

ludicrous

[ˈluːdɪkrəs] *a*

смехотворный, нелепый, абсурдный

ludicrous assertion - смехотворное /абсурдное/ утверждение

ludicrous incident - нелепый случай

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ludi-crous *BrE* [ˈluːdɪkrəs] *NAmE* [ˈluːdɪkrəs] *adjective*

unreasonable; that you cannot take seriously

Syn: ↑absurd, **Syn:** ↑ridiculous

- a ludicrous suggestion
- It was ludicrous to think that the plan could succeed.
- He is paid a ludicrous amount of money.

Derived Words ↑ludicrously ▪ ↑ludicrousness

Word Origin:

[**ludicrous ludicrously ludicrousness**] early 17th cent. (in the sense 'sportive, intended as a jest'): from Latin **ludicrus** (probably from **ludicrum** 'stage play') + ↑-ous.

Example Bank:

- The whole idea is absolutely ludicrous!
- It was ludicrous to think that the plan might succeed.
- That's a ludicrous suggestion!
- These allegations are absolutely ludicrous.
- This is ludicrous! Of course no one's going to murder you!

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[**Date:** 1600-1700; **Language:** Latin; **Origin:** ludicrus 'playful', from ludus 'play']

completely unreasonable, stupid, or wrong **SYN** ridiculous:

- It is ludicrous to suggest that I was driving under the influence of alcohol.
- The court granted him the ludicrous sum of £100 in damages.
- That's a ludicrous idea.

—**ludicrously** *adverb*:

- a ludicrously inadequate army

—**ludicrousness** *noun* [uncountable]

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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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