









# Silly vs. Funny

Silly is *Out* – Talking is *In* (by the end of Kindergarten)

But Friends can still be funny with each other. **What is the difference between being Silly and being Funny?**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Silly</b></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Funny</b></p> 
<p><b>Definition:</b> Weak-minded or lacking good sense; stupid or foolish; absurd; ridiculous; irrational (online dictionary)</p>	<p><b>Definition:</b> Providing fun; causing amusement or laughter; amusing; comical</p>
<p>Doing something <b>silly</b> can also mean you are the <b>only one</b> doing something...<i>no one else</i>.</p> 	<p>Doing something <b>funny</b> can also mean you are doing something <b>with other people...together</b></p> 
<p><b>People Laughing:</b> It may <u>sound</u> more like a sneer; The people laughing <b>may not</b> look happy – may <u>look a little mean</u>.</p> 	<p><b>People Laughing:</b> The <u>sound</u> is a <i>full laugh</i>; The people may <u>look happy</u>.</p> 
<p>The people are laughing <b>at you</b>.</p>	<p>The people are laughing <b>with you</b>.</p>
<p><b>Value?:</b> No real value offered by being silly.</p> 	<p><b>Value:</b> Value is offered by making people smile and laugh about something that is <i>truly funny</i>.</p> 

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Circle all the answers that apply...there may be one or more answers to a question

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  - c. A little embarrassed because you were surprised by losing your balance and now people are laughing.
  
2. After you trip and fall, *if* you realize that it was *just an accident* and *kind of funny*, and so you laugh too – then your friends are
  - a. Laughing *at* you because you tripped and fell
  - b. Laughing *with* you because you tripped and fell and you also realize that it was kind of funny.
  
3. A few days later you feel that your school day is a bit boring. Because your classmates laughed when you tripped and fell the other day, you decide to do it again to get them to laugh. You purposely trip and fall. Your classmates laugh. You do it a two more times throughout the day. People laugh each time. You laugh too. They are....
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  - a. Funny
  - b. Silly
  - c. Neither...they are laughing at the person behind you.

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  - b. That a person provided a good source of humor – funny stuff for all to enjoy.
  - c. You do something so another person will like you.
  
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  - a. Act really goofy
  - b. Do something that makes others feel good/happy
  - c. Bring real value to the situation by making people laugh
  
7. Is being Funny and being Silly the same thing?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Maybe – if maybe....what makes it a “maybe”?
  
8. The most important thing that a new friend looks for when he or she is with you is... (up to three possible answers are correct).
  - a. That you are an honest friend
  - b. That you always make him or her laugh
  - c. That you are friendly
  - d. That you bring value to the relationship
  
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1. The teacher is reviewing a writing project and children are called on to give answers: adjectives, adverbs, nouns, etc. **So far every answer offered has been accepted by the teacher.** Max (who sits in front of the class) raises his hand and when called upon offers a word that is not allowed in school (swear word). Max quickly turns around to look at the kids behind him. Max has a big grin. A few of the kids way in the back of the class laugh a little. Max laughs too. In this case, Max was...
  - a. Being Funny
  - b. Being Silly
  - c. Being a nice distraction from the work...
  - d. Going to get in BIG trouble.
2. One way you can tell if something said or done is silly or truly funny is if...
  - a. People laugh
  - b. People look embarrassed
  - c. The laughter either **sounds** kind of **sinister**, **or sounds** like a whole – **fully body laugh**.
3. Another way you can tell if something said or done is silly or truly funny is if...
  - a. The people laughing are **looking happy** or **looking a little mean** or sinister.
  - b. The teacher laughs too.
  - c. You are laughing too.
4. And another way you can tell if something said or done is silly or truly funny is if...
  - a. Your favorite friend is laughing or not
  - b. If you are the **only one** doing the silly/funny behavior **or other people** are doing it too.
  - c. Your teacher laughs

Clues to focus on are in  
**blue**

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5. If a **few people** are doing something that makes each of them laugh, then it is likely a \_\_\_\_\_ thing.
  - a. Funny
  - b. Silly
  - c. Weird
  
6. If a **few people** are doing something that makes each of them laugh, then it is likely something that is....
  - a. The same, meaning people are doing the same thing.
  - b. Very different, meaning one person is doing something that is very different than the others.
  - c. Going to get them in big trouble.
  
6. If **only one person** is doing something and other people are laughing, then it...
  - a. May be just silly because he is the only one doing the behavior
  - b. Is most definitely funny – very, very funny.
  
7. If **only one person** is doing something and other people are laughing, then it is likely that...
  - a. It's a situation where people are doing the same thing.
  - b. It's a situation where one person is acting different than the overall group.
  
8. **One** person has a yellow sticky on his nose...this could be:
  - a. Silly
  - b. Funny
  
9. A **small group** of kids are wearing a yellow sticky on each of their noses...this could be:
  - a. Silly
  - b. Funny