

# Productive to the Max

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## ***Develop a Sense of Humor***

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A good sense of humor can improve your relationships and provide more chances for advancement. We feel more comfortable around people who have a sense of humor and as a result communication is fostered. Managers with a sense of humor build rapport and camaraderie among team members. Some people are just naturally funny; their mannerisms, body language and outlook on life provide fodder for their humor. They are creative thinkers and are able to relieve stress with their funny antics. If you are one of these people, good for you. Keep up the great work.

However, some people are just not funny. And they should not try to be. However, there are ways to include humor in your life even if it is not a natural component.

1. Share your own funny life experiences, especially if you can be the butt of your own humor
2. Always participate in fun events and laugh at other's jokes
3. Keep a file of funny cartoons, jokes and situations and bring it out at the appropriate time
4. Store funny cards to send for occasions
5. Use a camera to capture candid moments and share with others

Be careful to keep away from humor that reflects sarcasm or other's inefficiencies. Stay away from topics of sex, politics and religion and race unless you know the audience will be receptive.

"Laugh and the world laughs with you. Snore and you sleep alone"

***Anthony Burgess***