

ridiculous1. [rɪˈdɪkjʊləs] *n* (the ridiculous)

смешное

one step above the sublime makes the ridiculous - от великого до смешного - один шаг

2. [rɪˈdɪkjʊləs] *a*

1. смехотворный, смешной, нелепый

don't be ridiculous! - а) не глумитесь!, не делайте глупостей!, не делайте из себя посмешища!; б) не говори чепухи!; это вздор!

what a ridiculous idea! - какая нелепая мысль

you look ridiculous in those tight jeans - в этих узких джинсах ты просто смешон

2. возмутительный, оскорбительный

it is ridiculous to expect me to believe such lies - неужели вы могли подумать, что я поверю такой лжи!

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ri·dicu·lous *BrE* [rɪˈdɪkjələs] [ⓘ] *NAmE* [rɪˈdɪkjələs] [ⓘ] **adjective**

very silly or unreasonable

Syn: ↑absurd, **Syn:** ↑ludicrous

• I look ridiculous in this hat.

• Don't be ridiculous! You can't pay £50 for a T-shirt!

• It was ridiculous that this should be so difficult to say.

• They ate and drank a ridiculous amount.

see from the sublime to the ridiculous **at** ↑sublime *n.***Derived Words** ↑ridiculously ▪ ↑ridiculousnessWord Origin:mid 16th cent.: from Latin *ridiculosus*, from *ridiculus* 'laughable', from *ridere* 'to laugh'.Thesaurus:**ridiculous** [**ridiculous** **ridiculously** **ridiculousness**] **adj.**

• You look ridiculous in that hat!

absurd • • **ludicrous** • • **laughable** • |especially spoken **silly** • |especially written **foolish** •**Opp:** sensibleridiculous/absurd/ludicrous/silly **that...**a/an ridiculous/absurd/ludicrous/silly/foolish **idea/notion**a/an ridiculous/absurd/silly/foolish **question****Ridiculous or absurd?** Sth that is **ridiculous** invites unkind laughter; sth that is **absurd** is often completely illogical. **Absurd** is slightly more formal and is more frequent in British English than American English.Example Bank:

• The whole idea was patently ridiculous.

• The whole situation appealed to her sense of the ridiculous.

• This is getting ridiculous!

• Don't be so ridiculous!

• It's ridiculous to suggest that she was involved in anything illegal.

• That's the most ridiculous thing I've ever heard.

• You look ridiculous in that hat!

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ri·dicu·lous **S2** /rɪˈdɪkjələs, rɪˈdɪkjələs/ *BrE* [ⓘ] *AmE* [ⓘ] **adjective**

very silly or unreasonable:

" That's a ridiculous idea!

" Don't be ridiculous!

" I'd look ridiculous in a dress like that.**absolutely/totally/utterly ridiculous**

" It's an absolutely ridiculous decision.

it is ridiculous that

" It's ridiculous that we have to wait six weeks.

—ridiculously *adverb:*

" a ridiculously expensive jacket

" ridiculously low prices

—ridiculousness *noun* [uncountable]

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COLLOCATIONS■ **adverbs**• **absolutely/utterly ridiculous** You look absolutely ridiculous in that short skirt.• **quite ridiculous** (=completely ridiculous) I thought his behaviour was quite ridiculous.• **totally ridiculous** The idea is totally ridiculous.• **slightly ridiculous** Andrew felt slightly ridiculous carrying the dog.• **faintly ridiculous** (=slightly ridiculous) Her urge to run away seemed faintly ridiculous now.• **patently ridiculous** (=obviously ridiculous) Her excuse was patently ridiculous.

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THESAURUS

■ **very stupid**

- **crazy** not at all sensible or reasonable – used when you are very surprised by someone’s behaviour or what they have said: Ian’s got some crazy plan to drive across Africa. | She looked at me as if I was crazy! | You’re crazy to think of hitch-hiking on your own.
- **ridiculous** extremely stupid: You look ridiculous in that hat. | Some people spend a ridiculous amount of money on cars. | It’s absolutely ridiculous to suggest that he would do something like that.
- **absurd/ludicrous** extremely stupid – used especially when an idea or situation seems strange or illogical: How can a return ticket cost less than a single? It’s totally absurd! | It was a ludicrous idea. | Some of the objections to the theory are simply absurd.
- **laughable** so stupid that you cannot believe someone is telling the truth or being serious: The accusations were almost laughable. | a laughable suggestion | It would be laughable if it wasn’t so serious.

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