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Fun or Funny? The Difference That Changes Your Meaning | Precision English

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Study task: Listen again and notice the expressions you studied.

1

fun

DEF

Enjoyable or giving pleasure.

As an adjective it describes an enjoyable experience; as a noun it means enjoyment.

The party was fun.

We had fun at the beach.

2

funny

DEF

Making people laugh, or strange and unexpected.

Context and tone distinguish amusing from strange.

The film was funny.

There is a funny smell in the kitchen.

3

have fun

DEF

To enjoy yourself or have a good time.

A common everyday expression; it is different from make fun of.

We had fun at the beach.

Have fun at the party!

4

make fun of someone

DEF

To laugh at someone in an unkind way.

This can hurt people; it does not mean enjoy yourself.

They made fun of his accent.

Please do not make fun of her.

5

for fun

DEF

For enjoyment rather than as a duty or job.

Used after an activity to explain the reason.

I cook for fun.

She paints for fun.

6

enjoyable

DEF

Pleasant to do or experience.

A useful alternative to fun in a more formal message.

The trip was enjoyable.

We had an enjoyable evening.

7

amusing

DEF

Entertaining or funny in a light way.

Points to humour, unlike the strange sense of funny.

He told an amusing story.

The film was amusing.

8

a funny feeling

DEF

An unusual or strange feeling.

Often suggests suspicion or uncertainty, depending on context.

I have a funny feeling about this.

She had a funny feeling when the door opened.