

giggle**1. ['gɪg(ə)] n**

хихиканье; смешки

to burst into giggles - расхихикаться

he had the giggles - на него смех напал

we did it for a giggle - *разг.* мы это сделали ради смеха /шутки ради/**2. ['gɪg(ə)] v**хихикать; глупо *или* льстиво смеяться

to giggle with pleasure [with bashfulness] - хихикать от удовольствия [от смущения]

she giggled her amusement - своё удовольствие она выразила хихиканьем

to giggle loudly - громко хихикать

stop giggling! - прекрати /брось/ смеяться /хихикать/

giggle**giggle** [giggle giggles giggled giggling] verb, noun BrE ['gɪgɪl] ⁴ NAmE ['gɪgɪl]

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verb intransitive, transitive ~ (at/about sb/sth) | (+ speech)

to laugh in a silly way because you are amused, embarrassed or nervous

- The girls giggled at the joke.
- They giggled nervously as they waited for their turn.
- She giggled with delight.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	giggle
	BrE / 'gɪgɪl/
	NAmE / 'gɪgɪl/
he / she / it	giggles
	BrE / 'gɪgɪz/
	NAmE / 'gɪgɪz/
past simple, past participle	giggled
	BrE / 'gɪgɪd/
	NAmE / 'gɪgɪd/
-ing form	giggling
	BrE / 'gɪgɪlɪŋ/
	NAmE / 'gɪgɪlɪŋ/

Word Origin:

early 16th cent.: imitative.

Example Bank:

- The children giggled hysterically.
- The children giggled with delight.
- They collapsed in a fit of giggling.
- They giggled about their teacher's accident.
- We giggled at the picture.
- We were giggling over some old photos.
- giggling over old photographs

noun**1. countable** a slight silly repeated laugh

- She gave a nervous giggle.
- Matt collapsed into giggles and hung up the phone.

2. singular (BrE, informal) a thing that you think is amusing

- We only did it **for a giggle**.

3. the giggles plural (informal) continuous giggling that you cannot control or stop

- I **get the giggles** when I'm nervous.
- She had a **fit of the giggles** and had to leave the room.
- It's just something about the way he said it that **gave me the giggles**.

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- Alison tends to get the giggles at the most inappropriate moments.
- I just managed to stifle a giggle at the absurd idea.
- She still has the giggles about the experience.
- They all had a giggle at my expense.
- We all collapsed into giggles.
- We had quite a giggle about the new office romance.
- We shared a giggle at their predicament.

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 I. **giggle**¹ /'gɪɡəl/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ (past tense and past participle **giggled**, present participle **giggling**) *verb* [intransitive]

[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: From the sound]



to laugh quickly, quietly, and in a high voice, because something is funny or because you are nervous or embarrassed:
 "If you can't stop giggling you'll have to leave the room."

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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'fɒː -'fɒː/ 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.

II. **giggle**² *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun*

1. **[countable]** a quick, quiet, high-sounding laugh:

- 'Catch me if you can,' she said with a giggle.
- Vicky suppressed a nervous giggle.
- He looked so ridiculous I got the giggles (=started to giggle).
- Soon the whole group had the giggles.
- Margaret was seized by a fit of the giggles (=she could not stop giggling).

give somebody the giggles (=make someone start giggling)

2. **a giggle** *British English informal* something that you think is fun to do that will not hurt anyone or anything:

- Go on, it'll be a giggle!

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- **get the giggles** (=start to giggle) Now every time he looks at me I get the giggles.
- **have the giggles** (=laugh in a way that is difficult to control) The girls had the giggles, and couldn't stop laughing.
- **give a giggle** (=to laugh) She gave a little giggle.
- **give somebody the giggles** (=make someone laugh) The way he was waving his arms around gave us the giggles.
- **stifle/suppress a giggle** (=try to not laugh) Britta covered her mouth to stifle a giggle.
- **collapse/dissolve into giggles** (= start laughing a lot) Victor tickled the little boy, who dissolved into giggles.

■ phrases

- **a fit of (the) giggles** (=a short time when you laugh a lot in a way you cannot control) The boys collapsed in a fit of giggles.

■ adjectives

- **a nervous giggle** She gave a nervous giggle before answering.
- **a hysterical giggle** (=that someone cannot control) The children were all in hysterical giggles.
- **a high-pitched giggle** The young man gave a high-pitched giggle.

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