

# **DO YOU KNOW YOUR “SENSE OF HUMOR?”**

Created by Jef Rawls

In the space beside each heading, mark it as follows:

## **P = PARTICIPANT**

*You are the participant, performer or presenter of this style of humor and comedy. You enjoy displaying, saying, doing this style in social situations, at work, in your relationships or “just being you”. It’s YOUR style and who YOU are.*

## **O = OBSERVER**

*You are the observer and audience in this style. It’s what you like to watch, witness others do, and enjoy listening to. It’s what OTHERS do that make you laugh.*

## **P/O = BOTH**

*You like to both participate AND observe this style.*

## **BLANK**

*Leave BLANK if that style has little or no interest to you*

\_\_\_ **WIT** - This includes word play, puns, quick retorts. The ability to twist and manipulate words and story with misdirection of meaning. Puns are a prime example. Dad Jokes are high candidates for wit.

\_\_\_ **PHYSICAL** - Physical comedy is more of the show us don’t tell us approach. Falls, Spills, Crashes. Slapstick is included in this category. Charlie Chaplin, Dick Van Dyke & Jim Carey are physical comedians.

\_\_\_ **INTELLECTUAL** - Sophisticated humor. Insight you may have to “think” about. Usually you need an understanding of topic to “get it” - or be able to make the connections they intend.

\_\_\_ **SELF DEPRECATING** - Most popular with stand up comedians. Someone who loves to make fun of themselves - pointing out personal flaws, mistakes or lack of intellect.

\_\_\_ **IMPERSONATION** - Who doesn’t like a good impersonation? Even a bad one can get a laugh. It’s a juxtaposition when someone pretends to “BE” someone else.

\_\_\_ **PARODY** - An imitation of the known and spoofing it. A movie, music, a genre or story that we are already familiar with and infusing comedy into an otherwise dramatic scene.

\_\_\_ **JOKESTER** - This person loves to tell “jokes” or enjoys doing pranks. They can make you laugh, but aren’t necessarily a funny person unless they are telling a joke. Telling jokes defines their humor.

\_\_\_ **SITUATIONAL** - It’s where the term Sitcom originated. Observational from a 3rd party looking into a particular moment of everyday life. Good storytelling is usually involved.

\_\_\_**SCREWBALL** - Love taking things to an extreme? Monty Python does! So absurd, it's almost inconceivable. Nonsensical and illogical at best. Very surreal and outside of the box of reality.

\_\_\_**IRONY** - A message of incongruity by using language that normally signifies the opposite. We can also throw Sarcasm in here.

\_\_\_**SATIRE** - This style of humor ridicules, mocks or exaggerates human weakness, stupidity, vices or aspects of society - like politics and other topical issues. Sketch shows like SNL.

\_\_\_**IMPROVISATION** - It's made up on the spot - it happens in the moment. The fact that you know they are making it up on the spot adds an impressive "wow" factor because of their quick minds and skills.

\_\_\_**BLUE** - Adults only! Often shocking, off-color content, swear words throughout and as the punchline. Can be grotesque, inappropriate, risqué and is not usually welcomed by the easily offended, kids and church goers.

\_\_\_**CLEAN** - Clean comedy is free of offensive language and off-color content. Humor for everyone. The kind of humor you can say around your church friends, grandmother and someone else's kids.

\_\_\_**DRY** - Deadpan and dry humor often describe those who may not have a sense of timing (purposefully or not). Very "passive" in delivery. You may not even know they are joking. Very matter of fact.

\_\_\_**EPIGRAM & MEME** - Not all epigrams are funny, but when they are, you laugh! Witty sayings that tickle your funny bone. Memes quite often use epigrams along with a picture to illustrate the humor.

\_\_\_**TOPICAL** - Current Events, Headline News, Pop Culture, and things relevant to what most people are aware of. Saturday Night Live is the king of this! What's happening now? Let's poke fun!

\_\_\_**BITING / INSULTING** - This style is at the expense of others. Making others the brunt of the joke, the punchline. It's making FUN of others in order to get a laugh. Also known as Aggressive Humor.

\_\_\_**DARK** - Morbid is funny. Dark comedy is for those that love to laugh at the macabre. Dark Comedies like Pulp Fiction where death, destruction, blood, and immorality usually cross the line on good ethics and moral.

How'd you do?? Get a better understanding of YOU?? This will help you in moving forward with a more humorous life. Please note that although YOU may love to be a participant of a particular style, your audience may not. KNOW YOUR \*AUDIENCE!! Know what THEY like. Understanding what THEY laugh at.

**Comedy is for a laugh ~ Humor is for a life.**

**LIVE LIFE WITH HUMOR!**

[Learn more at www.JefRawls.com](http://www.JefRawls.com)

*\*Have your spouse or friend take this test (without your influence) and compare. Through this, you will find a new way to communicate with each other. Humor is a language we all speak. Everyone loves to laugh. Enjoy learning the language of others!*