

The Mongolian Adventures Podcast  
Season 2 Episode 5: Manzushir Monastery  
Lesson Plan: Jokes

\*This lesson plan can include time for students to listen to the podcast in class or students can be asked to listen to the episode before class as homework. If students listen beforehand, more time can be given for class work.

Skills: Using language to make jokes, utilizing vocabulary and spelling for humor

Students will be able to:

- Think about different types of jokes
- Use language to create jokes

Lesson Format:

Timing :	Content:
5 minutes	What are examples of things that you find funny? List different forms of jokes in an anchor chart format.
15 minutes	Listen to Season 2 Episode 5: Minjin Visits Manzushir Monastery
5 minutes	Post discussion- how can humor help us when things are difficult? Are there times where humor hurts more than it helps?
10 minutes	Split the class into various small groups (2-3 students in a group). Ask teams to work together to write one or more jokes. Show them some examples <a href="#">here</a> to help jog their thinking and funny bones.
5 minutes	Students will take turns performing their jokes for the class.

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Bonus Links + Extension Ideas:

**Social-Emotional learning:** In this episode Minjin thinks about healing and how it isn't just physical. Discuss with the students about how we can heal when we are feeling tough emotions and what kinds of things we can do to take care of ourselves when we are feeling down or experience something difficult.

**-Role-play:** Put on an improv comedy show as a class. Have each of the students write down a random word on a piece of paper. Then have the students pull a piece of paper and have to start acting out something that has to do with the word. See if they can build a story around the word. You can give students a time limit and then switch the students who are performing.

**-Research extension:** Have students research how laughter and humor helps our health. See what scientific research they can find about how humor benefits us and why it's important to laugh. Start with [this article](#) as an introduction.