

ridicule

1. ['rɪdɪkjʊ:l] *n*

1) осмеяние, насмешка

to hold smb. up to ridicule - высмеивать кого-л., делать кого-л. посмешищем

to pour ridicule on smb., smth. - высмеивать кого-л., что-л.; насмеяться над кем-л., чем-л.

to turn (in)to ridicule - выставлять на посмешище; высмеивать

to lay oneself open to ridicule - навлекать на себя насмешки; ≅ людей насмешить

2) редк. предмет насмешек, посмешище

3) редк. нелепость, смехотворная вещь

2. смехотворность

the ridicule of such a supposition - смехотворность подобного предположения

2. ['rɪdɪkjʊ:l] *v*

осмеивать, высмеивать, поднимать на смех, подвергать осмеянию

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ridi-cule [ridicule ridicules ridiculed ridiculing] *noun, verb* BrE ['rɪdɪkjʊl]

NAme ['rɪdɪkjʊl]

noun uncountable

unkind comments that make fun of sb/sth or make them look silly

Syn: ↑mockery

• She is **an object of ridicule** in the tabloid newspapers.

• to **hold sb up to ridicule** (= make fun of sb publicly)

Word Origin:

late 17th cent.: from French, or from Latin **ridiculum**, neuter (used as a noun) of **ridiculus** 'laughable', from **ridere** 'to laugh'.

Example Bank:

- The president was becoming an object of ridicule.
- He did not want to be identified, fearing the ridicule of his friends.
- She might find herself exposed to public ridicule.
- She soon became an object of ridicule.

verb ~ sb/sth

to make sb/sth look silly by laughing at them or it in an unkind way

Syn: make fun of

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	ridicule
	BrE / 'rɪdɪkjʊ:l/
	NAme / 'rɪdɪkjʊ:l/
he / she / it	ridicules
	BrE / 'rɪdɪkjʊ:lz/
	NAme / 'rɪdɪkjʊ:lz/
past simple, past participle	ridiculed
	BrE / 'rɪdɪkjʊ:lɪd/
	NAme / 'rɪdɪkjʊ:lɪd/
-ing form	ridiculing
	BrE / 'rɪdɪkjʊ:lɪŋ/
	NAme / 'rɪdɪkjʊ:lɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- She was mercilessly ridiculed in the press for suggesting this.
- They ridicule the president as a man who has lost control of events.
- At first, his theory was ridiculed and dismissed.
- She suspected him of trying to ridicule her.

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I. **ridicule**¹ /'rɪdɪkjʊl, 'rɪdɪkjʊl/ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ *noun* [uncountable]

[Date: 1600-1700; Language: French; Origin: Latin **ridiculum** 'something funny', from **ridere** 'to laugh']

unkind laughter or remarks that are intended to make someone or something seem stupid:

• the ridicule of his peers

• The government's proposals were **held up to ridicule** (=suffered *ridicule*) by opposition ministers.

• He had become an **object of ridicule** among the other teachers.

II. **ridicule**² BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ *verb* [transitive]

to laugh at a person, idea etc and say that they are stupid **SYN** mock:

• At the time, his ideas were ridiculed.

THESAURUS

- **mock** *formal* to laugh at and say unkind things about a person, institution, belief etc, to show that you do not have a high opinion of them. **Mock** is a formal word - in everyday English people usually say **make fun of**: The press mocked his attempts to appeal to young voters. | She was mocked by other pupils in her class. | You shouldn't mock the afflicted! (=you should not make fun of people who cannot help having problems - used especially *↑ironically*, when really you think it is funny too)
- **make fun of somebody/something** to make someone or something seem stupid by making unkind jokes about them: Peter didn't seem to realize that they were making fun of him. | It used to be fashionable to make fun of the European Parliament.
- **laugh at somebody/something** to make unkind or funny remarks about someone or something, because they seem stupid or strange: I don't want the other kids to laugh at me. | People would laugh at the idea nowadays.
- **poke fun at somebody/something** to make someone or something seem silly by making jokes about them, especially in a way that is funny but not really cruel: a TV series that regularly poked fun at the government | He's in no position to poke fun at other people's use of English!
- **ridicule** *formal* to make unkind remarks that make someone or something seem stupid: Catesby ridiculed his suggestion. | His ideas were widely ridiculed at the time. | Scientists ridiculed him for doubting the existence of the greenhouse effect.
- **deride** *formal* to make remarks that show you think that something is stupid or useless - often used when you think that the people who do this are wrong: Some forms of alternative medicine – much derided by doctors – have been shown to help patients. | the system that Marxists previously derided as 'bourgeois democracy'

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