



Key Vocabulary

- society
- humor
- childish
- therapeutic
- anatomy
- riddle
- detachment
- incongruous
- elimination
- surgery
- clone
- implant
- demographic
- literacy
- rate
- consumption

Key Idioms and Slang

- crack me up
- what a riot
- play a joke
- go to the dogs

Communication Goals

- Respond to a joke
- Explain why something is funny
- Discuss the feasibility of future technologies
- Discuss future trends

Conversation Starters

- What kind of humor is your favorite? What kind of comedies do you watch?
- Do you think laughter can be a good form of medicine?
- What new technologies do you think will be invented in the future?
- What do you think will happen with marriage rates in the future?
- Do you think birth rates in America will go up or down?

Learning Tools - Song

- One More Robot / Sympathy 3000-21 - The Flaming Lips

Learning Tools - Movie

- Minority Report
(Tom Crusie, Colin Farrell)

Learning Tools - Website

- io9
io9.com

