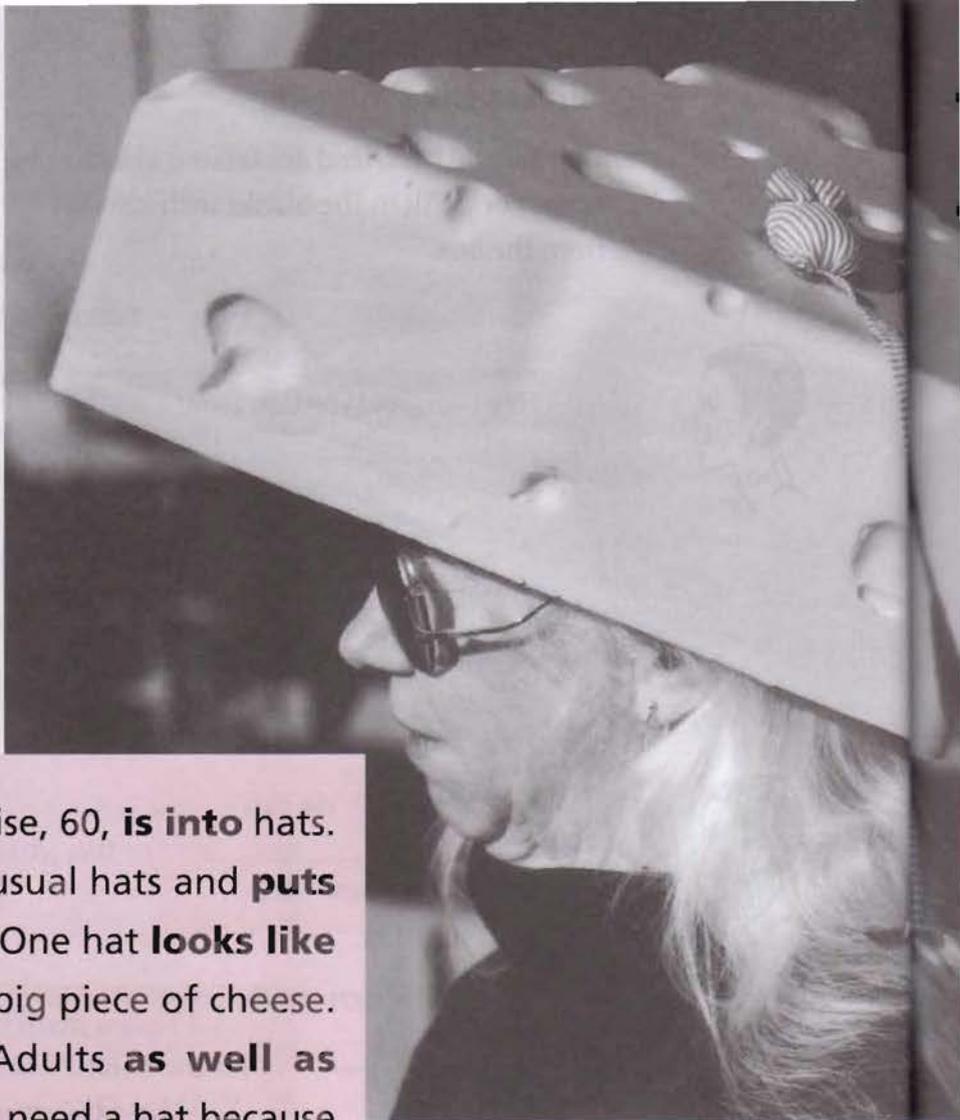


7 Hat Lady Wants to Cheer You Up



1. Quick Reading

Look at the pictures on page 31.

What is the story about?

Now read quickly to get the main idea.

SANTA FE, NM, USA ¹Norma Vise, 60, **is into** hats. She has a big collection of unusual hats and **puts on** a different one each day. ²One hat **looks like** a carrot. Another looks like a big piece of cheese. Another looks like a pig. ³Adults **as well as** children **laugh at** her hats. ⁴"I need a hat because I'm very sensitive to light," says Vise. But she wears crazy hats, she says, "because it's fun. Life can be sad. I want to **cheer** people **up**." ⁵Vise, a college Spanish teacher, also wears traditional hats from Mexico. She is called the "Hat Lady" around campus. ⁶What is the most popular hat? "People **are crazy about** my hamburger hat," says Vise.



New idioms and expressions

cheer someone up*	make a sad person happier
be into something	be very interested in something
put something on*	wear clothes
look like someone or something	be similar in appearance to someone or something
as well as	in addition to; and also
laugh at someone or something*	show joy at someone or something
be crazy about someone or something	like someone or something very much

*phrasal verb (see Lexicon and Appendix D)

 **2. Listen**

Cover the story and look only at these pictures. Listen to the story two or three times.



3. Read the Story

Now read the story carefully. Pay special attention to the idioms so that you're ready for Exercise 4.

4. Complete the Idiom

Cover page 30. Look at each definition below and then complete the idiom.

- a. wear clothes = put ____
- b. like very much = be crazy _____
- c. and also = as well ____
- d. be similar in appearance to = look _____
- e. be interested in = be _____

5. Tell the Story

Cover the story and look at the pictures above. Tell the story using as many idioms as you can.

- a. First, work with the whole class to retell the story.
- b. Then tell the story to a partner or small group.

6. Answer the Questions

About the story

- a. What is Norma Vise into?
- b. What does she put on everyday?
- c. What do some of the hats look like?
- d. Who laughs at her hats?
- e. Why does Vise wear unusual hats?
- f. Which hat are people crazy about?
- g. What do you think of Norma Vise?

About you

- h. What are you into?
- i. Name three foods you are crazy about.
- j. Who (or what) cheers you up when you're sad?
- k. Who do you look like?

7. Write About Yourself

Complete the sentences, writing something true about yourself.

- a. When I was younger, I was into _____.
Now I'm into _____.
- b. I like to put on _____.
- c. I'm crazy about _____.
- d. I laugh at _____.

8. Take a Dictation

Norma Vise _____ hats. She
_____ a different unusual hat each
day. One hat _____ a carrot. Another
_____ a pig. Vise wears crazy hats
because "it's fun. I want to _____ people
_____." Adults _____
children _____ her hats. What is her
most popular one? "People _____ my
hamburger hat," says Vise.

9. Complete the Story

a. Read the true story. Fill in the blanks with idioms from the box.

- aren't laughing at
- is into
- cheer...up
- as well as
- are crazy about

Bubble Lady Wants to Cheer People Up

SANTA CRUZ, CA, USA Karen Turcotte, 35, (1) _____ bubbles. Eight hours a week,* she blows soap bubbles at bus stops and at busy intersections. Drivers honk and wave at her. People (2) _____ Turcotte's bubbles, adults (3) _____ children. The Bubble Lady, as she is called, says that life is full of tragedy. "This is a way to (4) _____ people _____."

But police (5) _____ her bubbles. They've given Turcotte a traffic ticket. "The bubbles could cause an accident," says police officer Brad Goodwin.



* a week: each week

b. Read or tell the story to a partner.