

**chatter**

1. [ˈtʃætə] *n*
  1. болтовня, трескотня
  2. щебетание; птичий гомон; гоготанье; стрекотание  
chatter of sparrows - чириканье воробьёв
  3. журчание
  4. 1) дребезжание  
2) стук, щёлканье  
chatter of typewriter keys [of a machine-gun] - стрекот /стрекотание/ пишущей машинки [пулемёта]
  - 3) *мех.* вибрация; дрожание (*инструмента и т. п.*)
2. [ˈtʃætə] *v*
  1. 1) болтать, вести пустой разговор; трещать, тараторить  
to chatter like a magpie - трещать как сорока
  - 2) разбалтывать (*секрет*)  
someone chattered - кто-то проболтался
  - 3) щебетать, стрекотать  
monkeys were chattering in the trees - на деревьях что-то бормотали обезьяны
  2. журчать
  3. 1) дребезжать  
2) стучать, щёлкать (*зубами от холода*)
  - 3) *мех.* дрожать, вибрировать  
◇ who chatters to you will chatter of you - *посл.* ≅ держись подальше от сплетников

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**chat·ter** [chatter chatters chattered chattering] *verb, noun* BrE [ˈtʃætə(r)]<sup>1</sup>

NAme [ˈtʃætər]<sup>2</sup>

- verb**
1. **intransitive** ~ (away/on) (to sb) (about sth) to talk quickly and continuously, especially about things that are not important
    - They chattered away happily for a while.
    - The children chattered to each other excitedly about the next day's events.
  2. **intransitive** (of teeth) to knock together continuously because you are cold or frightened
    - Her teeth chattered as she dressed.
  3. **intransitive** (of birds or ↑monkeys) to make a series of short high sounds
    - The only sounds we could hear were the birds chattering in the trees.

Verb forms:

| verb forms                   |                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| present simple               |                    |
| I / you / we /they           | chatter            |
|                              | BrE / ˈtʃætə(r) /  |
|                              | NAme / ˈtʃætər /   |
| he / she /it                 | chatters           |
|                              | BrE / ˈtʃætəz /    |
|                              | NAme / ˈtʃætərz /  |
| past simple, past participle | chattered          |
|                              | BrE / ˈtʃætəd /    |
|                              | NAme / ˈtʃætərd /  |
| -ing form                    | chattering         |
|                              | BrE / ˈtʃætərɪŋ /  |
|                              | NAme / ˈtʃætərɪŋ / |

Word Origin:  
Middle English: imitative.

- Example Bank:
- He chattered excitedly to his friends.
  - He chattered on happily for about half an hour.
  - We chattered about work.
  - chattering excitedly to her friends
  - The children chattered to each other excitedly about the next day's events.

Idiom: ↑chattering classes

- noun uncountable**
1. continuous rapid talk about things that are not important
    - Jane's constant chatter was beginning to annoy him.
    - idle chatter
  2. a series of quick short high sounds that some animals make
    - the chatter of monkeys
  3. a series of short sounds made by things knocking together
    - the chatter of teeth

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### Example Bank:

- Her constant chatter was starting to annoy me.
- I wish you'd stop wasting time in idle chatter.
- She was full of chatter about her new friends.
- Jane's constant chatter was beginning to annoy him.

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### I. **chatter**<sup>1</sup> /ˈtʃætə \$ -ər/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> verb [intransitive]

[Date: 1200-1300; Origin: From the sound]

#### 1. (also **chatter away/on**) to talk quickly in a friendly way without stopping, especially about things that are not serious or important:

- She chattered away happily until she noticed I wasn't listening.
- She chattered excitedly like a child.

#### **chatter about**

- We were chattering about the events of last night.

#### 2. if birds or monkeys chatter, they make short high sounds

#### 3. if your teeth are chattering, you are so cold or frightened that your teeth are knocking together

#### 4. **the chattering classes** *British English* educated ↑**middle-class** people who like to discuss and have opinions about recent events and situations in society

#### —**chatterer** *noun* [countable]

### II. **chatter**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> noun [uncountable]

#### 1. informal talk, especially about things that are not serious or important

#### **chatter of**

- the excited chatter of the audience
- Jane's constant chatter was annoying him.
- gossip and idle chatter
- She was full of chatter about her new friends.

#### 2. a series of short high sounds made by some birds or monkeys

#### **chatter of**

- the chatter of birds

#### 3. a hard quick repeated sound made by your teeth knocking together or by machines

#### **chatter of**

- the chatter of the printer

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