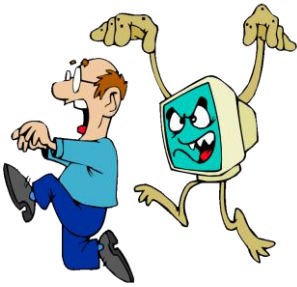


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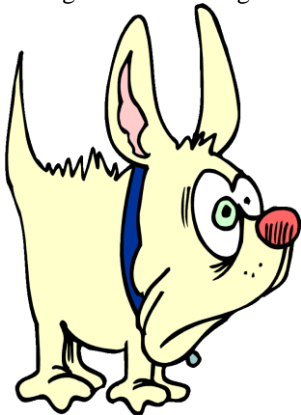
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Nothing does a better job of opening people up to what you have to say than giving them something to smile about. If you can make a person smile immediately when they get to your website, you are 90% of the way to your goal of drawing them into reading your blog post. OR ... if you can instantaneously make them so curious they can't stand it ... they just have to read to satisfy their curiosity.

Makes sense. But how in heck do you do it? Simple. Start your article with a humorous or curiosity-provoking image. Write a quick intro relating the graphic to what you want to talk about. Examples:



Computer troubles? Dinged machine out to get you? Believe me, I know the feeling. But I found a gizmo that can help.



Too much coffee this morning? Some days, it's tough for me to relax, too. But then I found an herbal remedy ...



Ever wanted to tear your hair out over computer problems? Stop! I've found a great solution.



There definitely are times you want to try something totally new for dinner, and it's scary. What will your family think? Here's an idea ...



I learned something today that totally blew me away ...



I used to really lose it when the frustration got too much. I embarrassed myself. But I've found a solution ...



Have you ever had a day where it just seemed like you couldn't write anything worthwhile, and you briefly thought of ending it all? Please ... don't despair!



Is someone mad at you, and they just won't give you a break? I have an idea ...



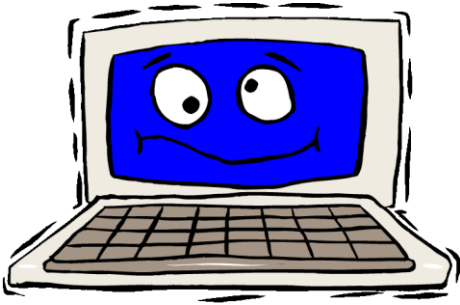
I was working with my son last night when I had a really neat idea, and I'd like to share it with you ...



Ever feel sometimes you have to hide who you really are when you talk with people? What if you knew the perfect words to help you relate to anyone immediately?



Yes! YOU are the one I want to talk to!



Computer on the fritz? This may help

...



Remember in the movie "The Shining" when Jack Nicholson busts his hand through the door? Very scary. I've been having some scary thoughts of my own ...



If your husband is a whiz in the kitchen, then good for you. Wish I could say the same ...



Sometimes you see something that just doesn't make any sense at all. Yesterday I was ...



If you're like me, there are some jobs you just hate to do. For instance ...



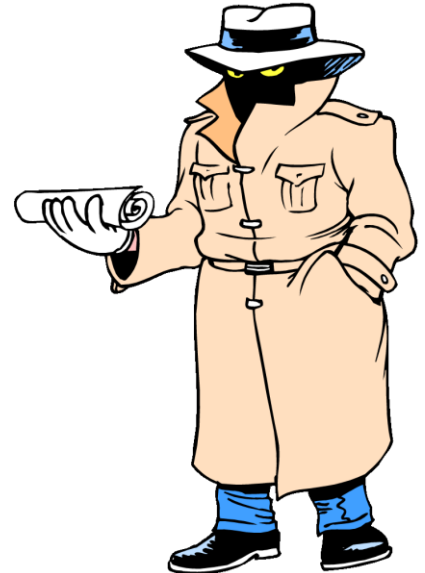
Does it ever seem like the future is being controlled by someone who doesn't really have your best interest at heart?



Do you ever find it tough to make up your mind about a security software product? Not sure which way to go?



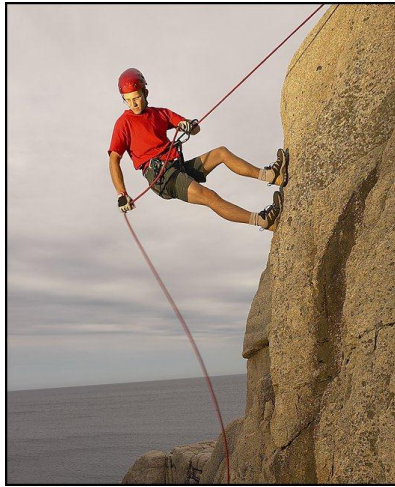
When you're working with people's health, sometimes it seems like there is nowhere to turn ...



You don't have to be any great detective to know there's a problem with your fratzistan ...



Some prospects need a little extra help making a decision ...



Make time for training every day to improve your skills, because there will come a time when you'll need them.



It's critical to keep a close eye on your growing organization at all times, just in case ...



What's the best way to deal with your competition?



Does this business ever make you feel like your head is going to explode?



Do you ever wonder if your technology is lagging behind your competitors'?



Here are 3 ways to handle rejection that will take you right out of your funk.



How do you make good buying decisions, when you know that bad ones could cost you your business?



How can you make prospects stop treating you like you're part of the furniture?

OK. So now you have a bunch of ideas about how to take a humorous or interesting image and make it relate to whatever you are writing. So where do you get these great images? **Here are 2 free possibilities:**

1. <http://www.sxc.hu/home/> has a lot of good, free images. Just search the words in the “emotions” list below to see what images you might like.
2. <http://freedigitalphotos.net/> - again, search “emotion” words, and you’ll find some good free photos that would be useful in your blog.

Here are 3 paid possibilities (these resources have many more photos available):

3. <http://fotolia.com/> - You’ll find a huge variety of photos available, many for the lowest price of about \$1.30/photo, when you search the ‘emotion’ words here.
4. <http://istockphoto.com/> - Again, a huge variety of “emotion” photos. The “x-small” size is fine for a blog post, and this will cost about \$3 for most photos.
5. <http://clipart.com/>. I bought a 1-year subscription for \$160. That is the source of the photos in this article. You get to download up to 1000 graphics a day for a year. You can buy a 1-month subscription for \$35 or 3 months for \$60. So it’s cheap. But by their contract, you need to use the graphics you download during the term of your subscription, which means you can’t stockpile them for future use.

Or ... do a web search for “free images” and you’ll find a lot of other possibilities.

But the key is to know what you want to download before you start with an images vendor. That is crucial. I suggest you search emotions & categories to find the best graphics to download. Here is my list of emotions:

A sense of loss	Annoyance	Captivated	Crushed	Dismay	Enraged
Abandoned	Annoyed	Caring	Culpable	Dismayed	Enthrallment
Able	Anticipation	Caring	Curious	Displeasure	Enthusiasm
Abominable	Anxiety	Cautious	Daring	Dissatisfied	Envious
Absorbed	Anxious	Certain	Deceitful	Distracted	Envy
Accepting	Apathetic	Challenged	Defeat	Distraught	Euphoria
Aching	Apathy	Charmed	Defeated	Distress	Evil
Adamant	Appalled	Cheated	Dejected	Distressed	Exasperated
Adequate	Apprehension	Cheerful	Dejection	Distrustful	Exasperation
Admiration	Apprehensive	Cheerfulness	Delight	Disturbed	Excellent
Adoration	Arousal	Childish	Delighted	Divided	Excited
Affected	Ashamed	Clever	Depressed	Dominated	Excitement
Affection	Assured	Close	Depression	Doubt	Exhausted
Affectionate	Astonishment	Cold	Deprived	Doubtful	Exhilarated
Afflicted	Astounded	Combative	Desire	Drawn toward	Expectant
Afraid	At ease	Comfortable	Desirous	Dread	Fascinated
Aggravation	Attracted	Comforted	Desolate	Dubious	Fascinated
Aggressive	Attraction	Compassion	Despair	Dull	Fatigued
Agitation	Awe	Competitive	Despairing	Dynamic	Fawning
Agonize	Awed	Concerned	Desperate	Eager	Fear
Agonized	Bad	Condemned	Despicable	Eagerness	Fearful
Agony	Beautiful	Confidence	Destructive	Earnest	Ferocity
Alarm	Betrayed	Confident	Determined	Easy	Festive
Alarmed	Bitter	Confused	Detestable	Ecstasy	Flustered
Alienated	Bitterness	Considerate	Devoted	Ecstatic	Fondness
Alienation	Blessed	Conspicuous	Difficult	Elated	Foolish
Alive	Bliss	Contempt	Diffident	Elation	Forced
Almighty	Blissful	Content	Diminished	Electrified	Fortunate
Alone	Boiling	Contented	Disappointed	Embarrassed	Fragmented
Amazed	Bold	Contentment	Disappointment	Embarrassment	Frazzled
Amazement	Bored	Contrite	Discouraged	Empathy	Free
Ambivalent	Boredom	Courage	Disgust	Empty	Free and easy
Amusement	Brave	Courageous	Disgusted	Enchanted	Friendliness
Anger	Bright	Cowardly	Disgusting	Encouraged	Fright
Angry	Burdened	Cross	Disillusioned	Energetic	Frightened
Anguish	Calm	Crosspatch	Disinterested	Engrossed	Frisky
Animated	Capable	Cruel	Dislike	Enjoyment	Frustrated

Frustration	Immortal	Lost	Playful	Sensitive	Thrilled
Full	Impatient	Lousy	Playfulness	Sentimentality	Thwarted
Fuming	Important	Love	Pleasant	Serene	Timid
Furious	Impressed	Love low	Pleased	Servile	Tired
Fury	Impulsive	Loved	Pleasure	Settled	Torment
Gaiety	In a stew	Loving	Politeness	Sexual desire	Tormented
Gay	In despair	Lucky	Positive	Sexy	Tortured
Glad	Incapable	Lust	Positive Human	Shaky	Touched
Gladness	Incensed	Mad	Emotions	Shame	Tragic
Glamorous	Indecisive	Magnificent	Powerful	Shock	Triumph
Glee	Indifferent	Manipulated	Powerless	Shocked	Troubled
Gleeful	Indignant	Maudlin	Powerlessness	Shy	Trust
Gloom	Infatuated	Mean	Precarious	Silly	Ugly
Glorious	Infatuation	Melancholy	Preoccupied	Skeptical	Unbelieving
Glumness	Inferior	Menaced	Pressured	Sneaky	Uncertain
Good	Inflamed	Merry	Pretty	Snoopy	Uncomfortable
Grateful	Infuriated	Miserable	Pride	Solemn	Understanding
Gratified	Injured	Misery	Prim	Sore	Uneasiness
Great	Inquisitive	Misgiving	Prissy	Sorrow	Uneasy
Greed	Insecurity	Mortification	Proud	Sorrowful	Unhappiness
Greedy	Insensitive	Mournful	Provocative	Spirited	Unhappy
Grief	Inspired	Mystical	Provoked	Spite	Unique
Grieved	Inspired	Naughty	Quaking	Spiteful	Unpleasant
Groovy	Insult	Negative	Quarrelsome	Stable	Unpleasant
Grouchiness	Insulting	Neglect	Queer	Startled	Feelings
Grumpiness	Intent	Nervous	Quiet	Stingy	Unsettled
Guilt	Interest	Nervousness	Rage	Stress	Unsure
Guilty	Interested	Neutral	Rapture	Strong	Upset
Gullible	Intimidated	Nice	Reassured	Stuffed	Used
Happiness	Intrigued	Niggardly	Rebellious	Stunned	Useless
Happy	Irritated	Nonchalant	Receptive	Stupefied	Vehement
Harassed	Irritation	Nosy	Re-enforced	Stupid	Vengefulness
Hardy	Irritation	Nutty	Refreshed	Sublime	Victimized
Hassled	Isolated	Obnoxious	Regret	Suffering	Violent
Hate	Isolation	Obsessed	Rejected	Sulky	Vital
Hateful	Jealous	Odd	Rejection	Sunny	Vivacious
Heartbroken	Jealousy	Offended	Relaxed	Superior	Vulnerable
Heavenly	Jolliness	Offensive	Reliable	Sure	Warm
Helpful	Joviality	Opposed	Relief	Surprise	Wary
Helpless	Joy	Optimism	Relieved	Surprised	Wasteful
Helplessness	Joyful	Optimistic	Remorse	Suspicious	Weary
Hesitant	Joyous	Outrage	Repugnant	Sympathetic	Weepy
High	Jubilant	Outraged	Resentful	Sympathy	Wicked
Homesick	Jubilation	Overjoyed	Resentment	Talkative	Woe
Homesickness	Jumpy	Overwhelmed	Reserved	Tearful	Woeful
Honored	Jumpy	Pain	Restless	Tempted	Wonderful
Hope	Keen	Pained	Revenge	Tenacious	Worked up
Hopeful	Kind	Panic	Reverent	Tender	Worried
Hopelessness	Laconic	Panicked	Revulsion	Tenderness	Worry
Horror	Lazy	Paralyzed	Rewarding	Tense	Wrath
Hostile	Lecherous	Parsimonious	Righteous	Tenseness	Wronged
Hostile	Left out	Passion	Sad	Tension	Zany
Hostility	Liberated	Passionate	Sadness	Tentative	Zapped
Human emotions	Licentious	Pathetic	Sated	Tenuous	Zeal
Humiliated	Lifeless	Peaceful	Satisfaction	Terrible	Zest
Humorous	Liking	Perplexed	Satisfied	Terrified	
Hurt	Loathing	Persecuted	Scared	Terror	
Hysteria	Loneliness	Pessimistic	Scorn	Thankful	
Hysterical	Lonely	Petrified	Screwed up	Threatened	
Ignored	Longing	Pity	Secure	Thrill	

Just choose the ones you relate to the most. And as you go through them and find graphics to download, look at the keywords listed for those graphics to find OTHER categories you want to search. For very little expense, you can come up with a ton of funny or riveting graphics that will give new life to everything you write. Also – be picky about the graphics you choose. You want memorable, funny, colorful graphics ... just take the best.

Hope you find this write-up useful!

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