



English for PS, Sek I und Sek II

## Cultural phenomena

Laughing – crying (22)

14:15 minutes

Two-track audio

### Summary

Laughing and crying are related to each other. Both are good for body and soul. Laughing aloud used to be considered unseemly. These days, people laugh together in public, on command. In the 18th century, crying was considered good form among the upper classes, whereas in the last century, «real» men never cried. Today, crying is viewed as a sign of emotional intelligence.

### Methodical ideas

This lesson plan will require approximately two or three lessons.

1. Brainstorming: «tears». Students work in pairs, noting down keywords that occur to them.
2. Collect keywords in class: the themes are «laughing» and «crying».
3. Discussion in half-classes on «laughing» and «crying», respectively: experiences, individual responses, comparisons: the past/the present day, men/women/children, other countries, possible reasons.
4. «Laughing group» tells jokes.
5. Watch the film. Each group takes notes only on its own topic.
6. Worksheet: students answer questions on their topic.
7. «Laughing group» tells jokes.
8. Watch the film again.
9. Finish filling in the worksheet.