hysterical Apresyan (En-Ru)

[hı'sterık(ə)l] a

1. истерический, истеричный

hysterical weeping - истерический плач

- a hysterical girl истеричная девочка, истеричка
- a hysterical fit припадок истерики
- 2. разг. очень смешной

isn't that picture hysterical! - какая смешная картинка!

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

hys-ter-ic-al BrE [hɪ'sterɪkl] NAmE [hɪˈsterɪkl] * adjective

- 1. in a state of extreme excitement, and crying, laughing, etc. in an uncontrolled way
 - hysterical screams
 - · a hysterical giggle
 - He became almost hysterical when I told him.
 - · Let's not get hysterical.
 - (disapproving) He thought I was being a hysterical female.
- 2. (informal) extremely funny

Syn: †hilarious

- She seemed to find my situation absolutely hysterical.
- This book is hysterical. Some speakers do not pronounce the 'h' at the beginning of hysterical and use 'an' instead of 'a' before it.

This now sounds old-fashioned

Derived Word hysterically

Thesaurus:

hysterical [hysterical hysterically] adj.

· Emma became hysterical and began screaming.

frantic • • delirious • • beside yourself • • panic-stricken • • incoherent • • overwrought • • agitated • |informal panicky • • worked up ·

Opp: calm

hysterical/frantic/delirious/beside yourself/incoherent with anger, rage, joy, etc.

hysterical/frantic/agitated/panicky/worked up about sth

become hysterical/frantic/delirious/incoherent/agitated/worked up

Example Bank:

- · Calm down, you're getting hysterical.
- Emily realized that she sounded hysterical.
- · Her parents were hysterical with panic.
- · Now Mary was almost hysterical.
- The audience was almost hysterical with laughter.
- The political rhetoric is increasingly hysterical.
- The whole episode was absolutely hysterical!
- · Her screams broke into hysterical laughter.
- Janet became hysterical and began screaming.
- Let's not get hysterical.
- The hysterical shrieks subsided into sobs.

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hysterical /hɪ'sterɪkəl/ BrE AmE adjective

- 1. unable to control your behaviouror emotions because you are very upset, afraid, excited etc:
 - Janet became hysterical and began screaming.
 - Everyone in the studio burst into hysterical laughter.
- 2. informal extremely funny SYN hilarious:
 - It was absolutely hysterical! I've never laughed so much.

—hysterically /-kli/ adverb

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