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We always “**tell a joke**” and sometimes you’ll also hear the informal expression “**crack a joke**” which means the same thing.

My father always tells jokes that make everyone **crack up**.

Everyone **burst out laughing** when I tripped and fell on my face.

The last comedian who performed was hilarious. I couldn’t stop laughing.

I don’t get it: This is an informal way to say “I don’t understand.” It can be used in response to a joke in which you don’t understand why it’s funny. Example: Everyone else laughed at that line in the movie, but I don’t get it. Why is it so funny?

I’m very short, and my boyfriend used to say that he felt like he was dating a child – but he was **just kidding**.

It’s too bad the movie had so many **tasteless jokes** about women’s intelligence.

If someone is “**the butt of the joke**,” it means he/she is the object of the joke – the joke is about him/her.

I always **tease** my husband about not knowing how to fold a shirt properly.

My best friend **makes fun of** me for being late all the time.

Getting a virus on your computer is **no joke**. It can really do a lot of damage.

The guy grabbed a girl’s butt and thought it was funny, but sexual assault is **no laughing matter**.