

When is it **Appropriate?**



Someone falling over



A pie in the face



A person being chased by a dog



Spoonerism

(when you get words mixed up)



Someone failing at a task



A joke about someone's race



A joke about someone's gender



A joke about someone's religion



Someone dressing up in
stupid clothes

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Object: Who or what is the target or object of the humour? Are they less powerful (popular or happy) than me? Am I going to hurt them?

Strength/Amount: Do I know the group well enough to be making these jokes? Are we trying to concentrate on something else? Are the jokes being disruptive?

People: Who is my audience – could I offend or upset someone with this comment/joke? If your close friend makes a joke to you about your hair, that is probably going to be more acceptable than if a complete stranger does it.

Timing: Is this really the right time for this sort of joke/comment? If your friend is confiding in you about something serious, it might not be the right time.