

**frivolous**[ˈfrɪvələs] *a*

1. 1) легкомысленный, пустой (о человеке)  
frivolous person - легкомысленный человек
- 2) поверхностный, пустой  
frivolous book - поверхностная книга
- 3) фривольный  
frivolous joke - фривольная шутка
2. 1) пустячный, незначительный  
frivolous argument - несерьёзный довод  
frivolous objection - пустячное возражение
- 2) несерьёзный; легковесный  
frivolous suggestion - непродуманное предложение
3. *юр.* необоснованный (об иске и т. п.)

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**frivo-lous** *BrE* [ˈfrɪvələs] <sup>ː</sup> *NAmE* [ˈfrɪvələs] <sup>ː</sup> **adjective** (disapproving)

1. (of people or their behaviour) silly or amusing, especially when such behaviour is not suitable
    - **frivolous comments/suggestions**
    - Sorry, I was being frivolous
  2. having no useful or serious purpose
    - **frivolous pastimes/pleasures**
- Derived Word ↑ **frivolously**

Word Origin:[**frivolous** **frivolously**] late Middle English: from Latin **frivulus** ‘silly, trifling’ + ↑-ous.Example Bank:

- Her words seemed utterly frivolous.

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[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Latin; Origin: frivulus]

1. not serious or sensible, especially in a way that is not suitable for a particular occasion:
    - The court discourages frivolous law suits.
  2. a frivolous person likes having fun rather than doing serious or sensible things – used to show disapproval **OPP serious**
- frivolously** *adverb*

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