Note: In communicative exercises where several answers are possible, this answer key contains some examples of correct answers, not all possible answers. Any valid answer in this type of exercise should be considered acceptable.

Exercise 1
Answers will vary.

Exercise 2
Answers will vary.

Exercise 3
Indirect Speech
He has said that the idea for a laughter club came to him “like a divine light.”
Most group members said that at first it felt strange to laugh for no reason.

Direct Speech
(Explaining a little about the method,) he said, “In a nutshell, laughter yoga is a combination of self-induced laughter, yoga exercises, yoga breathing, and stretching exercises.”
He advised, “Start with a large group—the bigger, the better.”
Dr. Kataria explained, “With a little bit of playfulness it becomes real laughter.”

1. (Explaining a little about the method,) he said (that) in a nutshell, laughter yoga was a combination of self-induced laughter, yoga exercises, yoga breathing, and stretching exercises.
2. He advised (that) to start with a large group—the bigger, the better.
3. Dr. Kataria explained (that) with a little bit of playfulness it became real laughter.

Exercise 4
1. One woman reported (that) she had never laughed so hard in her life!
2. A laughter yoga teacher advised me to let go of my inhibitions.
3. A man admitted (that) he had been laughing to the point of crying!
4. A member announced (that) tomorrow / the next day we would meet at 10:00 in the park.
5. Before his first session, he thought (that) he couldn’t make himself laugh in front of other people.
6. An experience member warned me (that) I might feel a little uncomfortable at first.
7. After her first meeting, a woman said (that) she would be there again next week / the following week.
8. Some laughter club members claim (that) the group has changed their lives.
9. One doctor, who is also a club member, said (that) he / her prescription yet.
10. My mom told me not to put too much sugar in her coffee.
11. Heather asked her sister whether (or not) / if she wanted to go shopping with her.

Exercise 5
Answers will vary.

Exercise 6
What a riot!
I don’t get it.
that’s pretty lame

Exercise 7
2. a pun 3. a limerick 4. a riddle 5. an anecdote

Exercise 8
Answers will vary.

Exercise 9
1. c 2. b 3. a 4. b

Exercise 10
Answers will vary.

Exercise 11
Answers will vary. Possible responses include:
2. Jane played a practical joke on Mark. Mark thought that Jane’s joke crossed the line.
3. Jack played a joke on people walking past his apartment. The people walking past his apartment were the butt of his joke.
4. The woman was a good sport. She can take a joke. She was the butt of Sue’s joke.

Answers will vary.

Exercise 12
Answers will vary.

Exercise 13
Answers will vary.

GRAMMAR BOOSTER

Exercise A
1. had heard 2. was, the next day 3. would be, that week
4. he was 5. couldn’t wait

Exercise B
3. could expect
circled word: she
4. was, had left
circled words: her, he
5. was doing, was going
circled word: he
6. didn’t know, hadn’t heard
circled words: he, he
7. to give, wanted
circled words: her, he
8. would be able
circled words: she, them
9. wasn’t, would have, would call
circled words: she, she, her, she, her, her

Exercise C
1. Jackie asked Beth when she had seen Barbara.
2. Seth asked me if I could make it to dinner on Tuesday.
3. The teacher ordered the boy to put his books on his desk.
4. John promised (her) (that) she wouldn’t be disappointed.
5. The patient admitted that he / she hadn’t filled his / her prescription yet.
6. My mom told me not to put too much sugar in her coffee.
7. Heather asked her sister whether (or not) / if she wanted to go shopping with her.