

Romantic Workshop #6: HAVING FUN

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Maintaining a good romance requires both partners to exert efforts; efforts to keep your life together from becoming mundane. When a relationship advances beyond the “honeymoon” period, it can fall into a routine. Soon you may forget how early in your relationship you would do things together spontaneously. Do you remember when you would snuggle up to your boyfriend as he drove the car to a destination? Do you still do that? Do you still laugh together at playful teasing and joking around? Do you find yourselves kissing and hugging less often both at home and in public? When was the last time you met at a place other than where you live? My point here is that each of you needs to **engage** your partner, be an active participant in your relationship and diligently **seek out** ways to have fun together.

That is not to say you should ignore your everyday household chores for a good time all the time. Yes, life has its’ duties (and they should be shared equally). But no loving relationship should slide into a drudgery of mundane inactivity. As an example, even the chores can be done together, and with a small effort can be made the source of a little fun! Use your imagination in that regard. Likewise, do you guys reading this still listen attentively and **share** her excitement when she tells you of the super discount she discovered today? If you answered yes, then life is good. If your answer was sometimes or no, then this workshop may help to rekindle your enthusiasm for a **fun** romantic relationship.

Suggested Activities

- Sit down together with a paper and pencil and list the fun things you did together when you were dating. Try to recall what was fun about the activities you shared together. Chances are the fun was in the **sharing** of the activity.

Seeing the impish smile on her face as she splashed you while strolling on a beach likely imprinted the image in your mind permanently. Try to recall who instigated the remembered fun activities. Just making this list should inspire you to begin to resume some of these fun activities.

- Make a list of fun things you wish to do together that are not expensive. Examples are: a spur of the moment bike ride together, or maybe some frolic time with playground equipment in a park. Just a stroll through your neighborhood can be made to be fun, as well as a little tickle session. Even verbal bantering with endearing references to idiosyncrasies and physical characterizations are fun if not taken seriously. Make up a pet name for your partner if you have not done so already. The main idea is to be spontaneous and fun-loving.
- Make a list together of fun dates you may be interested in. Would one of you like to go to a comedy club sometime? How about a specific music concert? Maybe rustic camping is what you consider fun. How about taking a pottery class together? The possibilities are endless. So make a list together and discuss which ones you will try to do first. Revise your list to place your combined priorities. Now you can make specific plans just one date at a time, or more if that is what you would like to do.

Here it needs to be said that (and this should be obvious) almost no-one shares the same exact ideas of what they consider fun. But because there is mutual dedication in your relationship, you each need to **make every effort to share your enthusiasm** for your partners' interests. If this romantic workshop activity results in you participating in a new thing that you think you have no interest in, go into it with an open mind. Who knows, you may end up liking the new activity.

Now, allow me to reiterate what was already said: **each of you need to engage your partner, be an active participant in your relationship, and diligently seek out ways to have fun together!**