

Table 5.1 *Sex similarities and differences on the humor questionnaire*

Factor name	Sample item	Factor score		<i>t</i>	<i>p</i>
		Males	Females		
Hostility	Are you likely to enjoy a joke even if it makes fun of a racial or minority group?	0.407	-0.223	4.86	< 0.0001
Joking	How often do you tell jokes?	0.355	-0.195	4.11	< 0.0001
Creativity	Do you make spontaneous or 'off the cuff' witty remarks?	0.040	0.022	0.46	n.s.
Laugh at self	How likely are you to be offended when others make fun of you?	0.054	-0.030	0.65	n.s.
Cartoons and comics	How often do you read the comics in the newspaper?	0.013	-0.007	0.16	n.s.
Female v. male	Do you think that men (women), on average, have a sense of humor?	0.052	-0.029	-0.64	n.s.
Slapstick	Do you enjoy slapstick humor?	0.187	-0.103	2.35	< 0.02
Anecdotal humor	Do you tell funny stories about things that happen to you and your acquaintances?	0.209	0.115	-2.59	< 0.01
Sexual humor	Would you make a quip or witticism about sex in mixed company?	0.016	0.009	-0.19	n.s.
Missing the point	Are you likely to miss the point of a joke?	0.066	0.037	0.08	n.s.

Factor scores are expressed as *Z* scores. *N* = 72 males and 131 females for each comparison; degrees of freedom for each *t* test = 201.

Source: Crawford and Gressley, 1991