



Use Your Sense of Humor for Good, Not Evil

1. Use your own funny life to tell funny stories.
2. Follow this rule: if you wouldn't want someone saying that about you, don't say it about them.
3. Don't confuse sarcasm with humor. Sarcasm can be funny, but it almost always hurts someone.
4. If someone (even your parents or younger sibling) tries to make you laugh and what they're saying is not hurtful or putting you or anyone else down, go ahead and laugh. It's not only nice, it's healthy.
5. Everyone has a different sense of humor, so if you're trying to be funny and someone doesn't think you are, that's okay. You're both right.
6. Avoid making jokes about things you know your friends and family don't think are funny.
7. Listen. You'll get to know what someone finds funny faster that way.
8. Use your sense of humor to make friends, not lose them.
9. Even though lots of stand-up comics curse a lot, they just do that because they haven't spent enough time working on their "material." Cursing is not funny, it's just a sign of laziness.
10. If your mom or dad says you should avoid making jokes about something, you should probably listen. They know more than they let on.