PLAY stresses the opposition to earnest without implication of malice or mischief (pretended to strangle his brother in play).

fun vi funned; funning (1833): to indulge in banter or play.

fun adj, sometimes funner; sometimes funnest (ca. 1846): providing entertainment, amusement, or enjoyment (a person to be with) 2: full of fun (a night) (have a time).

funambulism /fyú-'nam-bə-lizəm/ n [L funambulus, fr. funis rope + ambulare to walk] (1824) 1: tightrope: a show esp. of mental agility — funambulist /-list/ n

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