

Foolish

To be foolish is to promote your own wonderful life and expect others to be fascinated by it.

Examples

1 To be foolish is different from to make a fool of yourself. I have been in both situations, often. Like us all I have made many foolish decisions. Above all, I have failed to talk things out with my partners, and figure out effectual and win win strategies of disengagement. I now realize that this would have been possible and that I am responsible for ignorance and timidity. I have also made a fool of myself by acting out. Why do I think that dancing, letting it go with my awkward strides and hip hop gallops, is an amusing sight for a gathering of my Nigerian friends? Am I staging a variety show? When I make a fool of myself, in such a way, I am acting out some crypto sense, far inside, that a temporary lack of control will add charm to me.

2 One makes a fool of himself, of course, to *épater le bourgeois*. But M. Homard is literature now. The worst fool on the street reads the news, and knows that his pipe and slippers are in trouble.