Over 150 Ways to Add Fun and Joy to Your Life

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- 1. Personal stories
- 2. Remembering the things we did when we were kids
- 3. Watch and listen to the funny things children do and say.
- 4. Ask, do you ever...?
- 5. Don't you get annoyed when...?
- 6. Funny sayings you see or hear (on coffee mugs, bumper stickers, etc.)
- 7. Humorous memos, or adding some humor to a memo
- 8. You know you're getting older when...
- 9. Funny comedy videos during breaks or monotonous work
- 10. You know it's going to be a bad day when...
- 11. Impressions
- 12. Song parodies
- 13. Newspaper or magazine articles
- 14. Running gags
- 15. Props
- 16. Joke of the week hotline
- 17. The tale of woe
- 18. Humor bulletin board
- 19. Puns
- 20. Show people how to do something, by showing them how not to do it correctly.
- 21. Blame everything on the mystery person. Make up a scapegoat name.
- 22. Joke books
- 23. Old jokes
- 24. Who do you look like?
- 25. Talk about what you would like to invent.
- 26. Cartoon books (Farside, Herman, Dilbert, etc.)
- 27. Improvisational comedy
- 28. Slogan contest
- 29. Wear fun clothes (Hawaiian shirts etc.)
- 30. Make up your own version of Jeopardy or Wheel of Fortune, etc.
- 31. Running games of chess, cards etc.
- 32. Jigsaw puzzles
- 33. Retro Video Game or DVD exchange program
- 34. Music exchange program (or share streaming playlists)
- 35. Book exchange program
- **36.** Baby picture game
- 37. Art contest
- 38. Essay contest
- **39.** Cartoon or joke of the day/week
- 40. Brainstorming sessions for fun ideas in the workplace
- 41. Put on a show, talent show etc.

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- 42. Photography exhibit
- 43. Poetry reading
- 44. Hold some meetings outdoors
- 45. Hold some meetings in a private home
- 46. Awards ceremony
- 47. Start the day with a sing along
- 48. Do the hokey pokey dance
- 49. Bagels or donuts on Monday
- 50. Group line dance lessons
- 51. Dance through the decades (lots of them on YouTube)
- 52. Have meetings on site (Toastmasters, Rotary club etc.)
- 53. Create a fun waiting area
- 54. Have a picnic or barbecue during the work day
- 55. Have outside speakers or entertainers during lunch or meetings
- 56. Limo for day
- 57. Funny calendars
- 58. Nerf basketball, football, Frisbee, golf, etc.
- 59. Retro video games-Pacman, etc.
- 60. Softball game, kickball, volleyball, whiffle ball, etc.
- 61. Snowball or water balloon fight
- 62. Office treasure hunt
- 63. Theme days (silly tie, tee-shirt day, hat day, cheap sunglasses day etc.)
- 64. An office yearbook
- 65. Call in well days for staff
- 66. Swear box, whining box, etc.
- 67. Excuse of the month
- 68. Add humorous item to each meeting agenda
- 69. Replay stressful situations using humor
- 70. Reward yourself for completing undesirable tasks
- 71. Learn some magic tricks-find some on YouTube
- 72. When you're really stressed, tell the office "I need a standing ovation right now."
- 73. Have a special person of the week/month and have employees anonymously write comments regarding the qualities they like or admire in that person.
- 74. Have employees give bonus points to employees who are demonstrating an outstanding attitude, customer service, etc.
- 75. Surprise gift certificates and shopping spree where employees are taken to a mall with a gift certificate or money and are given an hour to buy something for themselves with it.
- 76. Make up a list of things that make you happy and do at least one of them a day.
- 77. Write down the names of all the people or things that tick you off on toilet paper and flush them down the toilet.
- 78. Picture someone who is a jerk wearing a diaper.
- 79. Read or listen to something funny before a difficult task.
- 80. Make sure there is someone in your life that can make you laugh.

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- 81. Hire at least one funny person in the office, who you can always count on to lighten up the atmosphere.
- 82. Collect some fun toys to have around the office.
- 83. Have some fun or humorous rubber stamps
- 84. Subscribe to humor publications or surf the net for humorous sites. https://www.makeuseof.com/tag/15-funniest-websites-best-humor-web/
- 85. Make up your own top ten list.
- 86. Surprise treat day- popcorn cart, ice cream cart etc.
- 87. Make up a fun quiz about people in the office/ church
- 88. Monthly/weekly drawing for a free tank of gas/ car wash etc.
- 89. Traveling flower bouquet
- 90. Laughing contest
- 91. Use funny stories you read or heard to illustrate a point or idea
- 92. Create a funny meme
- 93. Funny photo apps
- 94. Pinterest
- 95. Instagram
- 96. Facebook feed
- 97. Twitter
- 98. TikTok
- 99. Funny text messages
- 100. Keep a humor folder on your computer
- 101. Who is it? (unknown facts about co-worker's hobbies, awards, family, etc)
- 102. Create special interest groups (foodies, movie buffs, music fans, cooking, etc.)
- 103. Learn to laugh at yourself. You'll have a never-ending source of material!
- 104. Start a conversation with, "Here's what I'd like to see happen."
- 105. Play office theme songs to pump you up! You all add your favorites to the list
- 106. Make light of odd facts about yourself.
- 107. Musical Chairs
- 108. Who is it? (Guess facts about co-workers)
- 109. Board games
- 110. Change your ringtone to something that makes you smile
- 111. Learn to juggle
- 112. Fun virtual backgrounds
- 113. Ask Alexa or Siri to tell you a joke
- 114. Ask Alexa or Siri to give you a compliment
- 115. Funny face photo apps on your phone
- 116. Assign numbers to jokes you and your friends already know to save the time of telling it again. Ex: This is a joke number 323 moment!
- 117. Zoom/Virtual Bingo
- 118. Google Chuck Norris jokes
- 119. Personalized birthday memes. Just search for Happy Birthday (insert name)
- 120. Create music playlists that make you happy (Spotify, YouTube, etc.)
- 121. Funny/Humor apps for your phone. Pick some you like.

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- 122. Virtual game night with friends. Trivia is also great for this.
- 123. Virtual movie night with friends. Use the chat box to comment on the movie.
- 124. Wear a fun or funny face mask
- 125. Brighten someone's day by sending them a handwritten card, old-school style!
- 126. Scented candles, oils (some smells are good for mood boosting such as citrus)
- 127. Speak in a positive tone of voice. Your mind will follow!
- 128. Use emojis to express yourself. Find the perfect one at: https://emojipedia.org/
- 129. Smart TV Channels-Just search for "Funny" in the Channel store section. You'll find plenty, and a wide variety.
- 130. Streaming fitness classes such as Yoga, HIIT workouts, etc.
- 131. Virtual Happy Hour
- 132. Join some Facebook Groups. Chose a topic or topics that interests you. Interact with the group.
- 133. On Alexa say, "Alexa, inspire me"
- 134. Ask Alexa or Siri to give you a compliment
- 135. Aske Alexa or Siri to tell you a joke
- 136. Learn about Benford's Law of number distribution. Strange but true!
- 137. Do the birthday game. See how long it takes to find two people in the same room with the same birthday.
- 138. Have a humor buddy or two with whom you can exchange funny memes.
- 139. Play fantasy sports, such as football, etc.
- 140. Find an online club for things that interest you
- 141. Search for online forums of different subjects that interest you and interact
- 142. Get a pet or volunteer to care for pets
- 143. Walk a dog. Great way to meet people
- 144. Download Libby library app and listen to audio books for free
- 145. Search YouTube for comedy genres or watch your favorite comedians
- 146. Create a bucket list of fun things you want to do.
- 147. Marco Polo App. Send video messages to your friends.
- 148. Virtual Team Building. Here's a good list: <u>https://museumhack.com/virtual-team-</u> <u>building-for-remote-teams/</u>
- 149. Learn a new language
- 150. Take an online class through Coursera. Many are free: https://www.coursera.org/
- 151. Create funny sound effects for yourself when you're getting up, sitting down, etc.
- 152. Subscribe to podcasts. Motivational, inspirational, educational, funny.
- 153. Take a stand-up comedy class. They even have virtual versions now.
- 154. Always be on the lookout for new things that bring you joy!
- You can find a lot of jokes for free on the web. For example, open Google, and search for "jokes for meetings," "clean jokes about _____," etc. You'll find plenty. Pick a few of the best ones.

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