

**absurd**

1. [əb'sɜ:d] *n*

1) (the Absurd) *филос.* абсурд (*человеческого существования и т. п.*):  
 theatre of the Absurd - театр абсурда

2) абсурдность

2. [əb'sɜ:d] *a*

1. нелепый, абсурдный; глупый; смехотворный

what an absurd idea! - какая нелепая мысль!

even sensible men do absurd things - даже благоразумные люди иногда делают глупости

you look absurd in that hat! - в этой шляпе ты настоящее посмешище /пугало/; в этой шляпе у тебя нелепый вид

2. *лог.* самопротиворечащий

3. *иск.* абсурдистский

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**ab-surd** *BrE* [əb'sɜ:ɹd] *NAmE* [əb'sɜ:rɹd] *adjective*

1. completely ridiculous; not logical and sensible

**Syn:** ↑ridiculous

• That uniform makes the guards look absurd.

• Of course it's not true, what an absurd idea.

2. **the absurd** *noun singular* things that are or that seem to be **absurd**

• He has a good sense of the absurd.

**Derived Words** ↑absurdity ▪ ↑absurdly

**Word Origin:**

mid 16th cent.: from Latin **absurdus** 'out of tune', hence 'irrational'; related to **surdus** 'deaf, dull'.

**Example Bank:**

• She failed to appreciate the absurdity of her position.

**Example Bank:**

• She found the whole concept faintly absurd.

• Such beliefs are patently absurd.

• Don't be absurd! Why would he want to do a thing like that?

• I must say I felt faintly absurd.

• It's absurd to suggest that I'm being unprofessional.

• The uniform makes the guards look absurd.

• What an absurd idea!

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[**Date:** 1500-1600; **Language:** French; **Origin:** absurde, from Latin absurdus, from ab- 'away' + surdus 'deaf, stupid']

1. completely stupid or unreasonable **SYN** **ridiculous**

**quite/slightly/completely etc absurd**

It seems quite absurd to expect anyone to drive for 3 hours just for a 20-minute meeting.

It seems an absurd idea.

2. **the absurd** something that is completely stupid and unreasonable:

Some of the stories he tells verge on the absurd.

**—absurdity** *noun* [uncountable and countable]:

Duncan laughed at the **absurdity** of the situation.

**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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