

# AFARINESH IELTS Radio – Podcast 50

## IELTS Speaking Part 3

- **Why do children laugh a lot?**

Well, basically, they don't **face** situations where a whole lot of crazy thoughts start **rambling through** their heads, you know, they kind of **make light of** literally every single thing and, as you surely have seen before, they **make a laughingstock out of** very **critical** issues as if they were not even a part of the reality of the world. Matter of fact, as grown-ups have observed how **sordid** life could get **at times**, their sense of humor has faded away **to some extent**. You could always find a **tinge of hedonism** in every kid's lifestyle. They all have it in different degrees.

- **Why don't adults laugh easily?**

As I said before, there is a good chance that as a human being you'd go through a lot of **ups and downs over the course of** your life, experiencing terrible events sometimes. I believe that's exactly why you cannot be a **ray of sunshine** all the time, **bringing the best out of** everyone or **cheering them up** and putting a smile either on your own or other dudes' faces. We shouldn't forget that, when you **come of age**, the number of responsibilities handed over to you would **rack up ad infinitum**.

- **What kind of people can make people laugh?**

You gotta have it in you, I mean, you're either **cut out for it** or you're not. When you're gifted that way, as soon as you open your mouth and **utter a word**, you'll have your audience **laughing their heads off**. I think the key is to make your jokes sound as genuine as they get by **putting your heart and soul into it**. It's like even the **contours** of your face have to fit the profile otherwise your jokes will all **fall flat** and you'll just end up embarrassing yourself.

## Language focus

### Face sth

have a problem:

Passengers could face long delays.

### Ramble through ones head

Get in ones head

### Make light of

treat as unimportant

"I didn't mean to make light of your problems"

### make a laughing stock out of

To subject someone or something to a mockery or ridicule; to make fun of someone or something.

The president's decision to appoint TV personalities as her advisors has made a laughingstock of our country in front of the entire world.

### Critical

something that is critical is very important because what happens in the future depends on it

### Sordid

very dirty and unpleasant SYN squalid: a sordid little room

### At times

sometimes; on occasions.

"she is at times cruel and ruthless"

### to some extent

partly

What you say is true to some extent, but it's not the whole picture.

### A tinge of

a very small amount of a colour, emotion, or quality

**Hedonism**

believing that pleasure is the most important thing in life

**ups and downs**

the mixture of good and bad experiences that happen in any situation or relationship

**over the course of sth**

while something is happening or continuing

The insurance covers you if you are injured in the course of your employment.

**a ray of sunshine**

someone who is happy and makes a difficult situation seem better

**bring the best out of someone**

create the circumstances where someone exhibits his or her best qualities, which are usually strength, kindness, patience, or courage.

**Cheer someone up**

Make someone happy

**Come of age**

reach the age when you are legally considered to be a responsible adult

**rack up**

get a number or amount of something, especially a number of points in a competition:

He racked up 41 points.

**ad infinitum**

Continuing without ever ending – often used humorously: I have to explain A, then B, and C, and so on ad infinitum.

**cut out for it**

naturally able or suited to do or be (something)

Why do you think that you're cut out for this job?

**utter a word**

say a word

**laugh one's heads off**

laugh heartily or uncontrollably.

"the audience laughed its head off all the way through the show"

**putting one's heart and soul into sth**

make a lot of effort to do something: She puts her heart and soul into her work.

**Contour**

the shape of the outer edges of something such as an area of land or someone's body

the contours of her face

**Fall flat**

fail completely to produce the intended or expected effect.

"his jokes fell flat"