

**smirk**

1. [smɜ:k] *n*  
глупая, самодовольная улыбка, ухмылка
2. [smɜ:k] *v*  
глупо, самодовольно улыбаться, ухмыляться

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

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▪ **I. smirk** [smɜ:k smɜ:k smɜ:k smɜ:k] *BrE* [smɜ:ɹk] *NAmE* [smɜ:ɹk]

**verb intransitive**

to smile in a silly or unpleasant way that shows that you are pleased with yourself, know sth that other people do not know, etc

- It was hard not to smirk.
- He smirked unpleasantly when we told him the bad news.

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we / they	smirk
	BrE /sma:k/
	NAmE /sma:rk/
he / she / it	smirks
	BrE /sma:ks/
	NAmE /sma:rks/
past simple, past participle	smirked
	BrE /sma:kt/
	NAmE /sma:rkɪt/
-ing form	smirking
	BrE /sma:kɪŋ/
	NAmE /sma:rkiŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English sme(a)rcian, from a base shared by **↑smile**. The early sense was 'to smile'; it later gained a notion of smugness or silliness.

Example Bank:

- 'What kept you?' He asked, a smirk playing on his lips.
- A small smirk crossed his face.
- A smirk flickered at the corner of his mouth as he watched my struggle.
- He gave a slight smirk.
- He made no attempt to conceal his smirk.
- Her smirk grew wider.
- I longed to wipe the smug smirk off his face.
- She gave a knowing smirk.
- a smirk of triumph

Example Bank:

- She smirked to herself as she walked away.
- What are you smirking at?

▪ **II. smirk** *noun*

- She had a self-satisfied smirk on her face.

Main entry: **↑smirk** *derived*

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**smirk** /smɜ:k\$ smɜ:rk *BrE* *AmE* *verb* [intransitive]

[Language: Old English; Origin: smearcian 'to smile']

to smile in an unpleasant way that shows that you are pleased by someone else's bad luck or think you are better than other people:

▪ The boys tried not to smirk.

**smirk at**

▪ What are you smirking at?

**—smirk** *noun* [countable]:

▪ He had a self-satisfied smirk on his face.

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**THESAURUS**

- **smile** to make your mouth curve upwards, in order to be friendly or because you are happy or amused: She smiled when she read his email. | 'I'm delighted to meet you,' George said, smiling at the girl.
- **grin** to give a big smile: The two boys were grinning at each other. | The coach was grinning from ear to ear (=was grinning a lot) when the team scored.
- **beam** to give a big happy smile for a long time, because you are very pleased or proud: She beamed with pride as her son collected the award. | The wedding couple were outside beaming at the camera.
- **smirk** to smile in an unpleasant way, for example because you are pleased about someone else's bad luck or because you know something that someone else does not know: The children smirked when the teacher dropped all the books on the floor. |

What are you smirking about?

▪ **simper** *disapproving written* to smile in a silly and annoying way: a group of simpering schoolgirls | I hated the way she simpered every time a man spoke to her.

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