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Universal Humour: Fact or Fiction?

When you travel, you tend to see a lot of cultural differences between one place and the next. You don't necessarily need to go to the other side of the world to experience it, sometimes cultures can vary drastically from town to town, or there may be a conglomeration of cultures right in your home city. In many cases, it would seem that fully understanding a foreign culture is impossible. However, it's important to remember that no matter how different you and your neighbours, colleagues, or friends may be, there are some human attributes that are universal. But is humour one of them? Let's take a look and see.

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Laughter is often looked upon as the one great universal connection we have. Everyone, whether we're from Asia, Europe, the Americas, or elsewhere, does it. In fact, there are many similarities between the ways we laugh. Sure, you're bound to run into a few unique forms of laughter, but in general we tend to laugh in very similar ways. If laughter were a language, we'd all speak it fluently! Without a doubt, the laughing part of humour *is* universal, but what about the things that lead us up to that point? Are there universal themes in the things that make us laugh?

Every year, ten or so jokes are voted as the funniest in the world. Although various scientific studies have been carried out to determine which jokes a wider range of individuals find funny and which they don't, the concept of universal humour is still tough to prove. [...] [264 words]