

amuse[ə'mju:z] **v****1. забавлять, развлекать**

to amuse smb. with jokes [stories] - развлекать /смешить/ кого-л. шутками [рассказами]

to amuse smb. by doing smth. - занимать /развлекать/ кого-л. чем-л.

I was much amused at the joke - я очень смеялся над этим анекдотом

I was highly amused by their tricks - меня смешили их выходки

to keep smb. amused - развлекать кого-л., не давать кому-л. скучать

2. изумляться, (приятно) удивляться

we were amused to learn that ... - мы были приятно удивлены, узнав, что ... /когда узнали, что .../

I was secretly amused by his threats - про себя я от души посмеялся над его угрозами

3. проводить (приятно) время, коротать досуг

to amuse one's leisure - проводить /коротать/ свой досуг

to amuse oneself with smth. /by doing smth./ - заниматься чем-л., занимать своё время чем-л.

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amuse [amuse amuses amused amusing] **BrE** [ə'mju:z] **NAmE** [ə'mju:z]**verb****1. to make sb laugh or smile**• ~ **sb** My funny drawings amused the kids.

• This will amuse you.

• **it amuses sb to do sth** It amused him to think that they were probably talking about him at that very moment.**2. to make time pass pleasantly for sb/yourself****Syn:** ↑entertain• ~ **sb** She suggested several ideas to help Laura amuse the twins.• ~ **yourself** I'm sure I'll be able to amuse myself for a few hours.**Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	amuse
	BrE /ə'mju:z/
	NAmE /ə'mju:z/
he / she /it	amuses
	BrE /ə'mju:zɪz/
	NAmE /ə'mju:zɪz/
past simple, past participle	amused
	BrE /ə'mju:zɪd/
	NAmE /ə'mju:zɪd/
-ing form	amusing
	BrE /ə'mju:zɪŋ/
	NAmE /ə'mju:zɪŋ/

Word Origin:late 15th cent. (in the sense 'delude, deceive'): from Old French **amuser** 'entertain, deceive', from **a-** (expressing causal effect) + **muser** 'stare stupidly'. Current senses date from the mid 17th cent.**Thesaurus:****amuse** **verb** **T**

• The visitors amused themselves with sightseeing and picnics.

entertain •amuse/entertain sb **with sth****keep sb** amused/entertained**Example Bank:**

• Her discomfort amused him greatly.

• His impersonation of the President amused me (to) no end.

• It never fails to amuse me how excited people can get about winning a game.

• The thought of me on the stage seemed to amuse him.

• Playing with water can keep children amused for hours.

• The visitors amused themselves with sightseeing, painting and picnics.

• sure I'll be able to amuse myself for a few hours.

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amuse /ə'mju:z **BrE** **AmE** **verb** [transitive][Date: 1400-1500; Language: Old French; Origin: amuser, from muser; ⇒ ↑muse¹]**1. to make someone laugh or smile:**

" He made funny faces to amuse the children.

" The question seemed to amuse him in some way.

it amuses somebody to do something

" It amused me to think back to my life in London.

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In everyday English, people usually say they **think** something **is funny** rather than say that it **amuses** them:

- *The joke really amused them.* → They thought the joke was really funny.

2. to make time pass in an enjoyable way, so that you do not get bored **SYN entertain** :

- Doing jigsaws would amuse Amy for hours on end.
- The kids amused themselves playing hide-and-seek.

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