

constituents without which a thing or a
2 \star : the principal musical tone produced
or column of air) on which a series of
the root of a chord 3 : the harmonic
that has the lowest frequency and com-

group π (1957) : a set that is a set
of points each pair of which is joined
that group of the group of all paths

tions). **PLAY** stresses the opposition to *earnest* without implying malice or mischief (pretended to strangle his brother in *play*).

²**fun** *vi* **funned**; **fun-ning** (1833): to indulge in banter or play.

³**fun** *adj.*, sometimes **fun-ner**; sometimes **fun-nest** (ca. 1840): providing entertainment, amusement, or enjoyment (a ~ person to be with) 2: full of fun (a ~ night) (have a ~ time).

fu-nam-bu-lism \fyü-'nam-byə-,li-zəm\ *n* [L *funambulus* rope fr. *funis* rope + *ambulare* to walk] (1824) 1: tightrope walking: a show esp. of mental agility — **fu-nam-bu-list** \-list\ *n*

fun and games *n pl* but *sing or pl in constr* (1920): light amusement

ifun \ʔən\ n [E dial. *fun* to hoax, perh. alter. of ME *fonnen*, fr. *fonne* dupe] (1727) 1 : what provides amusement or enjoyment; *specific* : playful often boisterous action or speech (full of ~) 2 : a mood for finding or making amusement (all in ~) 3 a : AMUSEMENT, ENJOYMENT (sickness takes all the ~ out of life) b : derisive jest : SPORT, RIDICULE (a figure of ~) 4 : violent or excited activity or argument (let a snake loose in the classroom; then the ~ began)

syn FUN, JEST, SPORT, GAME, PLAY mean action or speech that provides amusement or arouses laughter. FUN usu. implies laughter or gaiety but may imply merely a lack of serious or ulterior purpose (played cards just for *fun*). JEST implies lack of earnestness in what is said or done and may suggest a hoaxing or teasing (hurt by remarks said only in *jest*). SPORT applies esp. to the arousing of laughter against someone (teasing begun in *sport* led to anger). GAME is close to SPORT, and often stresses mischievous or malicious fun (made *game* of their poor rela-