**Unit 17 Laughter Warm up & Lesson 1**

**I. Write down the words according to the definitions:**

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| 1. satire | a way of criticizing something such as a group of people or a system |
| 1. irony | when you use words that are the opposite of what you really mean, often in order to be amusing |
| 1. amuse | to make someone laugh or smile |
| 1. harmony | when people live or work together without fighting or disagreeing with each other |
| 1. withdraw | to take money out of a bank account |
| 1. mature | someone, especially a child or young person, who is mature behaves in a sensible and reasonable way, as you would expect an adult to behave |
| 1. overlook | to not notice something, or not see how important it is |
| 1. clarify | to make something clearer or easier to understand |
| 1. delay | when someone or something has to wait, or the length of the waiting time |
| 1. yell | to shout or say something very loudly, especially because you are frightened, angry, or excited |
| 1. please | to make someone happy or satisfied |
| 1. identification | official papers or cards, such as your [passport](dict://key.D4722835273E184582F2D24696A738EA/passport), that prove who you are |
| 1. anecdote | a short story based on your personal experience |

**II. Complete the following sentences with the words you’ve learnt in the lesson:**

1. Politicians are always targets for satire. It is really embarrassing sometimes.
2. The clown made funny faces to amuse the children.
3. We must try to live in peace and harmony with ourselves and those around us.
4. I'd like to withdraw £500 from my current account.
5. We're mature enough to disagree on this issue but still respect each other.
6. It is easy to overlook a small detail like that.
7. Reporters asked him to clarify his position, to say exactly what his beliefs are.
8. Why was there a delay in warning the public? More lives could have been saved.
9. Don't you yell at me like that! You are unbelievably rude.
10. She did everything she could to please him. And he finally noticed her.
11. Bring some form of identification, preferably a passport.
12. The book is full of amusing anecdotes about his life in Japan.

**III. Put down the meaning of the underlined words or fill in the blanks with the proper forms of the word:**

1. A knee injury forced her to withdraw from the competition. (NOTtoTAKEPART)

One of the minority parties had withdrawn its support for the president. (to stopsupporting)

She withdrew her hand from his. (to take back)

1. The kids amused themselves playing hide-and-seek.
   1. The book is full of amusing stories about his childhood.
   2. The cats are a constant source of amusement to us.
2. The human brain isn't fully mature until about age 25. (fully grown)

As the fish matures, its colours and patternings change. (to become fully grown)

He has matured a lot since he left home. (to become sensible)

1. Our room overlooks the ocean. (has a view of it)

She found him entertaining enough to overlook his faults. (to forgive someone's mistake)

1. Long delays are expected on the motorways due to the severe road accident.

They must restore normal services without delay.

Big companies often delay paying their bills. (to wait until a later time)

1. She let out a yell when she saw me. (a loud shout)

He could hear Pete yelling at someone at the top of his voice.

1. You can spend the money however you please. (to show that someone can do or have what they want)

Her mother was pleased that she chose a college close to home. (happy or satisfied)

**IV. Translate the sentences into English.**

1. 20万亿元在昨晚前已经被从那个账户提走了。（withdraw）

2 billion dollars had been withdrawn from that account till last night.

1. 在警察到达现场前，他一直在对着那个可怜的小孩大喊大叫。（yell）

He had been yelling at the poor kid before the policed arrived.

1. 我感到一定要使人们满意，耗费多少时间和精力都在所不惜。(please)

I felt a need to please people, whatever the cost in time and energy.

1. 为了说明自己的立场，他反反复复地解释着自己的想法。（clarify）

In order to clarify his own position, he had been explaining his ideas over and over again.

1. 他拖延着没有告诉她消息，等待合适的时机。（delay）

He delayed telling her the news, waiting for the right moment.

1. 这事虽小，但绝对不可忽视。（overlook）

This is a minor point, but it must not be overlooked.

1. 休息时，大家一起唱歌取乐。（amuse）

They sang songs to amuse themselves during the break.