

caper

I

- [ˈkeɪpə] *n*
 1. = caper-plant
 2. *pl* каперсы

II

1. [ˈkeɪpə] *n*
 1. прыжок, скачок; коленце
 2. дурачество, проказа
 to cut capers /a caper/ - а) скакать, прыгать; выделять антраша; выкидывать коленца; б) дурачиться, выкидывать номера;
 [ср. *тж.* ◇]
 3. *сл.* «дело», воровство, грабёж
 ◇ to cut a caper (up) on nothing - *сл.* болтаться на виселице, попасть в петлю [ср. *тж.* 2]
2. [ˈkeɪpə] *v*
 1. скакать, прыгать, выделять антраша; резвиться
 2. дурачиться

II

[ˈkeɪpə] *n* *уст.*
 капер

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caper [caper capers capered capering] *noun, verb* *BrE* [ˈkeɪpə(r)] *AmE*

[ˈkeɪpə]

noun

- usually plural the small green flower ↑bud of a Mediterranean bush, preserved in ↑vinegar and used to flavour dishes and sauces
- (informal) an activity, especially one that is illegal or dangerous
 - A call to the police should put an end to their little caper.
 - He's involved in some sort of organized crime caper.
- an amusing film/movie that contains a lot of action
 - a British spy caper
- a short jumping or dancing movement
 - He cut a little celebratory caper (= jumped or danced a few steps) in the middle of the road.

Word Origin:

- n.* senses 2 to 4 and *v.* late 16th cent. capriole 'a leap in dancing'
- n.* sense 1 late Middle English French cāpres Latin capparīs Greek kapparīs -s

verb intransitive (+ adv./prep.) (formal)

to run or jump around in a happy and excited way

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	capers
	BrE / ˈkeɪpə(r) /
	NAme / ˈkeɪpər /
he / she / it	capers
	BrE / ˈkeɪpəz /
	NAme / ˈkeɪpəz /
past simple, past participle	capered
	BrE / ˈkeɪpəd /
	NAme / ˈkeɪpəd /
-ing form	capering
	BrE / ˈkeɪpərɪŋ /
	NAme / ˈkeɪpərɪŋ /

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I. **caper**¹ /ˈkeɪpə \$ -ə/ *BrE* *AmE* *verb* [intransitive always + adverb/preposition]

[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: Probably from capriole 'jump made by a horse' (16-21 centuries), from French, from Latin caper; ⇒ Capricorn]

to jump around and play in a happy excited way

II. **caper**² *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable]

[Sense 1: Date: 1300-1400; Language: Latin; Origin: capparīs, from Greek kapparīs]

[Sense 2-4: Date: 1500-1600; Origin: ⇒ caper¹]

- a small dark green part of a flower used in cooking to give a sour taste to food
- informal* a planned activity, especially an illegal or dangerous one:
 - I'm too old for this sort of caper.

3. behaviour or an activity that is amusing or silly and not serious:

" the comic capers of a cartoon cat and mouse

4. a short jumping or dancing movement

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