# Workshop 2 – Australian Humour

Below you will find the initial scripts that we will be using to express some ideas. Please use the space on this page to write your notes and reactions to each of the scripts. Please consider these questions while making notes:

1. Did I understand the script?
2. Where did I get lost?
3. What was really clear?
4. What is missing?
5. What is there, but unnecessary?
6. What would I need to teach this to my students?
7. How can I use this in an activity?
8. Is this useful to me?
9. What words would I want to teach my students to fill in the “say something like this” sections?
10. Are there any important ideas (scripts) that are missing?

These scripts are intended to capture some of the key ideas that are embodied in Australian Humour.

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| ***1. “Jocular abuse”***  people know that at some times it is like this in Australia:  Someone says some bad things about someone else (to this someone else) for some time  He/she says it like people often say such things when they think something bad about someone else  When this someone says these things, he/she doesn’t say it because he/she thinks like this about this someone else  He/she thinks like this at this time: “this is someone like me, I feel something good towards this someone, this someone can know this, because of this, I can say bad things like this about this someone”  When people hear things like this, they can feel something good, like people feel at many times when they want to laugh |  |
| ***2. “Irreverence”***  people know that it is like this in Australia:  Many people think like this about some things: “this is something very good, very few other things are like this, people can’t say something bad about something like this”  It is very bad if people think like this at all times  Because of this, it can be good if some people sometimes say some bad things about something like this  It is good if they say it because they want people to laugh  When people say some things like this, they know that some people can feel something bad because of it, they know that some people can think something bad about them because of it  They don't want not to do it because of this, this is very good |  |
| ***3. Easy going (this someone is easy going)***  this someone is someone like this:  he/she often thinks like this about other people: “other people can do many things as they want, like I can do many things as I want, this is good”  because of this, he/she often feels something good, like people can feel when they think like this  at the same time he/she doesn’t often think like this about other people: “this someone is not doing something as I want, this is bad”  because of this, he/she doesn’t often feel something bad, like people can feel when they think like this about other people  many people think like this: it is good if someone is like this |  |
| ***4. laid back (this someone is laid back)***  this someone is someone like this:  he/she doesn’t often think like this: “something bad can happen to me, I can’t not do something because of this”  because of this, he/she doesn’t often feel something bad, like people can feel when they think like this  at the same time he/she often thinks like this: “I can do many things as I want, this is good”  because of this, he/she often feels something good, like people can feel when they think like this  many people think like this: it is good if someone is like this |  |
| ***5. Mary takes her job (studies, etc.) too seriously.***  this someone (i.e. Mary) often thinks about something (i.e. her job, studies) like this: ‘‘this is something not like other things, I can’t not do many things because of this’’  when she thinks like this, she doesn’t think like people think about something when they want to laugh at the same time  this is bad |  |