

1. [fʌn] *n*

## 1. 1) веселье, забава; развлечение

figure of fun - смешная фигура, предмет насмешек

full of fun - а) очень забавный; б) полный веселья

to be fond of fun - быть любителем шуток и веселья

it would be such fun - это было бы так весело

what fun! - как весело! [см. тж. 2)]

to spoil the fun - помешать веселью, испортить шутку

to have fun - веселиться; весело проводить время, развлекаться

have fun! - повеселись!; желаю тебе весело /приятно/ провести время!

he has a lot of fun in him - в нём много забавного /занятого/

to make fun of smb., to poke fun at smb. - высмеивать /дразнить/ кого-л. подсмеиваться /шутить/ над кем-л.

in /for/ fun, for the fun of it, for the fun of the thing - шутки ради; чтобы посмеяться [см. тж. 2)]

the teasing was all in fun - мы поддразнивали его просто в шутку

## 2) интерес, что-л. интересное

what fun! - как интересно! [см. тж. 1)]

the game was no fun - игра была совсем неинтересной

I don't see the fun of it - я не вижу в этом ничего интересного /забавного/

sailing a boat is great fun - кататься на лодке очень интересно

he's learning French for fun - он изучает французский язык потому, что ему это интересно /для собственного удовольствия/

[см. тж. 1)]

sickness takes all the fun out of life - болезнь лишает человека радости жизни

## 2. интересный, занятный человек

he's good fun - он человек занятный, с ним интересно

◇ like fun - а) стремительно очень быстро; б) вряд ли, как бы не так

fun and frolic - веселье, забавы

fun and games - а) веселье; приятно проведённое время; б) сл. нежности; поцелуи и объятия; в) сл. эвф. половой акт; г)

шутл. неприятная или трудная работа ≅ придётся попотеть

2. [fʌn] *a разг.*

## 1. забавный

fun person - занятный человек

a fun thing to do - забавный поступок; ≅ интересное дело

## 2. прихотливый, вычурный

## 3. невзаврадашный, поддельный

fun hat - бумажная шляпа (карнавальная и т. п.)

fun fur - поддельный мех

fun car - а) игрушечный автомобильчик; б) = funabout

3. [fʌn] *v разг.*

шутить, забавляться, дурачиться

## fun

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

fun noun, adjective BrE [fʌn] <sup>u</sup> NAmE [fʌn] <sup>u</sup>

noun uncountable

## 1. enjoyment; pleasure; a thing that gives enjoyment or pleasure and makes you feel happy

- We had a lot of fun at Sarah's party.
- Sailing is **good fun** .
- **Have fun!** (= Enjoy yourself)
- I decided to learn Spanish, just **for fun** .
- I didn't do all that work just **for the fun of it** .
- It's not much fun going to a party on your own.
- 'What fun!' she said with a laugh.
- Walking three miles in the pouring rain is **not my idea of fun** .
- The whole family can join in the fun at Water World.
- 'What do you say to a weekend in New York?' 'Sounds like fun.'

## 2. behaviour or activities that are not serious but come from a sense of enjoyment

- She's very lively and **full of fun** .
- We didn't mean to hurt him. It was just **a bit of fun** .
- It wasn't serious - it was all done **in fun** .

more at be/become a figure of fun at ↑figure <sub>n.</sub>, poke fun at sb/sth at ↑poke <sub>v.</sub>

## Word Origin:

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## Thesaurus:

fun noun U

• We had a lot of fun at Tim's party.

entertainment •• pleasure •• enjoyment •• amusement •• play •• recreation •• relaxation • |especially spoken good

**time** • • **great time** • |AmE, informal **blast** •

do sth **for** fun/entertainment/pleasure/enjoyment/amusement/recreation/relaxation

**have** fun/a good time/a great time/a blast

**provide** fun/entertainment/amusement/recreation/relaxation

**spoil** the fun/sb's pleasure/sb's enjoyment

### Synonyms:

#### **entertainment**

fun • recreation • relaxation • play • pleasure • amusement

These are all words for things or activities used to entertain people when they are not working.

**entertainment** • films, television, music, etc. used to entertain people: ▪ There are three bars, with live entertainment seven nights a week.

**fun** • (rather informal) behaviour or activities that are not serious but come from a sense of enjoyment: ▪ It wasn't serious— it was all done ▪ in fun ▪. ◇ ▪ We didn't mean to hurt him. It was just ▪ a bit of fun ▪. ◇ ▪ The lottery provides ▪ harmless fun ▪ for millions.

**recreation** • (rather formal) things people do for enjoyment when they are not working: ▪ His only form of recreation is playing football.

**relaxation** • (rather formal) things people do to rest and enjoy themselves when they are not working; the ability to relax: ▪ I go hill-walking for relaxation.

#### **recreation or relaxation ?**

Both these words can be used for a wide range of activities, physical and mental, but **relaxation** is sometimes used for gentler activities than **recreation**: ▪ I play the flute in a wind band for recreation. ◇ ▪ I listen to music for relaxation.

**play** • things that people, especially children, do for enjoyment rather than as work: ▪ the happy sounds of children ▪ at play

**pleasure** • the activity of enjoying yourself, especially in contrast to working: ▪ Are you in Paris ▪ for business or pleasure ▪?

**amusement** • the fact of being entertained by sth: ▪ What do you do for amusement round here?

to do sth **for** entertainment/fun/recreation/relaxation/pleasure/amusement

to **provide** entertainment/fun/recreation/relaxation/amusement

### Synonyms:

#### **fun**

pleasure • (a) good time • enjoyment • (a) great time

These are all words for the feeling of enjoying yourself, or activities or time that you enjoy.

**fun** • (rather informal) the feeling of enjoying yourself; activities that you enjoy: ▪ We had a lot of fun at Sarah's party. ◇ ▪ Sailing is ▪ good/great fun ▪.

**pleasure** • (rather formal) the feeling of enjoying yourself or being satisfied: ▪ Reading for pleasure and reading for study are not the same.

**(a) good time** • (rather informal) a time that you spend enjoying yourself: ▪ We had a good time in Spain.

**enjoyment** • (rather formal) the feeling of enjoying yourself: ▪ I get a lot of enjoyment from music.

#### **pleasure or enjoyment ?**

**Enjoyment** usually comes from an activity that you do; **pleasure** can come from sth that you do or sth that happens: ▪ He beamed with pleasure at seeing her. ◇ ▪ He beamed with enjoyment at seeing her.

**(a) great time** • (rather informal) a time that you spend enjoying yourself very much: ▪ We had a really great time together.

to do sth **for** fun/pleasure/enjoyment

**great** fun/pleasure/enjoyment

to **have** fun/a good time/a great time

to **get** pleasure/enjoyment **from** sth

to **spoil** the fun/sb's pleasure/sb's enjoyment

### Example Bank:

- I only said it in fun— don't take it seriously!
- I was only having a bit of fun.
- I write for fun, not because I expect to make money.
- It was just plain fun.
- It's no fun getting up at 4 a.m. on a cold, rainy morning.
- Must you take all the fun out of everything?
- School isn't all fun and games.
- She organized an annual fun day for local children.
- That's when the real fun started!
- The boys' game started as harmless fun but ended in tragedy.
- They took up motor racing just for the fun of it, rather than to win anything.
- This movie is full of fun.
- We had a lot of fun at Mick's party.
- We won't let a bit of rain spoil our fun.
- You have to have a sense of fun to be a good teacher.
- You're missing all the fun!
- a game that's fun for kids
- Have fun
- I decided to learn Spanish just for fun.
- I didn't do all that work just for the fun of it.
- It wasn't serious— it was all done in fun.

- It's not much fun going to a party on your own.
- Sailing is good fun.
- She's very lively and full of fun.
- Some of the tourist entertainments may seem tacky, but they're all good, clean fun.
- Teaching isn't all fun and games, you know.
- The lottery provides harmless fun for millions.
- We didn't mean to hurt him. It was just a bit of fun.

Idioms: ↑fun and games ▪ ↑make fun of somebody

## adjective

amusing or enjoyable

- She's really fun to be with.
- This game looks fun!
- There are lots of fun things for young people to do here.

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## fun

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1. **fun**<sup>1</sup> **S2 W3** /fʌn/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *noun* [uncountable]

[Date: 1600-1700; Origin: fun 'to play a trick on' (17-20 centuries), perhaps from *fonne*; ⇨ ↑fond]

1. an experience or activity that is very enjoyable and exciting:

- There's plenty of fun for all the family.
- The children were having so much fun, I hated to call them inside.

2. **for fun** (also **just for the fun of it**) if you do something for fun, you do it because you enjoy it and not for any other reason:

- I simply believe that killing animals for fun is wrong.
- Like most people her age, Deborah struck up relationships just for the fun of it.

3. **somebody is (great/good) fun** *British English* used to say that someone is enjoyable to be with because they are happy and amusing:

- You'll like her, darling, she's great fun.

4. behaviour that is not serious and shows happiness and enjoyment:

- Jan's always so cheerful and full of fun.
- Her sense of fun made her very popular at college.
- Evelyn would tease her, but only in fun.

5. **fun and games** activities, behaviour etc that are not serious – often used to show disapproval

6. **make fun of somebody/something** to make unkind insulting remarks about someone or something:

- I'm not making fun of you. I admire what you did.

7. **like fun** *American English spoken old-fashioned* used to say that something is not true or will not happen:

- 'I'm going to Barbara's house.' 'Like fun you are! Come and finish your chores first.'

⇨ **figure of fun** at ↑figure<sup>1</sup>(12), ⇨ **poke fun at** at ↑poke<sup>1</sup>(6)

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## COLLOCATIONS

### ■ verbs

- **have fun** Did you have fun at the party?
- **join in the fun** The whole village joined in the fun.
- **something sounds (like) fun** (=seems to be enjoyable) The picnic sounded like fun.

### ■ adjectives

- **good fun** *British English* I never realized what good fun fishing could be.
- **great fun** The show is great fun for all the family.
- **harmless fun** (=not likely to upset or offend anyone) The game's designer says it's all a bit of harmless fun, but many parents disagree.

### ■ phrases

- **something is no fun** (also **something is not much fun**) (=something is not at all enjoyable) Being stuck in a traffic jam for three hours was no fun.
- **be sb's idea of fun** (=be what someone enjoys doing – used especially when this seems strange to you) Camping in this rainy weather is not my idea of fun.
- **be half the fun** (=be a very enjoyable part of doing something) Planning a vacation is half the fun.
- **a lot of fun** (also **lots of fun**) The kids had a lot of fun singing and dancing.
- **good clean fun** *British English* (=not offensive or not involving sex) The show is good clean fun for all the family.

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## THESAURUS

- **fun** *noun* [uncountable] *especially spoken* an experience or activity that is very enjoyable and exciting: The course was fun. | Have you ever been windsurfing? It's really good fun. | I just want to relax and have some fun. | It'll be fun seeing all my old friends again. | Running around a freezing hockey field isn't my idea of fun.
- **enjoyment** *noun* [uncountable] the feeling you get when you enjoy doing something: I get a lot of enjoyment out of working with young children.
- **pleasure** *noun* [countable] an experience or activity that makes you feel happy and satisfied: The game was a pleasure to

watch. | One of her greatest pleasures was walking in the mountains. | Ted enjoyed the simple pleasures of life: his family, his home, and his garden.

- **good/great time** *noun* [countable] *especially spoken* a time when you enjoyed yourself: The kids all had a great time. | I remember the good times in Japan. | Were the 1960s really such great times?
- **a blast** *informal* a very enjoyable experience – a very informal use: The trip was a blast!
- **entertainment** *noun* [uncountable] things such as performances and films which are intended to be enjoyable: Three musicians provided the entertainment. | What do you do for entertainment around here? | They hired two dancers for entertainment.
- **relaxation** *noun* [uncountable] a way of resting and enjoying yourself: I play the piano for relaxation. | Her work left little time for relaxation.
- **leisure** *noun* [uncountable] the time when you are not working, when you can enjoy yourself – used especially in compounds: leisure activities | the leisure industry | People have more leisure time.
- **recreation** *noun* [uncountable and countable] *formal* activities that you do to enjoy yourself: recreation facilities | The park is not just a place for recreation.

## II. fun<sup>2</sup> S2 W3 BrE<sup>2</sup> AmE<sup>2</sup> adjective [only before noun]

1. enjoyable and amusing:

Try snowboarding – it's a really fun sport.

a fun day/evening etc

2. a fun person is enjoyable to be with because they are happy and amusing:

She's a really fun person to be around.

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## THESAURUS

### ■ describing something you like or enjoy

- **nice** *especially spoken* pleasant or enjoyable: Did you have a nice day? | It was nice to be back home again.
- **lovely** *especially British English informal* very nice: We had a lovely time at the beach. | The hotel was lovely.
- **fun** *informal* if something is fun, you enjoy it: The holiday was great fun.
- **enjoyable** giving you pleasure: We had a very enjoyable evening.
- **wonderful** very enjoyable: It was a wonderful concert. | The food was wonderful.
- **great** (also **brilliant** *British English*) *informal* very enjoyable: 'How was the party?' 'It was great!' | We all had a brilliant time.
- **charming** used about something that seems pleasant and has a lot of qualities that make you like it: a charming little village in the Italian countryside | I thought the restaurant was rather charming.
- **delightful** *formal* very pleasant or enjoyable: There are many delightful walks in the area. | a delightful evening
- **pleasurable** *formal* a pleasurable experience or feeling is one that you enjoy: Shopping in the old city can be a pleasurable experience. | a pleasurable feeling of relief

## fun

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