

**chuckle**

I

1. [ˈtʃʌk(ə)] *n*
  1. сдавленный смех; фырканье, хихиканье (от удовольствия)
  2. кудахтанье; кряканье; гоготанье (гусей)
2. [ˈtʃʌk(ə)] *v*
  1. посмеиваться, хихикать; фыркать от смеха  
 he was chuckling to himself over the letter - читая письмо, он посмеивался про себя  
 he is chuckling over/at/ his success - он в восторге /вне себя/ от успеха
  2. кудахтать; крякать; гоготать (о гусях)

II

- [ˈtʃʌk(ə)] *a*
1. большой (преим. о голове)
  2. неуклюжий, нескладный

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

• **I. chuckle** [chuckle chuckles chuckled chuckling] *BrE* [ˈtʃʌklɪ] *AmE* [ˈtʃʌklɪ] *verb intransitive* ~ (at/about sth)

to laugh quietly  
 • She chuckled at the memory.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	chuckle
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈtʃʌklɪ/
	<i>NAme</i> / ˈtʃʌklɪ/
he / she / it	chuckles
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈtʃʌklɪz/
	<i>NAme</i> / ˈtʃʌklɪz/
past simple, past participle	chuckled
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈtʃʌklɪd/
	<i>NAme</i> / ˈtʃʌklɪd/
-ing form	chuckling
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈtʃʌklɪŋ/
	<i>NAme</i> / ˈtʃʌklɪŋ/

Word Origin:  
 late 16th cent. (in the sense 'laugh convulsively'): from chuck meaning 'to cluck' in late Middle English.

- Example Bank:
- He chuckled at the thought of the two of them stuck in the snow.
  - She chuckled softly to herself as she remembered his astonished look.
  - She was still chuckling about the story the next day.
  - George chuckled at the memory.

- Example Bank:
- He got a chuckle from a few members of the audience.
  - She gave a little chuckle.
  - We had a chuckle about it afterwards.
  - We had a good chuckle over the whole thing.

• **II. chuckle** *noun*  
 • She gave a chuckle of delight.  
Main entry: ↑chuckle *derived*

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**chuckle** /ˈtʃʌkəl/ *BrE* *AmE* *verb* [intransitive]  
 [Date: 1500-1600; Origin: chuck 'to cluck' (14-19 centuries), from the sound]  
 to laugh quietly:

What are you chuckling about?

—**chuckle** *noun* [countable]:  
 Rosie gave a little chuckle.  
 . . .

**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'fʌ/\$ -'fʌ/ 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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