

prattle

- 1. ['prætɪ] *n*
 - 1) лепет
 - 2) щебет (птиц)
 - 3) журчанье (ручья)
 - 4) пересуды; лёгкий, несерьёзный разговор, болтовня
- 2. ['prætɪ] *v*
 - 1) лепетать
 - 2) щебетать (о птицах)
 - 3) журчать (о ручье)
 - 4) судачить; болтать

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

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▪ **I. præt·tle** [prattle prattles prattled prattling] *BrE* ['prætɪ] ^u *NAmE* ['prætl] ^e
verb intransitive ~ (on/away) (about sb/sth) (old-fashioned, often disapproving)

to talk a lot about unimportant things
 • She prattled on about her children all evening

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	prattle
	<i>BrE</i> / 'prætl/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'prætl/
he / she /it	prattles
	<i>BrE</i> / 'prætlz/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'prætlz/
past simple, past participle	prattled
	<i>BrE</i> / 'prætlɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'prætlɪd/
-ing form	prattling
	<i>BrE</i> / 'prætlɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'prætlɪŋ/

Word Origin:

mid 16th cent.: from Middle Low German *pratelen*, from *praten*, probably of imitative origin.

▪ **II. præt·tle** *noun uncountable*

Main entry: ↑prattle ^{derived}

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præt·tle /'prætl/ *BrE* ^u *AmE* ^e *verb* [intransitive]

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Low German; Origin: pratelen]

to talk continuously about silly and unimportant things

prattle away/on

What's Sarah **prattling on** about?

—**prattle** *noun* [uncountable]

—**prattler** *noun* [countable]

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