

Humor Tip Card Sheet

HUMOR



People laugh
AT or WITH
Someone

People laugh at
The situation

Use these tips to lighten up your next presentation

Humorous Phrases

Three Numbers

I have 2 cats, 1 fish and 10 reasons why dating doesn't work for me.

New Acronym

GNP – Gross National Product
GNP – Glad Not Paying

Alliteration

My mouth mimicked a mixed-up middle-aged misfit.

Anachronism

A person, place or event placed in a time period that doesn't belong:

- Columbus flying to the moon

Props

- Pass out fun snacks or toys
- Use a funny prop and say why it is a metaphor for your problem, solution, idea, etc.

Rule of Three

First comment names the topic
Second sets the pattern
Third switches the pattern

"You can learn to fly," he said to Sam
"You can learn to fly," he said to Sue
"You can...well not everyone can," he said to Tom

Comic Verse

My karma ran over your dogma

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Definitions

Banker: "a fellow who lends you his umbrella when the sun is shining and wants it back the minute it begins to rain." - Mark Twain

Exaggeration

I passed the other runners at the 10-mile mark and was feeling superior when I tripped on my sneaker lace, breaking both my arrogance and my nose.

Fake Statistic or Survey

95% of American said they would rather have their teeth pulled than learn the Chinese alphabet.

Cartoons

Daily Paper and The New Yorker
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Proverb

"You cannot prevent the birds of sadness from flying over your head, but you can prevent them from pooping on your Gucci Blazer."
- Tom Antoin, *Wake Em Up*

Humorous Quote

IRS:
"We've got what it takes to take what you've got."

Simile

Life is like a chocolate chip cookie with all the chips missing.

Mistaken Identity

I thought he was my boss until he opened his mouth.

Point Out the Absurdity

Why is it that the uglier something is the more fashionable it is?

Make a Comparison

My ability to speak French fluently is often like a sewer pipe after a big storm.

Create Humor By Asking Yourself:

Wouldn't it be funny if...
What I thought was going to happen was...
What s/he should have said was..

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