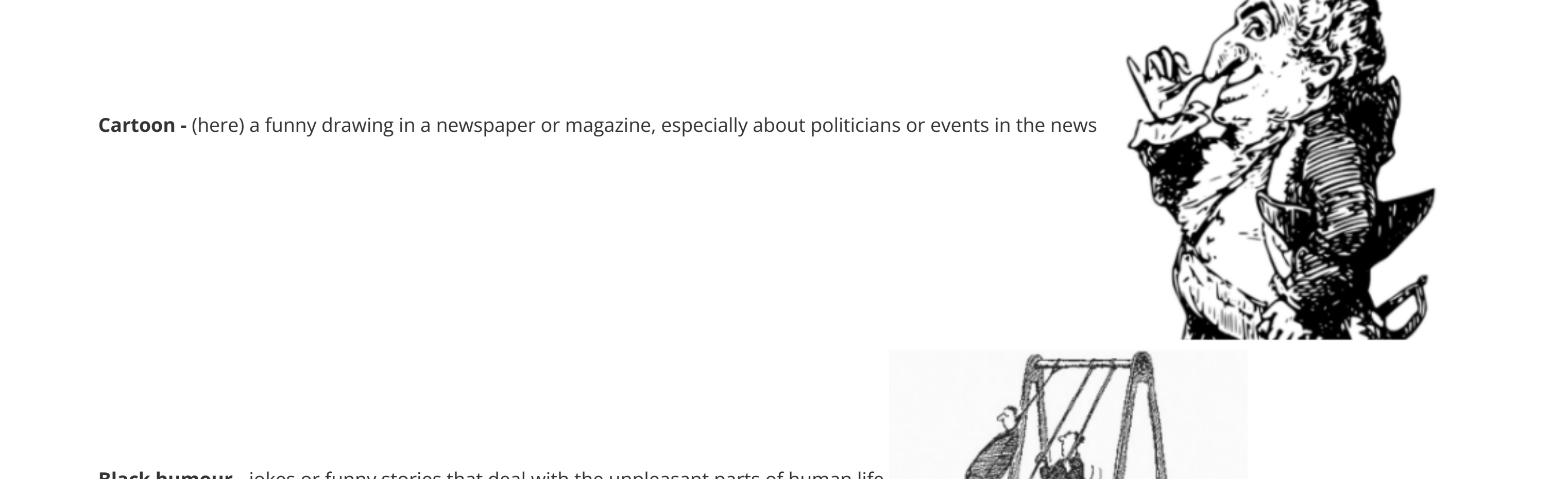
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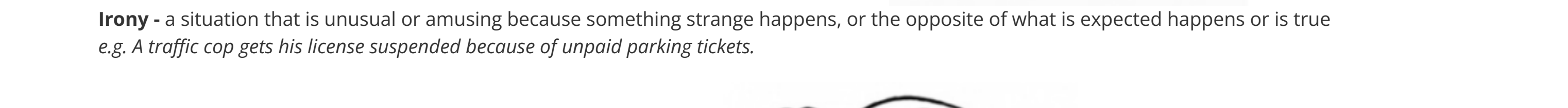
Task 1 | Vocabulary

Task 1

Look at the following types of humour, compare to the ones on the cards.
Pun - an amusing use of a word or phrase that has two meanings, or of words that have the same sound but different meanings [= play on words]
e.g. *Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.*

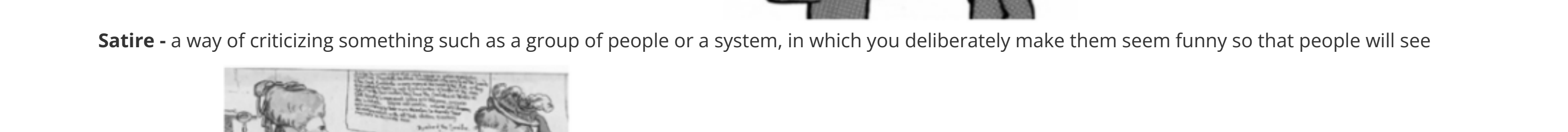


Cartoon - (here) a funny drawing in a newspaper or magazine, especially about politicians or events in the news



Black humour - jokes or funny stories that deal with the unpleasant parts of human life

Irony - a situation that is unusual or amusing because something strange happens, or the opposite of what is expected happens or is true
e.g. *A traffic cop gets his license suspended because of unpaid parking tickets.*



Exaggeration - a statement or way of saying something that makes



Satire - a way of criticizing something such as a group of people or a system, in which you deliberately make them seem funny so that people will see their faults

Task 2 | Reading

Task 2

A. Read the beginning of a joke. Then work in pairs and try to predict the ending.

A TASTE OF HER OWN MEDICINE
I grew up in a small town in the middle of nowhere. It's the kind of town where everyone knows each other and everyone thinks it's ok to stick their nose into other people's business. We had our share of gossipers, but Mrs. Henderson, the pastor's wife, was the biggest busybody of them all. Most town residents did not approve of her intrusions, yet still maintained their silence. They were afraid of what Mrs. Henderson could say about them in revenge. She was not exactly a forgiving kind.

Soon, though, Mrs. Henderson took her snooping and gossiping a step too far. One Sunday in church she started spreading a rumor that Frank, a newcomer in town, was an alcoholic. The day before she had seen his pickup truck parked in front of the town's only bar. "It had been standing there all afternoon!" she whispered dramatically. "Everyone who saw that truck there knew what he was doing!"

B. Read the ending of the joke. Were your ideas similar? Do you find the joke funny? Why? / Why not?

1. The ending:...

✓ It did not take long for the rumors to reach Frank. He didn't say anything but next Saturday night, when Mrs. Henderson's husband was out of town, Frank parked his pickup in front of Mr. Henderson's house.... and left it there all night.

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Task 3-6 | Grammar

Task 3

A. Find and choose all past forms in the second paragraph of the text from task 2A.

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B. Look at the four timelines. Identify the past tense and write the verb forms you underlined next to the corresponding timelines. Work in pairs and discuss why the author used these tenses.

a

past present future

Past Continuous

was doing

b

past present future

Past Simple

took

started

was

whispered

saw

knew

c

past present future

Past Perfect

had seen

d

past present future

Past Perfect Continuous

had been standing

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Task 4

Work in pairs. Discuss the difference.

1. When I walked into the classroom the students
a) were practicing the scene.
b) had practiced the scene.

✓ a - they were in the process of practicing; b - they had already finished practicing

2. Our manager told us that
a) they had worked out the solution to the problem.
b) they had been working out the solution to the problem for more than an hour.

✓ a - they had the solution (a completed action that happened before another one in the past); b - they didn't have the solution yet at that time, they were still working it out (we use the past perfect continuous here to focus on the period of time)

3. When I came home
a) Jane made some coffee.
b) Jane had made coffee.
c) Jane was making some coffee.

✓ a - she made coffee after I came (one action goes after another); b - she already had coffee before I came; c - she was still having coffee

Task 5

Complete the sentences with the verbs from the box using the correct past tenses.

break

cry

drive x2

look

open

see

step

turn off

watch

1. When I came home my friends had been watching Game of Thrones for 5 hours.

2. The mechanic was supposed to repair our car that had broken the week before.

3. When I opened the door I saw a delivery man holding a big box.

4. She was late because she had been looking for a parking space for 15 minutes.

5. Please step out of the car, sir. Do you know you were driving at over 90 kmph?

6. It was awkward to come to their house and see him looking so sad. I think he had been crying before we got there.

7. I remember it vividly - I turned off the engine, stepped of the car and locked it.

8. They asked me whether I had driven such a vehicle before.

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Task 6

Complete the story using the correct tenses.

I thought I (1) had done (do) a lot of research before I (2) went (go) to Ukraine but looking back I realised I (3) had (have) a lot of gaps in the knowledge base and worse some pretty unrealistic expectations. Partly fuelled by my own enthusiasm and partly by the Tour Company hypebole. There are some things I (4) had forgotten (forget) to read about before I (5) left (leave) home. First of all, since I decided to go to Kyiv I (6) had been preparing (prepare) myself for just another East European city, but when I (7) was driving (drive) through the city I (8) could (can) see how different it was from all the places I (9) had been (be) to. I (10) had been told (be told) that I had to know the language, but it (11) turned out (turn out) that many people could speak English and I (12) didn't have (did not have) (not have) any problems finding the way back to the hotel or ordering food in restaurants. Speaking of the cuisine - I (13) had expected (expect) it to be much more different! I was surprised by the variety, the taste, and the amount of street food, which I absolutely love. All and all, I'm glad I (14) had decided (decide) to go to Ukraine because the time I spent there (15) was (be) unforgettable.

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Narrative tenses

Tense name	Meaning	Time phrases	Examples
Past Simple (verb)+(ed) or (irregular past form) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Single events in the past that are not connected to the presentPast events that usually happen at a certain moment in the past	Yesterday, 2 days ago, last year/week/month, in 1999, When I was a child	<i>He came in, turned on the light and started reading. I spoke to him yesterday.</i>
Past Continuous (was/were)+(present participle) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Actions in progress at a certain period of time in the pastAn longer action interrupted by a shorter one.	At 5 p.m. yesterday From 5 till 7 yesterday All evening yesterday When....	<i>I was working when you called. He was joking when he got arrested.</i>
Past Perfect Simple (had)+(past participle) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Background completed actions that happened before another action in the past	Before, after, until, by, by the time	<i>Chandler had passed the metal detector before he joked about the bombs.</i>
Past Perfect Continuous (had)+(been)+(present participle) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A long action in the past which lasted before another action in the past (emphasis on duration)	Before, after, until, for, for a long time	<i>The security had been questioning Monica and Chandler for a long time before they let them go.</i>

Notes

Write your own notes

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Hot Topic

Task 7 | CLASS ONLY

Discuss in pairs.

This is SAVE MARIUPOL petition page on [change.org](#). We are sure that you have seen this petition. Moreover, you know that over 1 million people signed it in 4 days. More and more people are signing it every day. What about you? Have you signed it yet and spread the word? If yes, why? If not, why?

Do you think that petitions make any difference in the world? Do they help to achieve your goal? Explain why you think so.

By the way, sign the petition if you still haven't: [SAVE MARIUPOL](#)



Test Yourself

Choose the correct option

1. What do we call 'play on words'?

a. ☐ an irony

b. ☐ a satire

c. ☐ a farce

d. ☒ a pun
2. Anne had finished all her projects before she ___ on holiday.

a. ☐ had gone

b. ☐ was going

c. ☐ gone

d. ☒ went
3. I ___ Chinese when I was a kid.

a. ☒ spoke

b. ☐ used to spoke

c. ☐ speak

d. ☐ spoken
4. He came in, ___ his clothes and went to bed.

a. ☐ putted off

b. ☐ put on

c. ☐ put off

d. ☒ took off
5. I hadn't said anything until she ___ talking.

a. ☒ finished

b. ☐ had finished

c. ☐ had been finishing

d. ☐ hadn't finished
6. Martha ___ the piano for 10 years when she was finally asked to do a solo with the local orchestra.

a. ☐ was playing

b. ☐ had been played

c. ☐ played

d. ☒ had been playing
7. Do you know the author of the satirical ___ about Trump in The Times?

a. ☐ pun

b. ☐ black humour

c. ☐ irony

d. ☒ cartoons
8. Where ___ before you joined our company?

a. ☒ had you been working

b. ☐ you had worked

c. ☐ did you work

d. ☐ you worked
9. At 5 pm yesterday she ___ her homework.

a. ☐ had done

b. ☐ did

c. ☒ was doing

d. ☐ were doing
10. The fact of making something seem bigger, better, more important or worse is

a. ☐ a statement

b. ☐ a pun

c. ☒ an exaggeration

d. ☐ an understatement

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Flashcards

Types of humour

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