

## Cartoons

WORKSHEET A

### Michael

I've always liked cartoons. I used to love them when I was a kid in the 1970s, and now I enjoy watching them with my own children. My favourites are still the old ones like *Bugs Bunny*, and *The Flintstones*, which is about a Stone Age family who live in a cave. My parents say that when I was about six years old I used to love imitating Bugs Bunny's famous catchphrase, 'What's up, doc?'

I guess that for most kids there is something very charming about the idea of animals with human characteristics, like Donald Duck and Scooby Doo. It's an idea that's still very popular today, of course – just look at *The Lion King*, or the fish characters in *Finding Nemo*.

### Katie

I quite like watching cartoons on TV. On some channels you can still see old cartoons that my parents say they watched when they were my age. Some of them are a bit boring, but *Tom and Jerry* is one of the good ones. I like the way Jerry, the little mouse, is so clever – Tom, the cat, always tries so hard to catch him, but usually fails and ends up getting hurt in a funny way.

I love animations like *Finding Nemo* and *Shrek*. The character Shrek is very funny. He's a smelly and ugly green monster, but he has a good heart. He just wants a quiet life, but somehow becomes a hero.

### Sally

I'm quite surprised my children enjoy old cartoons like *Mickey Mouse* and *Bugs Bunny*, because visually they're not as impressive as the modern animations like *Toy Story*, *Monsters Inc.*, and *A Bug's Life*.

I really liked the *Shrek* films when I went to see them at the cinema with my children. The stories are great for kids, but also have a lot of humour that adults can enjoy. Another example of a cartoon with adult humour is *The Simpsons*. My ten-year-old started watching it recently, and seems to find it hilarious, but I'm sure he doesn't get all the jokes.

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WORKSHEET B

### A

Can you find the words in the text that mean the same as the following?

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| 1. child      | 2. intelligent |
| 3. understand | 4. very funny  |

### B

Now can you find the words that mean the *opposite* of the following?

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| 1. succeed | 2. interesting     |
| 3. old     | 4. a long time ago |

### C

Now decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F), or if the text doesn't say (D).

1. Michael doesn't like *Bugs Bunny* anymore.
2. Sally thinks that both adults and children can enjoy the *Shrek* films.
3. Bugs Bunny is able to talk.
4. Michael's children enjoy *The Simpsons*.
5. There are no human characters in *The Lion King* or *Finding Nemo*.
6. Sally has been to the cinema with her children.
7. Katie only enjoys one of the cartoons that her parents used to watch.
8. Sally has two sons.

### D

Now fill the gaps by choosing the correct word from the box below. There are twelve words but only eight gaps.

character	cinema	humour	joke
laugh	hilarious	get	charming
catchphrase	recently	channels	characteristics

1. I thought *Shrek 2* was \_\_\_\_\_ – I couldn't stop laughing.
2. The fish in *Finding Nemo* have human \_\_\_\_\_.
3. In *The Flintstones*, Fred Flintstone's \_\_\_\_\_ was 'Yabba-dabba do!'
4. My favourite cartoon \_\_\_\_\_ is Mickey Mouse.
5. Shrek is a very \_\_\_\_\_ character – it's difficult not to like him.
6. Did you know that *Bugs Bunny* is still on TV? My daughter was watching it on one of the kids' \_\_\_\_\_ last week.
7. I watched *The Lion King* on DVD \_\_\_\_\_.
8. My friends told me there was a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ in *Finding Nemo*, but I didn't find it very funny.