

laugh

1. [lɑ:f] *n*

1. смех

on the laugh - смеясь, продолжая смеяться, со смехом

to give a laugh - рассмеяться

to raise a laugh - вызвать смех, рассмешить

to raise a /to turn the/ laugh against smb. - поставить кого-л. в смешное положение, высмеять кого-л.

to have a good /a hearty/ laugh at smb., smth. - от души посмеяться над кем-л., чем-л.

to have /to get/ the laugh on /over/ smb. - выставить кого-л. дураком; оставить кого-л. в дураках

the laugh was on him - в результате он сам остался в дураках

to have the laugh on one's side - а) посмеяться над тем, кто смеялся над тобой; б) взять верх, восторжествовать над кем-л.

to join in the laugh - присоединиться к общему смеху, посмеяться вместе с другими (*особ. о человеке, добродушно принимающем подшучивание*)

to break into a laugh - разразиться смехом

we've had a good many laughs over his behaviour - мы немало посмеялись над его поведением

2. *редк.* посмешище3. *разг.* шутка, смешной случай

that's a laugh - ну и смехота!, вот смех-то!

it was a laugh! - вот смеху-то было!

he will help? - That's a laugh - он поможет? - Не смейся меня!

4. *разг.* забава

to play baseball just for laughs - играть в бейсбол для забавы /несерьёзно/

2. [lɑ:f] *v*

1. 1) смеяться

to laugh at a joke - посмеяться над анекдотом

to laugh oneself helpless [sick, into convulsions, into fits] - смеяться до упаду

to laugh in smb.'s face - смеяться в лицо кому-л.

to laugh over a letter - смеяться, читая письмо

the children laughed at the clown's antics - дети заливались смехом, глядя на выходки клоуна

it's nothing to laugh at - (здесь нет) ничего смешного

don't make me laugh! - не смейте меня!

he was laughing his head off - он хохотал как безумный

2) (at) смеяться над чем-л.; пренебрегать чем-л.; не обращать внимания на что-л

to laugh at difficulties [at threats, at danger, at misfortunes] - смеяться над трудностями [над угрозами, над опасностью, над неудачами]

2. 1) сказать со смехом, произнести смеясь

to laugh a reply - ответить смеясь

2) выразить смехом

to laugh one's pleasure - рассмеяться от удовольствия

she laughed her disrespect - она презрительно рассмеялась

3. (out of, off)

1) выгнать, согнать (*откуда-л.*)

they laughed the singer out of the house /off the stage/ - зрители хохотали над певцом так, что ему пришлось сойти с эстрады

2) насмешками отучить (*от чего-л.*)

to laugh smb. out of a habit - отучить кого-л. от привычки, посмеявшись над ней

◇ to laugh in one's sleeve - ≅ смеяться в кулак; украдкой /исподтишка/ радоваться

to laugh on the wrong /other/ side of one's mouth /face/ - неожиданно перейти от радости /смеха/ к слезам

he laughs best who laughs last - *посл.* хорошо смеётся тот, кто смеётся последним

enough to make a cat laugh - ≅ курам на смех; смех да и только

laugh before breakfast you'll cry before supper - кто с утра смеётся, тот к вечеру плачет, ≅ рано пташечка запела, как бы кошечка не съела

to laugh out of court - высмеять, осмеять

laugh

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laugh [laʊg laʊgz laʊgd lɑ:ʒɪŋ] *verb, noun* *BrE* [lɑ:ɫʃ] *NAmE* [læf]

*verb*1. *intransitive, transitive* to make the sounds and movements of your face that show you are happy or think sth is funny

• to **laugh loudly/aloud/out loud**

• ~ (**at/about sth**) You never laugh at my jokes!

• The show was hilarious— I couldn't stop laughing.

• She always **makes me laugh** .

• He **burst out laughing** (= suddenly started laughing) .

• She laughed to cover her nervousness.

• I told him I was worried but he laughed scornfully.

• + **speech** 'You're crazy!' she laughed.

2. *intransitive be laughing (informal)* used to say that you are in a very good position, especially because you have done sth successfully

• If we win the next game we'll be laughing.

more at kill yourself laughing **at** ↑kill *v.*, piss yourself (laughing) **at** ↑piss *v.*

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	laugh
	BrE /kɑːf/
	NAmE /læf/
he / she / it	laughs
	BrE /kɑːfz/
	NAmE /læfz/
past simple, past participle	laughed
	BrE /kɑːft/
	NAmE /læft/
-ing form	laughing
	BrE /kɑːfɪŋ/
	NAmE /læfɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English hlæhhan, hliehhan, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch and German *lachen*, also to †laughter.

Thesaurus:

laugh verb I

• It was so funny I laughed out loud.

giggle • • **chuckle** • • **titter** • • **roar** • |especially BrE **snigger** • |AmE **snicker** • |informal **crack up** • • **be/have sb in stitches** •

Opp: cry

laugh/giggle/chuckle/titter/roar/snigger/snicker **at** sth

laugh/giggle/chuckle/titter/snigger/snicker **about/over** sth

laugh/giggle/chuckle/roar/snigger/snicker **with** pleasure/amusement, etc.

Vocabulary Building:

Different ways of laughing

cackle to laugh in a loud, unpleasant way, especially in a high voice

chuckle to laugh quietly, especially because you are thinking about something funny

giggle to laugh in a silly way because you are amused, embarrassed or nervous

guffaw to laugh noisily

roar to laugh very loudly

snigger/snicker to laugh in a quiet unpleasant way, especially at something rude or at someone's problems or mistakes

titter to laugh quietly, especially in a nervous or embarrassed way

You can also be convulsed with laughter or dissolve into laughter when you find something very funny. In *BrE* people also shriek with laughter or howl with laughter.

Example Bank:

- Don't take life too seriously. Learn to laugh at yourself.
- Emilio tilted his head back and laughed good-naturedly.
- He laughed, and she found herself laughing with him.
- He laughed heartily at his own joke.
- He looked so funny I just had to laugh.
- He pulled a funny face to make us laugh.
- He realized how he had been fooled, and laughed bitterly.
- I have not heard an audience laugh so hard for a long time.
- I heard him suddenly laugh aloud.
- I laughed uneasily, trying to make light of the moment.
- I thought she would be angry but she just laughed.
- I was watching them and trying not to laugh.
- It looked so funny that I almost laughed out loud.
- It was so funny we just fell about laughing.
- Sam shook her head, laughing in amusement.
- She laughed slightly as she saw my expression.
- She smiles and laughs easily.
- She spent time talking and laughing with the children.
- She was fooling around and we couldn't stop laughing.
- The audience laughed at her jokes.
- They were talking and laughing together.
- Tomorrow you'll be able to laugh about this.
- Trent almost laughed with relief.
- Vivian started laughing hysterically.
- We were laughing over some joke Bentley had told.
- 'You're crazy!' she laughed.
- He burst out laughing.
- She always makes me laugh.
- The show was hilarious— I couldn't stop laughing.

Idioms: †do something for a for laughs ▪ †don't make me laugh ▪ †have a laugh ▪ †he who laughs last laughs longest ▪ †laugh all the way to the bank ▪ †laugh in somebody's face ▪ †laugh like a drain ▪ †laugh on the other side of your face ▪ †laugh somebody

out of court ▪ ↑laugh till you cry ▪ ↑laugh up your sleeve ▪ ↑laugh your head off ▪ ↑not know whether to laugh or cry ▪ ↑you have got to laugh
Derived ↑laugh at somebody ▪ ↑laugh something off

noun

1. **countable** the sound you make when you are amused or happy

- to **give a laugh**
- a short/nervous/hearty laugh
- His first joke **got the biggest laugh** of the night.

see also ↑belly laugh

2. **a laugh singular (informal)** an enjoyable and amusing occasion or thing that happens

- Come to the karaoke night— it should be a good laugh.
- And he didn't realize it was you? What a laugh!

3. **a laugh singular** a person who is amusing and fun to be with

- Paula's a good laugh, isn't she?

more at barrel of laughs **at** ↑barrel _{n.}, have the last laugh **at** ↑last _{det.}

Word Origin:

Old English hlæhhan, hliehhan, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch and German lachen, also to ↑laughter.

Example Bank:

- A small laugh escaped her.
- Few of his jokes got a laugh.
- He laughed that warm, sexy laugh.
- He enjoys a good laugh.
- He gave a short, amused laugh.
- He left the room with a cynical laugh.
- I had a good laugh over that one.
- Nick responded with a genuine laugh.
- Oh yes, very funny— have your laugh at my expense!
- Paul's always good for a laugh.
- Paula's always good for a laugh= always amusing.
- She laughed a hollow laugh then fell silent.
- She dyed her hair green just for a laugh.
- She forced a bitter laugh.
- She got a laugh out of Jack.
- She seemed unsure of whether to play her role seriously or for laughs.
- She tried to suppress a laugh, but ended up giggling anyway.
- That earned a laugh from everyone.
- The last joke got the biggest laugh.
- The man laughed, a harsh, evil laugh.
- This movie is too intent upon getting cheap laughs.
- We all had a great laugh about it afterwards.
- We all had a great laugh about it when we got home.
- We all shared a good laugh.
- We'll have the last laugh if she finds out that you're the one who played the trick.
- to give a short/harsh/bitter/nervous laugh

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I. **laugh** ¹ **S2 W2** /lɑːf/ **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ **verb**

[Word Family: **noun**: ↑laugh, ↑laughter; **adverb**: ↑laughably, ↑laughingly; **verb**: ↑laugh; **adjective**: ↑laughable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: hliehhan]

1. **[intransitive]** to make sounds with your voice, usually while you are smiling, because you think something is funny:

▪ Maria looked at him and laughed.

laugh at/about

▪ 'I didn't know what I was doing,' she said, laughing at the memory.

▪ Tony was laughing so hard he had to steady himself on the table.

▪ Nora laughed so much that she nearly cried.

laugh heartily/uproariously/hysterically etc (=laugh a lot)

▪ The kids tumbled around on the floor, laughing hysterically.

▪ He couldn't help it; he burst out laughing (=suddenly started laughing).

laugh your head off

▪ He's one of the few writers who can make me laugh out loud.

2. **[transitive]** to say something in a voice that shows you are amused:

▪ 'You look ridiculous!' Nick laughed.

3. **not know whether to laugh or cry** to feel upset or annoyed about something bad that has happened, but also able to see that there is something funny about it:

▪ And when I couldn't find the passports – honestly, I didn't know whether to laugh or cry!

4. **don't make me laugh** *spoken* used when someone has just said something that is completely untrue, asked for something impossible etc:

" 'Can you finish this by tomorrow?' 'Don't make me laugh.'

5. **no laughing matter** *informal* something serious that should not be joked about:

" It's no laughing matter having to walk by a group of rowdy drunks every night just to get home.

6. **be laughed out of court** (also **be laughed out of town/business etc** *American English*) if a person or idea is laughed out of court etc, the idea is not accepted because people think it is completely stupid:

" We can't propose that! We'd be laughed out of court!

7. **you have to laugh** *spoken* used to say that, even though a situation is annoying or disappointing, you can also see that there is something funny about it

8. **be laughing all the way to the bank** *informal* to make a lot of money without making much effort

9. **somebody will be laughing on the other side of their face** *spoken* used to say that although someone is happy or confident now, they will be in trouble later

10. **be laughing** *British English spoken informal* to be happy or in a good situation, for example because something has had a successful result for you:

" Well they paid me, didn't they, so I'm laughing.

11. **laugh in sb's face** to behave towards someone in a way that shows that you do not respect them:

" I told my sister what I thought, and she just laughed in my face.

12. **laugh up your sleeve** to be secretly happy, especially because you have played a trick on someone or criticized them without them knowing

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- **burst out laughing** (=suddenly start laughing) She looked at him and burst out laughing.
- **make somebody laugh** I like Ron, he makes me laugh.
- **begin/start to laugh** He suddenly began to laugh.
- **want to laugh** (=to feel like laughing, even though it might be more polite not to) He was so earnest that I wanted to laugh.
- **try not to laugh** (=to not laugh, even though something is funny, because it would not be polite) 'Are you all right?' Amy said, trying not to laugh.
- **fall about laughing** *British English* (=laugh a lot) He saw the look on my face and he just fell about laughing.

■ adverbs

- **laugh hysterically** (=laugh so much that you cannot stop, because you find something extremely funny) The people at the next table were laughing hysterically at us.
- **laugh heartily** *especially written* (=laugh a lot) Misha laughed heartily throughout the play.
- **laugh out loud/aloud** (=laugh so that other people can hear you) Some parts of the book were so funny that they made me laugh out loud.

■ phrases

- **laugh your head off** (=laugh a lot) The audience laughed its head off all the way through.
- **laugh till you cry/laugh till the tears run down your face** He leaned back in his chair and laughed till the tears ran down his face.

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THESAURUS

- **laugh** to make sounds with your voice and move your face, because you think that something is funny: He looked so funny that we couldn't stop laughing.
- **giggle** to laugh quickly in a high voice, especially in a slightly silly way, or because you are nervous or embarrassed: A group of teenage girls were giggling in a corner. | She tends to giggle when she meets new people.
- **chuckle** to laugh quietly, especially because you are thinking about or reading something funny: He was chuckling to himself over an article in the paper. | 'We used to get up to all kinds of mischief.' She chuckled at the memory.
- **snigger** *British English*, **snicker** *American English* to laugh quietly in an unkind or unpleasant way, for example when someone is hurt or embarrassed: Billy stood up and started to sing, and one or two people sniggered.
- **titter** to laugh quietly in a high voice, especially about something that is rude or about sex, or is embarrassing for someone: As a nation we love to titter over politicians' sex scandals. | schoolboys tittering over a magazine
- **roar with laughter** to laugh very loudly, especially with a deep voice: I could hear my father roaring with laughter at something on TV.
- **shriek with laughter** to laugh very loudly, especially with a high voice: Patsy chased him down the stairs, shrieking with laughter.
- **howl with laughter** to laugh very loudly – used especially about a group of people laughing together: His plays have made audiences howl with laughter.
- **in stitches** laughing so much that you cannot stop: It was such a funny film – it had us all in stitches.
- **guffaw** /gə'fɔ:/\$ -'fɒ:l/ to laugh very loudly and without trying to stop yourself: The audience guffawed at his nonstop jokes.
- **cackle** to laugh loudly in an unpleasant way: The old woman cackled at the trouble she was causing.

laugh at somebody/something *phrasal verb*

1. to make unkind or funny remarks about someone, because they have done or said something you think is stupid **SYN tease**:
" I'm afraid the other kids will laugh at me because I don't understand.
2. to seem not to care about something that most people would worry about:
" Young offenders just laugh at this sort of sentence.

laugh something ↔ off *phrasal verb*

to pretend that something is less serious than it really is by laughing or joking about it:

" Knox laughed off rumors that he would be running for mayor.

II. laugh² S3 BrE AmE noun

[Word Family: noun: ↑laugh, ↑laughter; adverb ↑laughably, ↑laughingly; verb ↑laugh; adjective: ↑laughable]

1. [countable] the act of laughing or the sound you make when you laugh:

He gave a short laugh.

with a laugh

'What a mess!' she said, with a laugh.

2. [countable] if something is a laugh, you have fun and enjoy yourself when you are doing it:

We all went to the beach last night – it was a really good laugh.

The other campers were nice, and we had a great laugh together.

It was a great holiday with lots of laughs.

3. **somebody is a (good) laugh** *British English* used to say that someone is amusing and fun to be with:

I like Peter – he's a good laugh.

4. **for laughs** (also **for a laugh** *British English*) for fun:

We took the hot-air balloon ride, just for laughs.

5. **that's a laugh** *spoken* used to say that something is silly or unlikely:

Me? Star in a film? That's a laugh.

6. **have the last laugh** to finally be successful, win an argument etc, after other people have earlier criticized you, defeated you etc:

Men make jokes about women drivers, but women have the last laugh – their insurance rates are cheaper.

7. **be a laugh a minute** *informal* to be very funny – sometimes used humorously to mean that someone or something is not at all funny

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COLLOCATIONS

verbs

- **give/let out a laugh** She gave a loud laugh.
- **get a laugh** (also **draw a laugh** *British English written*) (=be laughed at) Most of his jokes didn't even get a laugh.
- **get a laugh out of somebody** (=make someone laugh) I always managed to get a laugh out of my audience.
- **have a laugh about/at/over something** (=laugh about something) The farmer had a good laugh at our attempts to catch the horse.
- **I could use a laugh** (=I want to hear something funny to cheer me up) Tell me what she said - I could use a laugh.

ADJECTIVES/NOUN + laugh

- **a good laugh** We all got a good laugh out of it later.
- **a big laugh** There was a big laugh from the crowd.
- **a short/little/small laugh** He let out a nervous little laugh.
- **a loud/soft laugh** He let out a loud laugh when he heard what had happened.
- **a belly laugh** (=a deep loud laugh) It's the kind of comedy that raises a smile rather than a belly laugh.
- **a hearty laugh** (=a loud laugh that shows you really enjoyed something) With a hearty laugh, he began to tell the story.
- **a nervous laugh** 'Don't be silly,' she said with a nervous laugh.

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