# Do you have a GSOH?

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#### **Activity 1**

Read the following questions and use them to begin a conversation with your partner.

- 1. In 'lonely hearts' columns people trying to find a partner often require that he or she should have a GSOH (a good sense of humour). How important do you think it is to have a good sense of humour in relationships?
- 2. Do you have a good sense of humour? Does your partner? And your teacher/boss...?
- 3. Do you know anyone who has an infectious laugh? How often do you laugh?
- 4. Are you good at telling jokes? Do you know any good (clean!) jokes?
- 5. Do you enjoy playing practical jokes on people? Have you ever been the victim of a practical joke?
- 6. Small children often say funny things. If you have children, what are the funniest things your children have said to you?
- 7. Do you enjoy watching humorous programmes such as sitcoms (situation comedies), funny films, cartoons, etc. Why/not?
- 8. Who is your favourite comedy actor/stand up comic? Why do you find him/her so funny?
- 9. Who is the funniest person you know? In what way is this person funny?
- 10. How would you define humour?
- 11. People of different nationalities seem to find different things funny. Why do you think there are national variations in humour?
- 12. British comedians have a tradition of making fun of the 'mother-in-law'. Do you have the same tradition in your country? Who/What do comedians in your country make fun of in particular?
- 13. Why do humans have a sense of humour? What purpose does it serve?

#### **Activity 2**

Go to **EnglishClub.com** and click on the 'TP Homework' icon. Use the information you find there to answer the questions below.

- 1. What is the name of the Institute founded by Patch Adams?
- 2. Apart from being a qualified doctor, Patch Adams is also a professional what?
- 3. What is the answer to the Quick Quiz?

### **Activity 3**

#### Do you think it's true that animals have a sense of humour?

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