

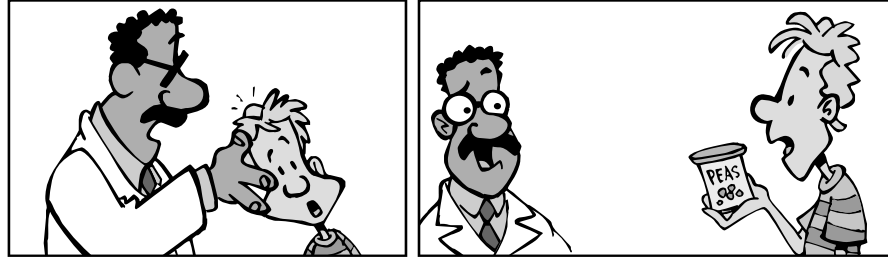


## SMILE POWER

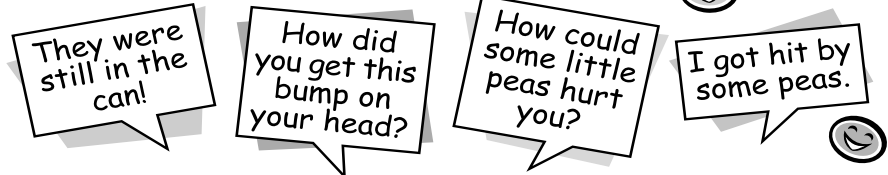
Smile and the world smiles with you! Smiles have the power to make people happy. Maybe that is why millions of people use the smile emoji when sending messages. And with a smile, people from different countries who speak different languages can communicate.

### Just What the Doctor Ordered

Doctors even tell us that laughter can help sick people heal more quickly. All in all, a smile is very powerful.



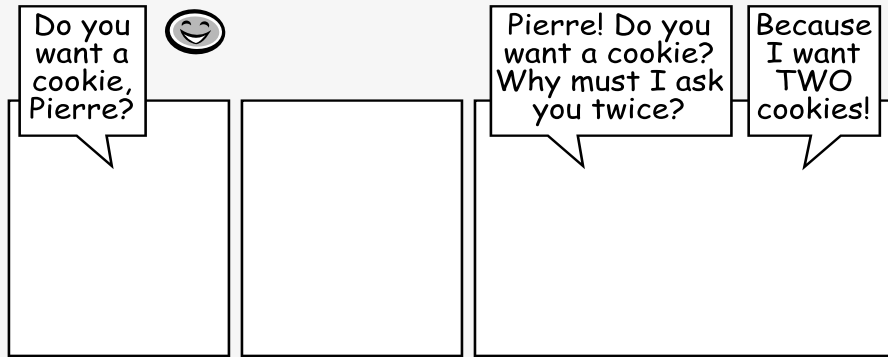
Cut out the word balloons below and paste them in the correct order on the comic strip above.



Standards Link: Health: Identify activities and actions that promote or enhance emotional health.

### Laughter! The Universal Language!

There are jokes from all over the world. What can you learn about people by reading their jokes? Draw your own comic strip using this joke from Martinique.



**Comedy Cafe**  
How many silly things can you circle in this picture?

**Superlative Fun**  
Look through the newspaper for three happy pictures. Label one "Happy," one "Happier," and one "Happiest." Repeat this game with other words.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Standards Link: Social Science: Compare life in different places and recognize that some aspects of cultures are similar.

Standards Link: Vocabulary Development: Understand comparative and superlative case.

These riddles are from all over the world and the answer to each one is the same thing. Can you guess what it is?

**Spain**  
What is a small, white chest that all know how to open and nobody knows how to close?

**Jamaica**  
What is more useful when it is broken?

**Peru**  
In a pot there are two kinds of food. What is it?

**Zambia**  
What is an entire little house without a door?

**Malawi**  
I have built my house without any door. What is it?

**Afghanistan**  
In a bowl of china fixed, two liquids with colors unmixed. What is it?

Have you figured out the answer? If not, color all the boxes with odd numbers. Read the letters that are left and you will know the answer.

2	7	9	6	5	8	4	3	2
A	H	T	N	W	E	G	P	G

With so much information available in print, on TV and online every day, it is important to know that some information is **true** and some is **false** or misleading.

Sometimes news reports make a mistake. Good journalists will let readers and viewers know of the error as soon as possible. Other times, false information is designed on purpose to make you feel a certain way.

- ### How do you tell the difference between fact and fiction?
1. Read beyond the story's headline. Headlines can't tell the whole story.
  2. Do some research! Go to the library and look up more information. Your librarian can help you.
  3. Look for more information online. Be sure to check more than one online site as some sites simply repeat false information.
  4. Make sure the publications and websites you use to check facts are trustworthy.
  5. Ask a parent or family member to help you understand more about the story.

### FACT CHECKER CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

One of these statements is true and one is false. Do the research and find out. Then share what you learned with your friends and family!

Smiling makes us feel happier.  
 TRUE  FALSE

Smiling is contagious.  
 TRUE  FALSE

Was it easy or difficult to find out if the above statements were true or false? It's not always easy being a News Fact Checker. But it's important to always try to get the **whole** story!

Standards Link: Research: Locate and check information about a given topic using multiple resources.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Why does a crane raise one leg when he stands in the water?

Put the words in the right order to discover the answer to this joke from Poland.

legs he both down! raised would he Because fall if

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

### Double Double Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

OPEN COMIC SMILE LAUGHTER FOOD JOKES WORLD QUICKLY GUESS ORDER PEOPLE SILLY BOWL LEARN

W	O	D	O	O	F	E	R	A	W
Y	C	P	T	V	L	L	W	O	B
L	O	Q	E	I	A	O	E	C	N
K	R	M	M	N	U	Y	L	I	R
C	D	S	P	S	G	L	P	M	A
I	E	A	S	Z	H	L	O	O	E
U	R	E	W	C	T	I	E	C	L
Q	U	J	O	K	E	S	P	U	U
G	B	F	D	L	R	O	W	F	Q

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

**This week's word: EMOJI**

The noun **emoji** means an icon or image used to express an idea.

Emily used the smile emoji in her text message to show she liked the joke.

Try to use the word **emoji** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.

### FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

#### Good News/Bad News

In today's paper, categorize stories as either "good news" or "bad news." Explain why you think newspapers print "bad" news at times. Are there some stories that are bad news to some and good to other people?

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write formal letters; write persuasive compositions that state a position or proposal.

### What is the longest word in the English language?

ANSWER: 'Smiles,' because there is a 'mile' between the first and last letters.

### Write On!

#### What makes you laugh?

What makes you laugh out loud?

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