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On exams and in lectures, humor can be used to emphasize what is important, to make what is important memorable, to lighten the mood of a classroom, and to make mathematics seem more human than Vulcan. The presenter has tried for 25 years to be funny in class, with what success the audience for this talk will be able to judge; he will present examples of what has seemed to work, on the board and on exams, along with some thoughts on the limitations of humor as an aid to math education. (Received September 13, 2014)