

Unit 5: Sharing a Laugh

Reading 1: The Origins of Laughter

Answer the questions as you read.

1. After reading paragraph 1, what do you expect to learn in this reading? _____

2. According to scientists, why do young chimps laugh when they fight? (paragraph 2)

3. Which of these types of supporting details can you find in paragraph 3: quotes, examples, research results? _____

4. What are the characteristics of involuntary laughter? (paragraph 4) _____

5. How did laughter help early groups of humans? (paragraph 5) _____

6. Why do researchers think humans developed voluntary laughter? (paragraph 6)

7. How does the brain respond differently to voluntary vs. involuntary laughter? (paragraph 7) _____

8. What does the word *sensitive* mean in the fourth sentence of paragraph 8?
