| **The Art of Funny** |
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| Before Reading Poll    Summer camps offer a wide variety of learning opportunities for kids. Some people say these camps give kids a much-needed break from technology. What do you think?  Having new learning opportunities is more important now than ever before.  Top of Form   * Agree * Disagree   Explain why you voted the way you did. |
| Article    Page 1  image  Photo credit: AP/Larry Neumeister  Zach Rosenfeld, 14, delivers his act at the 2012 Kids 'N Comedy holiday show in New York City.  **NEW YORK, New York** (Achieve3000, March 5, 2013). At the Gotham Comedy Club in New York City, 16-year-old Eric Kurn climbed onto the stage. He gave the packed audience a wide-eyed look before launching into his bit. "I think it's time I had a girlfriend," Eric said. "There's just one little problem. None of the girls I know think it's time I had a girlfriend. Even some of the girls I don't know yet agree with that." The crowd burst out in laughter.  Getting laughs is exactly what Eric is learning to do.  Eric is a student at Kids 'N Comedy, a program that teaches future comedians all about the art of being funny. The program is based in New York City. It was started in 1996 by Stu and Jo Ann Grossman. It offers a series of comedy training classes for kids ages 9 to 18. The classes last nine weeks. Two-week summer camps are also available. The program is a chance for class clowns to sharpen their comedy skills—without ending up in the principal's office.  Trained by professional comedians, Kids 'N Comedy students learn all about comedy. They're taught how to write one-liners. They're taught how to create an act and deliver that act on stage. Class participants are often encouraged to craft jokes based on their life experiences. They then refine those thoughts into an act.  "We try to motivate them to write all the time," Jo Ann Grossman said. "To keep it fresh, you have to keep on writing."  At the end of their beginning training in comedy club work, the students are given an opportunity to try out their material. This happens in front of a live, paying audience of strangers.  For Zach Rosenfeld, 14, that show was the hardest part of the program—at least at first. Zach started taking Kids 'N Comedy classes when he was 9. He remembers preparing for his first experience on stage. He was frozen by fear. He worried that he wouldn't be funny. He said he sat nervously backstage, trying to remember his lines. He forgot most of them once he got before the crowd.  "I was very nervous," Zach said. "But...the class teaches you to calm down and not be so scared."  Zach bombed at his first show. Still, he said he knew he would perform again. And he has. Most recently, Zach did his act at the 2012 Kids 'N Comedy holiday show at the Gotham Comedy Club. This time, the relatively seasoned jokester won the crowd over.  "When you hear laughter on the stage, it's one of the greatest things on the face of the earth," Zach said. "You're shining in the stage's light, and people like you."  Zach wasn't the only shining star at the holiday show. Leo Frampton, 17, was another crowd favorite. He said he gets annoyed during holiday breaks when adults ask him if he's looking forward to returning to school. He joked that he'd like to say, "Hey, it's almost tax season….Looking forward to going back to the office?"  The 2012 holiday show reached a new height: It was Kids 'N Comedy's first sold-out show. For Grossman, the achievement served as evidence of the hard work of the talented students.  "These kids—they're funny. They're really funny," Jo Ann Grossman said. "Nobody's doing knock-knock jokes."  *The Associated Press contributed to this story.*    Page 2  Dig Deeper  image  Photo credit: AP/The Free Press, Janet S. Carter  A camp counselor helps a young camper into the water at a summer camp at Neuseway Park's Nature Center in Kinston, North Carolina.  In "The Art of Funny," you read about a program that offers summer camps where kids learn the art of stand-up comedy. A summer camp is a place that provides kids with activities during their time off from school. There are all kinds of summer camps in the United States. There are arts camps, sports camps, educational camps, and camps that offer a little bit of everything. There are day camps, where kids go only during the day, and sleep-away camps. Camps have been around in the U.S. for more than 150 years.  Where did the idea of summer camp come from? It probably came from William Frederick Gunn and his wife Abigail. The Gunns ran a private school in Connecticut. In 1861, they decided to take some of the boys into nature. This idea probably didn't surprise the students. The Gunns loved the outdoors and promoted the importance of exercise. They often closed the school when the weather was nice. Instead, they would take the students on long hikes. They sometimes hiked to a campsite in the wilderness, several miles from the school. The students stayed there for two weeks. Their activities included swimming, boating, and fishing. In the evenings, the Gunns and their charges would gather around a fire and sing songs.  Summer camp appealed to the Gunns and their students for the same reason camp is popular today: It gave the campers a chance to get away from their day-to-day lives and try something new. In the 19th century, cities in the U.S. were growing. They were full of crowded neighborhoods and the smells of factories. The country offered fresh air and natural beauty. In nature, campers bonded with their peers. Sometimes, they learned new skills, such as starting campfires and finding wild berries.  By 1900, several people and groups had established summer camps. At first, all camps were for boys only. Some of them aimed to teach boys skills that weren't taught in school classrooms. Others hoped to build a sense of responsibility in boys from wealthy families. These kids were used to being waited upon by servants. In 1892, Camp Arey in New York became the first camp to admit girls. Within 10 years, several other girls' summer camps had opened. One of them was Camp Wyonegonic in Maine. Today, it's the oldest continuously operating camp for girls in the U.S.  Summer camps were influenced by certain cultural traditions that reflected the aims of the camps. Boy Scout and Girl Scout camps both adopted military traditions. Campers stick to a strict schedule and eat in mess halls, for example. These traditions help maintain order and promote responsibility in campers. Other camps adopted certain Native American traditions. In the early 20th century, Ernest Thompson Seton established the Woodcraft League of America. The group promoted Native American practices in summer camps. Woodcraft was all about survival and respect for nature.  Summer camps became a more established part of American society in 1910. That year, the American Camp Association (ACA) was started. The ACA is a group for camps and their owners.  Camp was popular from the start. But for decades, many wouldn't allow minorities. In 1950, the ACA decided that its meetings for camp owners would be held only in places where minorities were welcome. Fifteen years later, the ACA stated that ACA membership and jobs would be open to all, regardless of "race or creed." It also recommended that ACA member camps be open to children of all races and religions. This change caused many camps to leave the ACA. Some did not return for many years. However, the new law helped open summer camps to all American children.  Today, children continue to attend summer camp as an escape and a chance to make new friends. Many camps say that the experience is more important than ever. Kids today often spend more time in front of iPad and iPod screens than they do outdoors. Kids at summer camps are learning new skills. They're also learning about the world around them.    Dictionary   |  | | --- | | **comedian** *(noun)*    someone who tells jokes and makes people laugh | | **motivate** *(verb)*    to drive or move someone to do something | | **participant** *(noun)*    someone who takes part in something | | **professional** *(adjective)*    having to do with something that is a paid job, not a hobby that is done just for fun | | **refine** *(verb)*    to improve; to fine-tune | | **survival** *(noun)*    work to stay alive, or the act of staying alive | |
| Activity    Page 1   |  | | --- | | Top of Form  1.  http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/content/images/KB/n/NYCcomedy_042613_e_f.gif  Which best replaces the question mark in the box above?   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/A.gif   The Kids 'N Comedy program teaches kids to deliver professional comedy acts.   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/B.gif   Participants are taught how to calm down and not feel afraid in front of strangers.   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/C.gif   Participants are encouraged to craft jokes based on their life experiences.   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/D.gif   The holiday show set a new height for the Kids 'N Comedy program.  Bottom of Form | | Top of Form  2. According to the article, why did Zach do better in his most recent show than he did the first time he performed?   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/A.gif   Zach spent his time backstage reviewing and trying to remember his lines.   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/B.gif   Zach wrote all the time and was able to refine his act to make it funnier.   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/C.gif   The Kids 'N Comedy classes allowed him to perform in front of strangers.   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/D.gif   The Kids 'N Comedy classes taught him how to calm down and not be scared.  Bottom of Form | |      |  | | --- | | Top of Form  3. Which two words from the article are the closest **synonyms**?   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/A.gif   Motivate and prepare   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/B.gif   Refine and sharpen   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/C.gif   Future and professional   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/D.gif   Craft and deliver  Bottom of Form | | Top of Form  4. The news article says all of the following **except** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/A.gif   Zach Rosenfeld won his audience over when he performed at a holiday show.   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/B.gif   Stu and Jo Ann Grossman started a comedy-training program for kids in 1996.   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/C.gif   Participants in the Kids 'N Comedy program often secure paying jobs as comedians.   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/D.gif   The Kids 'N Comedy program had its first sold-out show in 2012.  Bottom of Form | |      |  | | --- | | Top of Form  5. Suppose you were writing a summary of the article. Which of these would **not** be important to put in the summary?   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/A.gif   Leo Frampton gets annoyed when adults ask if he's looking forward to returning to school.   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/B.gif   Kids 'N Comedy students learn how to create an act and deliver that act on stage.   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/C.gif   Kids 'N Comedy teaches future comedians about the art of being funny.   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/D.gif   Students in the comedy-training program try out their material in front of a live audience.  Bottom of Form | | Top of Form  6. Which of the following is a statement of fact?   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/A.gif   Kids 'N Comedy is one of the best comedy-training programs out there.   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/B.gif   Delivering a comedy act successfully is one of the toughest things a performer can do.   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/C.gif   It is annoying when adults tease kids about returning to school after vacation.   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/D.gif   Kids 'N Comedy students get the opportunity to perform in front of a live, paying audience.  Bottom of Form |      |  | | --- | | Top of Form  7. The article states:  **Class participants are often encouraged to *craft* jokes based on their life experiences.**  Which would be the closest **synonym** for the word *craft*?   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/A.gif   Contain   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/B.gif   Criticize   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/C.gif   Create   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/D.gif   Crush  Bottom of Form | | Top of Form  8. The article states:  **They're taught how to write one-liners. They're taught how to create an act and deliver that act on stage. Class participants are often encouraged to craft jokes based on their life experiences. They then refine those thoughts into an act.**  The author uses these sentences mostly to help the reader \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/A.gif   Understand how to craft humorous one-liners to deliver on stage   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/B.gif   Understand what Kids 'N Comedy teaches its students about comedy   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/C.gif   Understand why Kids 'N Comedy students are taught by professional comedians   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/D.gif   Understand why students are given the opportunity to try out their material  Bottom of Form | |
| After Reading Poll    Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement.  Having new learning opportunities is more important now than ever before.  Top of Form   * Agree * Disagree   Bottom of Form |
| Thought Question    Imagine you are making a documentary about the Kids 'N Comedy program and the history of summer camps. Pick important events from the readings that you would include in your film. Explain why each event is important. Use information from the lesson in your answer.  Type your answer in the text box below. |
| Poll Results    OPINION STATEMENT: Having new learning opportunities is more important now than ever before.   |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Before Reading | | | After Reading | | | | How you voted | | | | | | | Agree | | | Agree | | | | Disagree | | | Disagree | | | | National results | | | | | | | Agree |  | 89% | Agree |  | 92% | | Disagree |  | 11% | Disagree |  | 8% | | 8% changed their opinion after reading the article. | | | | | | |
| Math    Page 1   |  | | --- | | Top of Form  1. Kids take comedy classes at a program in New York City. There are 56 boys in the classes. There are 2.375 times as many girls as boys in the classes. How many girls take comedy classes?   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/A.gif   114 girls   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/B.gif   154 girls   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/C.gif   147 girls   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/D.gif   133 girls  Bottom of Form | |
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It offers a series of nine-week comedy training classes and two-week summer camps for kids ages 9 to 18. It's a chance for class clowns to hone their comedy chops—without ending up in the principal's office.  Trained by professional comedians, Kids 'N Comedy students learn all about the nuances and fundamentals of comedy. They're taught how to write one-liners, how to create an act, and how to deliver that act on stage. Class participants are often encouraged to craft jokes based on their life experiences. They then refine those thoughts into an act.  "We try to motivate them to write all the time," Jo Ann Grossman said. "If you want to keep it fresh, you have to keep on writing."  At the end of their basic training in comedy club work, the students are given a final exam of sorts: an opportunity to try out their material in front of a live, paying audience of strangers.  For Zach Rosenfeld, 14, delivering that performance was the hardest part of the program—at least at first. Zach started taking Kids 'N Comedy classes when he was 9. He recalled that while preparing for his first experience on stage, he was frozen by the sheer fear of failing to be funny. He said he sat nervously backstage, trying to remember his lines, only to get before the crowd and forget most of them.  "I was very nervous," Zach said. "But after sitting through a couple of those classes, I started to open up more and more....The class teaches you to calm down and not be so scared."  Even after bombing at his first performance, Zach said he knew he would perform again—and he has. Most recently, Zach did his act at the 2012 Kids 'N Comedy holiday show at the Gotham Comedy Club, and this time, the relatively seasoned jokester won the crowd over.  "When you hear laughter on the stage, it's one of the greatest things on the face of the earth," Zach said. "You're shining in the stage's light, and people like you."  Zach wasn't the only shining star at the holiday show. Leo Frampton, 17, another crowd favorite, said he gets annoyed during holiday breaks when adults repeatedly ask him if he's looking forward to returning to school. He joked that he'd like to counter, "Hey, it's almost tax season….Looking forward to going back to the office?"  The 2012 holiday show set an important milestone for the program: It was the first sold-out show in the history of Kids 'N Comedy. For Grossman, the accomplishment was a testament not just to the strength of the workshops, but also to the hard work of the talented students.  "To see these kids—they're funny, they're really funny," Jo Ann Grossman said. "Nobody's doing knock-knock jokes."  *The Associated Press contributed to this story.*    Page 2  Dig Deeper  image  Photo credit: AP/The Free Press, Janet S. Carter  A camp counselor helps a young camper into the water at a summer camp at Neuseway Park's Nature Center in Kinston, North Carolina.  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However, the new law helped open summer camps to all American children.  Today, children continue to attend summer camp as an escape and a chance to make new friends. Many camps say that the experience is more important than ever, since kids often spend more time in front of iPad and iPod screens than they do outdoors. Kids at summer camps are learning new skills, and they're also connecting with the world around them.    Dictionary   |  | | --- | | **aspiring** *(adjective)*    trying to reach a goal | | **deadpan** *(adjective)*    having a matter-of-fact style or manner, without expression | | **hone** *(verb)*    to perfect or refine | | **nuance** *(noun)*    a subtle characteristic of something | |
| Stretch Activity    Page 1   |  | | --- | | Top of Form  1. What is this article mainly about?   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/A.gif   The Kids 'N Comedy program's recent milestone   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/B.gif   A program called Kids 'N Comedy that teaches kids how to write jokes and develop comedy acts   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/C.gif   A teen comedian named Eric Kurn who performed at New York's Gotham Comedy Club in 2012   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/D.gif   The requirements and responsibilities of a comedian  Bottom of Form | | Top of Form  2. According to the article, why did Zach do better in his most recent show than he did the first time he performed?   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/A.gif   Because the Kids 'N Comedy program teaches kids how to open up and remain calm on stage   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/B.gif   Because the Kids 'N Comedy program teaches kids how to refine jokes about life into an act   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/C.gif   Because his 2012 performance was at the Gotham Comedy Club in New York City   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/D.gif   Because his 2012 performance was part of a sold-out show in front of a packed audience  Bottom of Form |  |  | | --- | | Top of Form  3. Which is the closest **synonym** for the word *hone*?   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/A.gif   Relish   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/B.gif   Polish   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/C.gif   Diversify   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/D.gif   Certify  Bottom of Form | | Top of Form  4. Which information is **not** in the article?   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/A.gif   A reason why some kids might enjoy telling jokes on stage   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/B.gif   The number of students who have participated in the program   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/C.gif   An example of something the program teaches students   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/D.gif   The names of the founders of the program  Bottom of Form | |  |  | | --- | | Top of Form  5. Which of these is **most** important to include in a summary of this article?   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/A.gif   Sixteen-year-old Eric Kurn performed at Kids 'N Comedy's 2012 holiday show at the Gotham Comedy Club.   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/B.gif   Seventeen-year-old Leo Frampton gets annoyed when adults ask him if he's looking forward to going back to school.   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/C.gif   Kids 'N Comedy is a program in New York City that teaches young people all about being a comedian.   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/D.gif   The Kids 'N Comedy program set an important milestone when its holiday show sold out for the first time.  Bottom of Form | | Top of Form  6. Which of the following is a statement of fact?   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/A.gif   The Grossmans are really gifted teachers, and they are especially good at working with shy teenagers.   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/B.gif   Eric Kurn's humorous deadpan bit was the best performance of all during the 2012 holiday show in New York.   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/C.gif   Zach Rosenfeld's clever jokes and entertaining performance in the holiday show suggest that he will be a great comedian.   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/D.gif   The 2012 Kids 'N Comedy holiday show at the Gotham Comedy Club was the first sold-out show in the program's history.  Bottom of Form |  |  | | --- | | Top of Form  7. 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The author's purpose for writing this article was probably to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/A.gif   Inform readers about the program that Stu and Jo Ann Grossman created for aspiring young comedians   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/B.gif   Advertise for the Kids 'N Comedy program's upcoming show in New York   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/C.gif   Review the recent performance of aspiring young comedian Eric Kurn   * http://portal.achieve3000.com/assets/images/common/component/activity/D.gif   Persuade readers between the ages of 9 and 18 to sign up for a summer camp with Kids 'N Comedy  Bottom of Form | |