

**M4U3
Reading**

A Master of Nonverbal Humor

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Warming up

Guessing

He is a little fat.

He performed **crosstalk** very well.

He is the founder of De Yun community.





Warming up

Guessing

He is both a film maker and an actor.

He has received many awards.

His **comedy** *A Chinese Odyssey* (大话西游) is known throughout the world.





Warming up

Guessing

He is a British actor.

He can **mime** very well to make us laugh.

His most popular character is Mr. Bean.





Lead-in



What do they have in common?



Lead-in

crosstalk

comedy

joke

sketch

They make us laugh by playing on words

verbal humor



mime

Mime doesn't involve much talking.

non-verbal humor

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Reading

Fast reading

What will be conveyed in the passage?

A Master of Nonverbal Humor

Para 1

Para 2

Para 3

Para 4

Para 5

who

how

why



Charlie Chaplin



Reading

Detailed reading

Para 2 How did CC become a m

Did his childhood helped him in his work?

What was Chaplin's childhood

know the poor well

talent

know the poor well

skill

know the poor well

experience

Para 3 How did CC become a master of non-verbal humor

He grew more and more popular as his *charming character*, the little tramp became known throughout the world.



a small round black hat

a moustache



loved by people?

optimistic

determined

kind

The little tramp is just a small fish in the big pond, but he *inspired many people with optimism, determination and kindness.*

worn-out shoes



the value of Chaplin's performance

Para 4 How did CC become a master of non-verbal humor

An example: *The Gold Rush*

Time	the end of the 19th century
Place	Alaska
Purpose	In search of gold
difficulty	No gold No food snowstorm

How did the little tramp make the sad situation entertaining?





Para 4 How did CC become a master of non-verbal humor

Put the statements in right order.

- A. Cut off the leather top of the shoe
- B. Pick out the lace and eat it
- C. Cut and chew the bottom of the shoe
- D. Boil one of his leather shoe
- E. Eat each mouthful with great enjoyment

Para 4 How did CC become a master of non-verbal humor

First

D. Boil one of his leather shoe

A. Cut off the leather top of the shoe

Then

C. Cut and chew the bottom of the shoe

Finally

B. Pick out the lace and

E. Eat each mouthful



What's the difference between the little tramp and his friend when they were eating the shoe?

The little tramp is just a failure in search of the gold, but he **inspired** many people with **optimism and kindness**.

the value of Chaplin's performance



shared it with his friend **kind**

unwilling to eat

ate each mouthful with

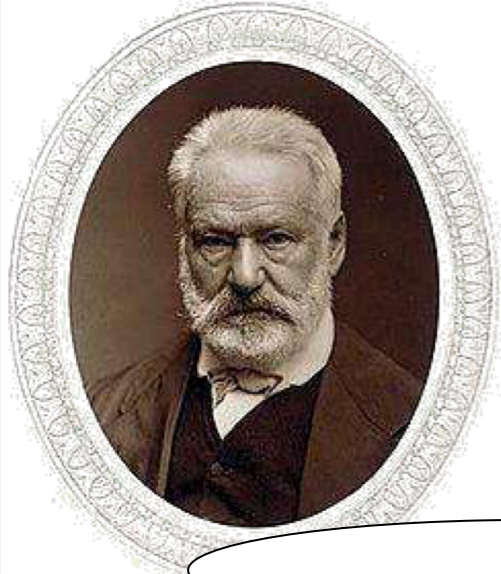
felt upset about the "food"

great enjoy **optimistic**



It is humor that **highlights the meaning of being alive** and clears our minds. **Because of humor, we get less affected in the changeable life** and we come to realize how absurd we are when we **overweigh something less important.**

Para 1 Why is CC considered a master of non-verbal humor



Laughter is the **sun** that drives **winter** from the human face.

- Victor Hugo

What is function of humor?

cheer people up/make people happy

help people get rid of unhappiness

help people get over depression

Para 1 Why is CC considered a master of non-verbal humor

What did Chaplin do during two world wars to “drive winter from human face”?

*He brightened the lives of Americans and British through two world wars by making them laugh at a time when they felt **depressed**.*

A. angry B.  down C.  winter D. satisfied



**Nothing is
permanent
in this
wicked world -
not even
our troubles.**

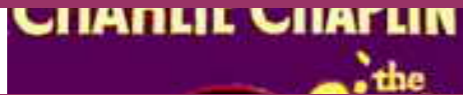
Para 5 Why is CC considered a master of non-verbal humor



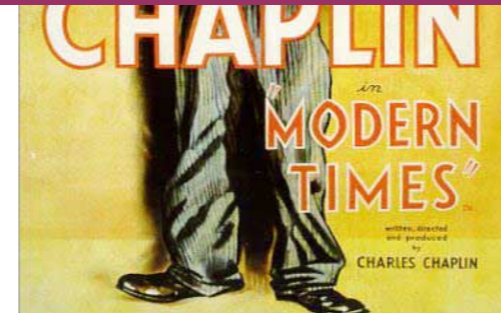
talented, creative and productive



professional
outstanding



inspiring, confident



The Circus
大马戏团 1928

Modern Times
摩登时代 1936

The Great Dictator
大独裁者 1940



Post-Reading

Summary

What are conveyed in the passage?

A Master of Nonverbal Humor

who

how

why

Write a summary with no more than 80 words on **HOW** and **WHY** Charlie Chaplin became a master of non-verbal humor.



Post-reading

Homework

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Assignment

1. Polish your summary. Try to use as many expressions you learned as possible.
2. Create a humorous motto to help you undertake the difficult times.