### loony

- **1.** ['lu:nı] п сл.
- псих 2. ['lu:ni] *а сл.* рехнувшийся, чокнутый, полоумный

loony [loony loonies loonier looniest] adjective, noun BrE ['lu nji NAmE

### ['lu⊡r]i<sup>\*</sup>

# adjective (informal)

### crazy or strange

• He does have some pretty loony ideas.

### Word Origin:

mid 19th cent.: abbreviation of <sup>†</sup>lunatic.

### Example Bank:

• It seemed like another one of his loony projects.

### noun (pl. loonies) (also loon) (informal)

a person who has strange ideas or who behaves in a strange way

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#### Example Bank:

• She's a raving loony!

See also: 100n

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## I. loon y<sup>1</sup> /'lu ni BrE AmE noun (plural loonies) [countable]

[Date: 1800-1900, Origin: lunatic]

informal someone who is crazy or strange:

Her brother's a complete loony.

 bony<sup>2</sup> BrE
 AmE
 adjective

#### **II. loony**<sup>2</sup> BrE \* AmE \* adjecti informal silly, crazy, or strange:

mai silly, crazy,

a loony idea

### THESAURUS

• crazy very strange or not sensible – used about people, ideas, and behaviour: People think I'm crazy when I start talking about ghosts. | It was a crazy thing to do.

• mad British English crazy: Are you mad? | Whose mad idea was that? | At first, everyone thought he was completely mad.

• nuts informal (also bonkers British English) [not before noun] crazy: The whole thing sounds completely nuts. | Have you gone bonkers?

- loony informal crazy: another loony suggestion | The man is totally loony.

- insane completely crazy: I know it sounds insane, but it's true.
- ⇒ <sup>↑</sup>mentally ill

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