

amusement[ə'mju:zmənt] *n*

1. 1) **обыкн. pl** развлечение, увеселение, забава
innocent amusements - невинные забавы /развлечения, радости/
amusement grounds /park/ - парк с аттракционами
amusement arcade - зал игровых автоматов игротека
plenty of amusements - plays, moving pictures, football matches, and so on - масса развлечений - театры, кино, футбол и прочее
- 2) **удовольствие**
to find much amusement in /to derive much amusement from/ reading - получать большое удовольствие от чтения
to do smth. for one's own amusement - делать что-л. для собственного удовольствия
- 3) **(приятное) занятие, времяпрепровождение**
idle amusement - пустое /бесцельное/ препровождение времени
favourite[chief] amusement - любимое [основное] занятие
to want /to seek/ time-killing amusement - стремиться заняться (*чем-л.*), чтобы убить время
2. **(приятное) изумление, (радостное) удивление**
in amusement - изумлённо, с удивлением
in secret [childish] amusement - тайно [по-детски] забавляясь
to the amusement of everybody, to everybody's amusement - к всеобщему удивлению
3. **веселье, радость**
unconcealed [puzzled, round-eyed] amusement - нескрываемая [смешанная с изумлением, наивная] радость
to cause /to provoke/ great amusement - вызвать всеобщее веселье, рассмешить, позабавить

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amuse-ment [amusement amusements] *BrE* [ə'mju:zmənt] *AmE*[ə'mju:zmənt] *noun*

1. **uncountable** the feeling that you have when sth is funny or amusing, or it entertains you
 - She could not hide her amusement at the way he was dancing.
 - **To my amusement** he couldn't get the door open.
 - Her eyes twinkled **with amusement**.
 - His son was a continuous source of amusement and delight to him.
2. **countable, usually plural** a game, an activity, etc. that provides entertainment and pleasure
 - traditional seaside amusements including boats, go-karts and a funfair

Word Origin:

early 17th cent. (in the sense 'musing, diversion of the attention'): from French, from the verb **amuser** 'entertain, deceive', from **a-** (expressing causal effect) + **muser** 'stare stupidly'.

Example Bank:

- He kept the diaries for his own personal amusement.
- He seemed to be deriving amusement from her discomfort.
- Her wide mouth twitched in amusement.
- His son was a constant source of amusement to him.
- I am happy to have afforded you amusement.
- Much to their amusement, I couldn't get the door open.
- She chuckled with amusement.
- She disapproved of popular amusements such as fairs.
- The play was written for the amusement of the other students.
- There was a note of amusement in her voice.
- What do you do for amusement around here?
- an amusement-park ride
- I write purely for my own amusement. I don't expect to make money out of it.
- What can we provide for your amusement?
- an amusement arcade

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a [amuse-ment] /ə'mju:zmənt *BrE* *AmE* *noun*

1. **[uncountable]** the feeling you have when you think something is funny

with/in amusement

- Her eyes sparkled with amusement.
- She looked at him in amusement.
- Steve couldn't hide his amusement.

to sb's amusement (=in a way that makes someone laugh or smile)

- They were dancing and singing in the car, much to the amusement of passers-by.
- The cats are a constant source of amusement to us.

2. **amusements** [plural]

- a) things that entertain you and make time pass in an enjoyable way:

- childhood amusements

- b) **British English** special machines or games that are intended to entertain people, for example at a **fair**:

- The kids can ride on the amusements.

3. [uncountable] the process of getting or providing pleasure and enjoyment:
What do you do for amusement in this town?

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COLLOCATIONS

■ adjectives

- **great amusement** It caused great amusement when he told us what had happened.
- **mild/faint amusement** Daniel looked at her with mild amusement.
- **genuine/real amusement** He laughed out loud with genuine amusement.

■ verbs

- **cause somebody amusement** The memory seemed to cause him great amusement.
- **show your amusement** James looked down to avoid showing his amusement.
- **hide/conceal your amusement** There's no need to hide your amusement. I'm well aware of it.
- **provide amusement** The park provides plenty of amusement for the children.

■ phrases

- **much to sb's amusement** He got up and sang 'Yellow Submarine', much to everyone's amusement.
- **a source of amusement** Geoff seemed to find life a source of constant amusement.
- **a gleam/glimmer/flicker of amusement** (=a small amount in someone's eyes or on someone's face) He examined her face with a wry gleam of amusement.
- **a hint/trace of amusement** (=a small amount in someone's eyes or voice) Was there a hint of amusement in her voice?

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