Fun

**I don't believe there is a business in America that would not benefit by loosening up and having fun with its customers. Laughter and delight bond the customer to the company because they build trust and rapport. By tradition, no business is more staid than a bank, but Carl Schmitt’s bank in Palo Alto sets a different tone with a painting on the side of the building showing an alien emerging from a flying saucer that crashed into the bank. The back windows of the four bank vans show the following scenes going on “inside” the trucks: two convicts playing cards; two masked men cracking a vault (painted on the side of the van is a policeman waiting inside to catch them); two counterfeiters inspecting their newest fortune and a washing machine out of which is bubbling a pile of bills -- laundered money. People enjoy the art and remember the bank. (Paul Hawkin, in Growing A Business)**

**Bears at a British zoo began taking rides on a swan paddleboat in a pond in their enclosure. “We had the idea of turning this into interesting enrichment for them,” said Tommy Babbington, zookeeper at Woburn Safari Park. Keepers spread some honey and nuts inside the paddleboat to lure the zoo’s 11 bears, and the animals quickly learned to take rides. “It was great fun for visitors to see them climb on board,” Babbington said. *(The Week magazine, April 12, 2024)***

**Darryl’s mother was telling him about the great times she had when she grew up on a farm. She rode ponies, went for hayrides, splashed around in the ole swimming hole. Darryl thought for a moment, then said, “You sure were a lot of fun before I met you.” *(World Features)***

**Dennis says to the other boy: “Mr. Wilson is just a big kid with all of the fun taken out of him!” (Hank Ketcham, in Dennis the Menace comic strip)**

**Billy walks into the house and says to his Mother: “I was so busy I didn't notice if I was havin’ fun or not.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**People rarely succeed unless they have fun in what they are doing. *(Dale Carnegie)***

**Dennis says to his friend while watching TV: “It’s more fun changin’ the channels than watchin’ them.” (Hank Ketcham, in Dennis the Menace comic strip)**

**The best climber in the world is the one who's having the most fun. (Alex Lowe, professional mountaineer)**

**On their way to a dinner party, a wife cautioned her husband: "Now, Howard dear, no drinking, leering at wives, telling horrid jokes, starting political arguments or monopolizing boring sports discussions. Just go and enjoy yourself." (Ron Stanfield, in Today's Health)**

**DRAMA: a word boring people use to describe fun people. (Jenny Mollen, in Reader’s Digest)**

**Unless each day can be looked back upon by an individual as one in which he has had some fun, some joy, some real satisfaction, that day is a loss. (Dwight D. Eisenhower)**

**Mother: “Doesn’t it feel good to be nice and clean?” Billy: “Yeah, but it was more fun gettin’ dirty.” (Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)**

**Anticipating is even more fun than recollecting. *(Malcolm S. Forbes, Sr., in Forbes)***

**Good week for: Having fun, after German scientists found that fruit flies appear to enjoy riding little carousels. Some flies repeatedly jumped aboard and “acted as if they’d just discovered Disneyland,” researchers said. (The Week magazine, September 1, 2023)**

**Fun is fundamental. There is no way around it. You absolutely must have fun. Without fun, there is no enthusiasm. Without enthusiasm, there is no energy. Without energy, there are only shades of gray. (Doug Hall)**

**Games- - really fun, captivating games -- are the mental counterpoint of physical exertion. If you work up a mental sweat doing something that is also fun, you keep the psyche agile because you’ve tingled your brain cells in a way they won’t forget. The cells actually thicken and grow as you learn. *(Gene Cohen, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Get-well cards have become so humorous that if you don't get sick you're missing half the fun. *(Quoted by Earl Wilson, Publishers-Hall Syndicate)***

**To love what you do and feel that it matters -- how could anything be more fun? (Katharine Graham)**

**Mom: “So you had fun at Grandma and Grandpa's?” Son: “Yeah! Grandma hugged me so much I thought I was going to suffocate, and Grandpa gave me all the loose change he had in his pocket!” Mom: “I wish I could've been there.” Son: “I wonder how much Grandpa would've paid you?” *(Jerry Bittle, in Shirley & Son comic strip)***

**Have fun: it’s later on you’ll think. *(Gertrude O’Connell)***

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**If it isn't any fun, why bother? *(Ben Howell Davis)***

**If you’re not having fun, what’s the point, really? *(Ina Garten, food personality, on 60 Minutes)***

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**Another client had this to say about the interrelationship of play and innovation. “Humor, frivolity, and play have a place in this world. Most large companies should remember that they began with a person enjoying himself in the garage. Too many of today's managers, however, have eliminated fun and humor from the job, and hence have eliminated creativity.” To these people, I dedicate Laroff's credo: It is not so important to be serious as it is to be serious about the important things. The monkey wears an expression of seriousness which would do credit to any great scholar. But the monkey is serious because he itches. (Roger von Oech, in A Whack on the Side of the Head, p. 99)**

**When it comes to candy bars, the term fun-sized is misleading. There is nothing fun about your candy bar being 1/3 the size of a regular bar. You should call them what they are: "disappointment-sized." *(Jimmy Kimmel)***

**If you don’t have fun in your 20s, you’re never going to have fun. Life does not get more and more fun. *(Fran Lebowitz)***

**Son: “Dad, were legos around when you were a kid?” Dad: “Yep, but they didn’t have these cool models like today. What did you build?” Son: “A lot of tall,skinny buildings.” Son: “So, before fun was invented?” *(Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott, in Baby Blues comic strip)***

**Fun is like life insurance. The older you get, the more it costs. (Kin Hubbard, cartoonist/humorist)**

**It is a mark of intelligence, no matter what you are doing, to have a good time doing it. (Bits & Pieces)**

**Your mental health will be better if you have lots of fun outside of that office. *(Dr. William Menninger)***

**Lab mice run for fun: Mice really do like running on exercise wheels. That's the conclusion of a new study that assessed whether the activity is an expression of the rodents' natural behavior or is prompted by the anxiety of being in captivity. Because the wheel plays a role in many lab studies, scientists were concerned that its use could tarnish research results as well as raise ethical concerns. Researchers in the Netherlands monitored two test wheels, one in a backyard garden and the other among remote sand dunes. Over two years of observation, scientists recorded nearly 1,000 incidents of mice running on the wheels. (Other animals that took a spin included frogs, shrews, and slugs.) At first the sites were baited, but researchers later removed the food to ensure the activity was natural. Without bait, the visits quadrupled. The wild mice reached speeds and ran for time periods similar to lab mice. They were also frequently observed leaving and then returning to the wheel, suggesting the activity is voluntary. "It seems that they see the running as rewarding in itself,"" Leiden University Medical Center researcher Yuri Robbers tells LiveScience.com, "or maybe as a form of play." *(The Week magazine, June 6, 2014)***

**People rarely succeed at anything unless they have fun doing it. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**You have to be going to a pretty awful place if getting there is half the fun. *(Miss Piggy, ham)***

**Nobody looks stupid when they’re having fun. *(Amy Poehler)***

**Little girl, pulling wagon full of leaves: "It used to be more fun raking leaves before I got big enough to help." *(Jack Tippit, Register and Tribune Syndicate)***

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**After a few days in kindergarten, my daughter came home with a question. “Mom, kids in class say there is no Santa Claus,” she said. “Is it true?” “Yes,” I said reluctantly, sensing it time to admit the truth. “It’s just a game mommies and daddies play to have fun with their children.” She looked at me for a moment then said thoughtfully,” Can we still play the game?” *(Phyllis Orlando, in The Saturday Evening Post)***

**Even Santa Claus needs a hand to deliver presents to children in Alaska’s isolated villages, and he’s getting it from the Alaska National Guard. This year, Santa is hitching rides on C-130 transports and dog-drawn sleds to visit 18 tiny communities near the Arctic Circle, including Little Diomede Island, a remote atoll just east of the Russian border. “Some kids want guns,” said the jolly, white-bearded guardsman, who preferred to keep his identity a secret. “That’s really important here in the bush. One girl said she wanted fun for Christmas. I told her that was my favorite thing.” *(The Week magazine, December 17, 2004)***

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**Fun is good. *(Dr. Seuss)***

**Nothing spoils fun like finding out it builds character. *(Calvin of Bill Watterson's Calvin and Hobbes)***

**A university study has concluded that it must be fun to be stupid. According to their findings, stupid people laugh far more than smart people, the amount of laughter is in inverse proportion to a person's intelligence. (Paul Stirling Hagerman, in It's a Weird World , p. 69)**

**Teenager: “Have you ever noticed that the things you have to do are boring and stupid -- but the things you want to do are fun – mainly because they’re boring and stupid?” Dad: “A hush falls over the crowd.” *(Jerry Scott & Jim Borgman, in Zits comic strip)***

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