

**laughter**['lɑːftə] *n*

смех, хохот

Homeric laughter - гомерический хохот

peals of laughter - взрывы смеха; раскатистый смех

to burst into laughter - расхохотаться

to roar with laughter - хохотать, покатываться со смеху

to rock /to be convulsed/ with laughter - покатываться со смеху

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**laugh-ter** *BrE* ['lɑːftə(ɹ)] *NAmE* ['læftəɹ] **noun uncountable**

the act or sound of laughing

- to **roar with laughter**
- **tears/gales/peals/shrieks of laughter**
- to **burst/dissolve into laughter**
- a house full of laughter (= with a happy atmosphere)
- He gave a snort of derisive laughter.

**see** split your sides (laughing/with laughter) **at** ↑split *v.*Word Origin:[**laughter**] Old English hleahtor, of Germanic origin; related to German **Gelächter**, also to ↑**laugh**.Example Bank:

- A ripple of laughter ran round the room.
- Andrea burst into cruel laughter.
- Everyone dissolved into fits of laughter when they saw my haircut.
- Gerry exploded into more drunken laughter.
- He gave a sudden bellow of laughter.
- Her infectious laughter had everyone smiling.
- His suggestion was greeted with peals of laughter.
- Hunter's statement drew laughter from the crowd.
- I heard sounds of raucous laughter upstairs.
- She was bent over with suppressed laughter.
- That comment brought another round of laughter.
- The joke provoked laughter from all of them.
- Will was no longer able to contain his laughter.
- the canned laughter of a sitcom
- Everyone burst into fits of laughter.
- He threw back his head and roared with laughter.
- I grew up in a house full of laughter.

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when people laugh, or the sound of people laughing:

- Foster joined in the laughter.
- He looked shocked, then **burst into laughter** (=started laughing).

**roar/scream/shriek with laughter** (=laugh very loudly)

- Audiences roared with laughter.
- He **shook with laughter**.

**peals/gales/howls etc of laughter** (=loud laughs)

- The comment brought peals of laughter from her classmates.

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**COLLOCATIONS****verbs**

- **burst into laughter** (=suddenly start laughing) Flora burst into laughter when I told her the joke.
- **roar with laughter** (=laugh very noisily) The crowd roared with laughter.
- **scream/shriek with laughter** (=laugh very noisily and with a high voice) The children shrieked with laughter as they watched the clown.
- **shake with laughter** They were shaking with laughter and couldn't even speak.
- **meet/greet something with laughter** (=react to something by laughing) Her remarks were greeted with mocking laughter.
- **the laughter dies (down)** (=stops) The laughter died instantly as Robert walked in.

**phrases**

- **peals/hoots/gales of laughter** (=a lot of loud laughter) This idea was greeted with hoots of laughter.
- **a fit of laughter** (=a period in which you laugh uncontrollably) Her funny stories had us in fits of laughter.
- **a burst of laughter** (=a short period of loud laughter) There was a loud burst of laughter behind me.

**adjectives**

- **hysterical laughter** (=laughter that is out of control because someone is very excited, nervous etc) She burst into hysterical laughter.
- **helpless laughter** (=that someone cannot control) The audience were in fits of helpless laughter.
- **nervous laughter** (=because someone is nervous and not sure how to react) Nervous laughter greeted her remarks.
- **raucous laughter** (=loud and rough-sounding) His attempt to explain was greeted with raucous laughter.
- **suppressed laughter** (=when someone tries not to laugh) He began to shake with suppressed laughter.

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