

snigger

1. ['snɪgə] *n*
хихиканье, подавленный смехок
2. ['snɪgə] *v*
 1. хихикать, посмеиваться
 2. сказать (*что-л.*) со смешком

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snig-ger [snigger sniggers sniggered sniggering] *verb, noun* BrE ['snɪgə(r)][Ⓜ]

NAme ['snɪgər][Ⓜ]

verb (BrE) (also **snicker** NAmE, BrE) *intransitive, transitive* ~ (at sb/sth) | + **speech**

to laugh in a quiet unpleasant way, especially at sth rude or at sb's problems or mistakes

Syn: †titter

- What are you sniggering at?

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	snigger
	BrE / 'snɪgə(r)/
	NAme / 'snɪgər/
he / she / it	sniggers
	BrE / 'snɪgəz/
	NAme / 'snɪgəz/
past simple, past participle	sniggered
	BrE / 'snɪgəd/
	NAme / 'snɪgəd/
-ing form	sniggering
	BrE / 'snɪgərɪŋ/
	NAme / 'snɪgərɪŋ/

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See also: †snicker

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[Date: 1700-1800; Origin: snicker]

British English to laugh quietly in a way that is not nice at something which is not supposed to be funny **SYN snicker** **American English**

snigger at

What are you sniggering at? This is a serious poem.

—**snigger** *noun* [countable]

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'fɔː \$ -'fɒʒ/ 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.

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