

**preen**

I

- [pri:n] *n шотл.*
  - брошь; булавка
  - дешёвая, грошовая безделушка
- [pri:n] *v шотл.*

закалывать, закреплять булавкой

II

[pri:n] *v*

- 1) чистить клювом перья; охорашиваться
  - 2) прихорашиваться
  2. гордиться (собой); быть самодовольным
- he preened himself on his good looks - он гордился своей внешностью

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**preen** [preen preens preened preening] *BrE* [priːn] *NAme* [priːn] *verb*

- 1. transitive, intransitive ~ (yourself) (usually disapproving)** to spend a lot of time making yourself look attractive and then admiring your appearance
  - Will you stop preening yourself in front of the mirror?
- 2. transitive ~ yourself (on sth) (usually disapproving)** to feel very pleased with yourself about sth and show other people how pleased you are
- 3. intransitive, transitive ~ (itself) (of a bird)** to clean itself or make its feathers smooth with its beak

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	preen
	BrE /pri:n/
	NAme /pri:n/
he / she / it	preens
	BrE /pri:nz/
	NAme /pri:nz/
past simple, past participle	preened
	BrE /pri:nd/
	NAme /pri:nd/
-ing form	preening
	BrE /pri:nɪŋ/
	NAme /pri:nɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: apparently a variant of obsolete prune (based on Latin *ungere* 'anoint'), in the same sense, associated with Scots and northern English dialect preen 'pierce, pin' (because of the "pricking" action of the bird's beak).

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

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[Date: 1400-1500; Origin: Probably from Old French *proignier*, ⇒ ↑*prune*<sup>1</sup>]

1. if a bird preens or preens itself, it cleans itself and makes its feathers smooth using its beak
2. to spend time making yourself look tidier and more attractive

**preen yourself**

\* a girl preening herself in the mirror

3. to look proud and feel pleased because of something you have done

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\* He enjoyed the applause, preening himself like a pop star.

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Freakuency Pack

12500 **11543**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **11583**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **11k** PREEN <sup>455</sup>

preen <sup>95</sup>

preens <sup>33</sup>

preened <sup>106</sup>

preening <sup>221</sup>

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<sup>50</sup> **103575**<sup>55</sup> *vv0*

<sup>40</sup> **121842**<sup>40</sup> *vvi*