

jest

1. [dʒest] *n*

1. шутка, острота

- a misplaced /inappropriate/ jest - неуместная шутка
- a malicious /biting, caustic/ jest - злая шутка
- in jest - шутя, в шутку
- to speak in jest - шутить
- to say smth. in jest - сказать что-л. в шутку
- to crack /to make/ a jest - сострить

2. насмешка, высмеивание

- a jest about smb., smth. - насмешка над кем-л., чем-л.

3. объект насмешек, посмешище

- a standing jest - постоянный объект насмешек

4. *уст.* подвиг

- ◇ many a true word is spoken in jest - *посл.* ≅ во всякой шутке есть доля правды

2. [dʒest] *v*

1. шутить, смеяться; острить

2. (at) насмехаться; издеваться

- to jest at smb.'s expense - издеваться над кем-л., проходиться по чьему-л. адресу

3. (with) шутить, играть (с кем-л.)

- don't jest with me! - со мной не шутите!

- he is not a man to jest with - с ним шутки плохи

- ◇ jest with an ass and he will flap you in the face with his tail - *посл.* пошutiшь с ослом, а он тебя по лицу хвостом; с дураком шутить опасно

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jest [jest jests jested jesting] *noun, verb* *BrE* [dʒest] ^ˈ *NAmE* [dʒest] ^ˈ

noun (old-fashioned or formal)

something said or done to amuse people

Syn: †joke

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from earlier gest, from Old French geste, from Latin gesta 'actions, exploits', from gerere 'do'. The original sense was 'exploit, heroic deed', hence 'a narrative of such deeds' (originally in verse); later the term denoted an idle tale, hence a joke (mid 16th cent.).

Example Bank:

- He laughed uproariously at his own jest.

Idiom: †in jest

verb intransitive, transitive ~ (about sth) | + speech (formal or humorous)

to say things that are not serious or true, especially in order to make sb laugh

Syn: †joke

- Would I jest about such a thing?

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	jest
	BrE /dʒest/
	NAmE /dʒest/
he / she / it	jests
	BrE /dʒests/
	NAmE /dʒests/
past simple, past participle	jested
	BrE /dʒestɪd/
	NAmE /dʒestɪd/
-ing form	jesting
	BrE /dʒestɪŋ/
	NAmE /dʒestɪŋ/

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1. **jest**¹ /dʒest/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun* [countable] *formal*

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: geste 'action', from Latin gesta (plural), from gerere 'to behave, perform']

something you say that is intended to be funny, not serious **SYN** joke:

- ˈ I wasn't sure whether to treat her words as a jest.

in **jest**

His serious face told me that he was not speaking in jest.

II. **jest**² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *verb* [intransitive] *formal* or *old use*

to say things that you do not really mean in order to amuse people:

'Do I look as if I am jesting?' she asked, her face pale and tense.

—**jestingly** *adverb*

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