

**A. Take turns reading these funny sayings and explaining what they mean and why they are funny. The first one is an example:**

1. I still miss my ex, but my aim is getting better. (This joke relies on the different meanings of "miss". When you say, I still miss my ex, you mean to feel the absence of someone. But the 2nd part refers to missing as when you aim for someone and you don't hit them.)
2. Sometimes I wake up grumpy. Other times I let him sleep. (the first sentence implies a mood, but the second part makes it clear they are using grumpy as a noun.)
3. A closed mouth gathers no feet. (Teachers: Discuss-"a rolling stone gathers no moss" and "open mouth, insert foot").
4. If ignorance is bliss, why aren't more people happy?
5. Five out of four people have trouble with fractions.
6. I started out with nothing and still have most of it left.
7. I have a degree in liberal arts. Do you want fries with that? (It is assumed if you have a degree in liberal arts, you'll never find a job. You'll end up working in a fast food restaurant.)
8. Confidence is the feeling you have before you fully understand the situation.
9. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
10. We live in a society where pizza gets to your house before the police.
11. People who think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do.
12. Happiness is having a large, loving, close-knit family in another city.
13. Experience is what you get when you didn't get what you wanted.

**Which of these sayings is the funniest?**

**B. Discuss these unusual English vocabulary words and answer the questions.**

**mortician:** another name for an undertaker. An undertaker or mortician is a person whose business is preparing dead bodies for burial or cremation and making arrangements for funerals. Would you be willing to do this job?

Mortician comes from the Latin word "mortis" which means death. We have many words in English that come from this Latin root word. If you are **mortally** wounded, you have a wound that will kill you. If you are **immortal**, you can't die. If you are **mortified**, you feel

embarrassed, ashamed, or humiliated. In other words, you feel like dying of shame. EX: I was mortified to arrive at the wedding in my fancy dress and discover it was a Western themed wedding and everyone was wearing jeans and cowboy boots. Describe a time when you were mortified. Do you own any Western themed clothes like cowboy boots or cowboy hat?

**saavy:** If you are saavy, you are smart, shrewd, knowledgeable. EX: My father is a saavy investor. He makes lots of money in the stock market. Our internet is down. We need someone with tech saavy to figure out what's wrong.

Are you tech saavy? Sometimes we think of someone that is saavy as having "street smarts". Do you have street smarts? What are you most knowledgeable about?

**vibes:** The vibes of a place or person is the emotional state or the atmosphere. EX: He seemed alright when we texted, but I got bad vibes after talking to him in person. That piano bar is so fun. I could feel the good vibes when I first walked in. Talk about a time when you felt bad vibes about a person or place.

**sulk:** to be silent and bad-tempered when you are annoyed or disappointed. EX: Jim spend the evening sulking in the corner because his team lost the game. When you are angry, are you more likely to yell and scream or get very quiet and sulk.

**C. Wedding Guest Etiquette: I am frequently asked by our students how to dress and behave at an American wedding. So here are some general rules from Glamour magazine.**

1-It's better to be overdressed than underdressed.

2-Always arrive at least ten minutes before the scheduled time so that you can be seated. At traditional weddings the bride's family and friends sit on the left side when you are facing the altar and the groom's family and guests on the right. Though no one will be upset if you sit on the wrong side.

3-Don't bring a date unless your invitation is addressed to you and your guest.

4-Always RSVP as soon as possible.

5-Don't bring large gifts to the wedding. It's better to mail your gift or have it delivered to the bride's home in advance of the wedding. Be sure to include a card so the bride knows who sent it.

6-Don't wear white. White is for the bride.

7-Have a good time, but don't overindulge in alcohol.

**Are these rules different than for weddings in your country?**