Unit 2 – Humor: Functions Exercises (Answers)

Exercise 1: Match each expression (A) with its correct function (B).

(A) Expressions	(B) Functions
1. I didn't catch that.	b. Expressing lack of understanding
2. What do you mean by "deadline"?	c. Asking for clarification
3. Could you explain that again, please?	c. Asking for clarification
4. Would you mind helping me?	a. Making a polite request
5. Sure! No problem.	d. Accepting a request
6. I'm sorry, but I can't help.	e. Refusing a request politely

Exercise 2: Complete each dialogue with the correct expression from the box below:

(I'm sorry, but I can't) – (Sure!) – (Could you repeat that, please?) – (What do you mean by "funny"?) – (Can you help me, please?)

1. A: Could you repeat that, please? It's not clear to me.
   B: I said, "Humor makes people feel better."

2. A: Can you help me, please? I need to understand this joke.
   B: Of course, I'll explain it.

3. A: Could you lend me your pen?
   B: Sure! Here you are.

4. A: Would you come to the party tonight?
   B: I'm sorry, but I can't I have homework to do.

5. A: What do you mean by "funny"? Does it mean "strange" or "amusing"?
   B: It means "amusing."

Exercise 3: Select the right answer.

1. When you don't understand something, you say: b) I didn't catch that.

2. When you want someone to repeat, you say: a) Could you say that again, please?

3. To refuse politely, you can say: a) I'd love to, but I'm busy.

Exercise 4: Fill in the blanks with suitable expressions.

A: Sorry, I didn't catch that.

B: I said we'll have the test tomorrow.
A: Oh, okay. Thanks!