



Former comedian John Moore, now an English teacher for Lovington High School, writes an assignment on the white board.

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English teacher
Lovington High**

Comedy in the Classroom

Lesson plans have humor

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LOVINGTON — When John Moore was a student at New Mexico State University, working at the Hilton in Las Cruces, he watched a stand-up comedy show in the hotel lounge.

After listening to some of the comedians, Moore thought he was funnier than any of them, and asked the manager if he could do some stand-up of his own. The next week he got five minutes on stage, and Moore began a part-time career as a stand-up comedian.

After 10 years doing gigs at clubs on weekends, Moore quit doing comedy. Comedy is still in his blood, however, and as an English teacher at Lovington High School, Moore always tries to bring some humor into the classroom.

"I like to make kids laugh," Moore said. "People always

ask me, 'How come you're teaching? How come you're not doing comedy anymore?' I tell them, 'I do six shows a day in my classroom.'"

Moore's humorous style in the classroom makes him popular with his students.

"He's hilarious. He'll make a joke out of pretty much anything," said Andrew McCraw, a senior at LHS and a former student of Moore's. "He's pretty much funny all the time."

Moore likes to put jokes in his weekly vocabulary tests. Oftentimes the jokes are just stupid, he said, but sometimes they're good enough that he hears students telling them in the hallway after class.

Sometimes Moore's students will come back to him years after they graduate and talk about one of his jokes that

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