

## Olly Tells a Joke

Sven and Olly decided to join the local chapter of the Toastmasters. One of the traditions of the Toastmasters is to get the members to become comfortable with telling jokes because it's a good way to break the ice when giving a talk.

Sven and Olly sat quietly through several meetings and observed how jokes were delivered and the best way to get people to laugh. After listening to several members tell the same joke several times, they decided to assign numbers to the jokes, so they didn't have to repeat the same details repeatedly. One member would call out, "Three," and the group would break into laughter. Another would call out, "Seven, " and everyone would laugh hysterically.

After watching this for a while, Olly decided this looked easy, so he decided to tell one of his favorite jokes. He yelled out, "Five!" Nobody laughed, not even a chuckle. He couldn't believe it. Everyone else got a laugh when they just called out their number. Why didn't he get a response like the others?

So, at the end of the meeting, he approached the head Toastmaster and asked what he'd done wrong. Why hadn't the crowd laughed when he called out the number for his favorite joke?

The Toastmaster replied, "Well, I'm sorry to tell you this Olly, but some people can tell a joke, and others can't!