

ChatterPix Creations - Humor

EXPLANATION:

ChatterPix Kids is an intuitive, fun mashup of audio and visual communication that allows users to put mouths on photos and record funny voice-overs. This activity requires students to use their sense of humor to make a fun creation for the sole purpose of making others laugh!

GRADE LEVELS: 11–12

STUDENT GROUPING: Group discussion and ChatterPix creations made in pairs

ACTIVITY LENGTH: 60 minutes approx.

CASEL CORE COMPETENCY: *RELATIONSHIP SKILLS*

- Communicating effectively
- Developing positive relationships
- You can learn more about the CASEL framework [here](#)

SCOPE OF TASK:

Laughter is essential for emotional and physical health. This activity is designed for fun's sake, to encourage students to laugh and to share their sense of humor with their peers.

1. Ask the students why humor and laughter are important. Write their responses on the board.

Questions to activate students' thinking could include:

- Why do you think laughter and humor are important?
- What are the benefits of laughter? (Encourage students to search the Internet for facts if needed.)
- What is a "sense of humor"?
- Why or why isn't everyone's sense of humor the same?
- What do you find funny?

2. Tell the students that engagement in this activity is purely for fun. The objective is to create a funny recording that will make others laugh. They can use photos of people, inanimate objects, artwork, animals—whatever they think could make for a hilarious recording if audio were added. Depending on the technology capabilities of the student group, the teacher may need to model the use of the app for the first time.

3. Describe the activity:

- Students are going to work in pairs.
- One student will need to download the app ChatterPix Kids onto a mobile phone or tablet.
- Encourage students to watch the tutorial video in the app before beginning the task. There are five steps:
 - 1) Take or import a picture.
 - 2) Draw a mouth.
 - 3) Record a message.
 - 4) Decorate.
 - 5) Show your friends. (Recordings can be exported to camera rolls and sent to the teacher to be shared with the whole group.)



4. Once students have made their ChatterPix recordings, the videos can be shared with the whole group so everyone can enjoy a laugh. On completion of the activity, ask the students:

- What was enjoyable about this activity?
- Did you have a laugh? Why?
- Why do you think it is important in life to include humorous times and to laugh?

Note: ChatterPix Kids is a free app for iOS and Android. There may be other apps that can be used for the same purpose, though ChatterPix Kids may be preferable, since it does not include possible in-app purchases. Note that the ChatterPix app is nearly identical to ChatterPix Kids, but the regular version contains images of alcohol.

RESOURCES:

- ChatterPix Kids app for mobile phones or tablets for each student pair
- Computers with Internet access