

clown

1. [klaʊn] *n*
 1. клоун
 2. шут
 3. 1) неотёсанный парень; деревенщина
 - 2) грубиян, хам

2. [klaʊn] *v*
дурачиться, строить из себя шута (*мж.* to clown it)

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clown [clown clowns clowned clowning] *noun, verb* *BrE* [klaʊn] ⁴ *NAmE* [klaʊn] ⁴
noun

1. an entertainer who wears funny clothes and a large red nose and does silly things to make people laugh: (*figurative*) Robert was always the class clown (= he did silly things to make the other students laugh) .
2. (*disapproving*) a person that you disapprove of because they act in a stupid way
 - What do those clowns in the government think they are doing?

Word Origin:

mid 16th cent. relating to an unsophisticated country person: perhaps of Low German origin.

verb intransitive ~ (around) (often disapproving)

to behave in a silly way, especially in order to make other people laugh

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we / they	clown
	BrE /klaʊn/
	NAmE /klaʊn/
he / she / it	clowns
	BrE /klaʊnz/
	NAmE /klaʊnz/
past simple, past participle	clowned
	BrE /klaʊnd/
	NAmE /klaʊnd/
-ing form	clowning
	BrE /klaʊnɪŋ/
	NAmE /klaʊnɪŋ/

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I. **clown**¹ /klaʊn/ *BrE* ⁴ *AmE* ⁴ *noun* [countable]

[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: Perhaps from French coulon 'someone who settles in a new country', from Latin colonus; ⇨ ↑colony]



1. someone who wears funny clothes, a red nose, bright ↑make-up on their face etc, and does silly things to make people laugh, especially at a ↑circus

2. someone who often makes jokes or behaves in a funny way:

Frankie's a bit of a clown.

class clown (=someone in a school class who behaves in a funny or silly way)

3. a stupid or annoying person:

I can't understand what she sees in that clown.

II. **clown**² *BrE* ⁴ *AmE* ⁴ (also **clown around/about**) *verb* [intransitive]

to behave in a silly or funny way:

Stop clowning around!

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