

1. READ THE TEXT AND FOCUS ON UNKNOWN WORDS

1. You are going to read the text *Laugh First, Think Later*. Look at the pictures, the title and the headings of the text. What is the text about?
2. When you read a text, you sometimes find a word that you don't know. You can use the reading strategy **clarifying** to find out what this word means, without using a dictionary. This is because often the text gives you clues to find out the meaning of this word.

EXPLANATION

Reading strategy **clarifying**:

1. You use the **context** to try to find out what a word means. Read the sentence before and after the word.
2. You check if you already know a **part of the word**, or if the word looks like a word you know in **another language**.
3. You think about the main subject of the text and what you **already know** about this.
4. Finally, you can look it up in a **dictionary** if you aren't able to work out the meaning of the word.

3. Read the text. While reading, underline or **mark** words that you don't know. Don't start clarifying yet.
4. Now, try to clarify the meaning of the following words from the text. Also, write down which strategy you used to clarify the words.

You have probably underlined or marked other difficult words. You can write them down too in the last two sections.

word	meaning	strategy I used to clarify (1, 2, 3, 4)
similar (line 1)		
the cannibalism (line 2)		
the spit (line 3)		
the research (line 3, 8, 29)		

the editor (line 6)		
to repeat (line 8)		
annual (line 9)		
to receive (line 13)		
to yell (line 15)		
to be bored (line 15)		
the smell (line 28)		
silly (line 29)		
although (line 29)		
the solution (line 30)		

5. Discuss your answers with a classmate. Did you use the same strategies? For which words did you use other strategies?
6. Use a dictionary to check if you found the right meaning of the words.

2. MAKE A W-CHART

KEY VISUAL

The text *Laugh First, Think Later* gives you information about the Ig Nobel Prize. Answer the questions in the chart. It will give you a good overview of the text.

Ig Nobel Prize	
What is the Ig Nobel Prize?	
Who created the Ig Nobel Prize?	
Where was the Ig Nobel Prize ceremony held this year?	
When does a girl yell out that the prize winner must stop speaking?	
What does the audience do with their programmes?	
Why can these awards make you think later?	

3. ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. The things mentioned in the introduction of the text are examples of:

2. What does a winner of the Ig Nobel Prize receive? Choose two answers.

- A. a few US cents
- B. a heart
- C. a holiday in Zimbabwe
- D. a humoristic science magazine
- E. a paper airplane

3. What funny traditions is the ceremony filled with? Choose two answers.
- A. An 8-year-old girl gives the winners their prize.
 - B. The ceremony ends every year with the same words.
 - C. The people in the audience fold paper airplanes and fly them at the stage.
 - D. The prize winner speaks less than a minute.

4. What was the biology prize for this year?

4. AN INTERVIEW

In the text two Ig Nobel Prize winners are mentioned: the prize for medicine and the prize for biology. If you could interview the researchers what would you like to know? Which questions would you ask?

Talk about this with your classmates.

Write down your questions in the table below.

Questions for the winner of the prize for medicine	Questions for the winner of the prize for biology