

sneer

1. [sniə] *n*

- 1. презрительная усмешка, ухмылка
- 2. насмешка, глумление, издевательство
veiled sneer - замаскированное издевательство

2. [sniə] *v*

- 1. насмешливо улыбаться, ухмыляться, усмехаться
- 2. говорить, произносить (*что-л.*) насмешливо
- 3. (*обыкн. at*) насмеяться, глумиться
to sneer smb. out of countenance - смутить кого-л. насмешками
to sneer smb. out of existence - уничтожить /убить/ кого-л. насмешкой
to sneer at patriotism [at learning] - глумиться над патриотизмом[учёностью]
it is very discouraging to be sneered at all the time - трудно жить, когда над тобой всё время насмеются
the proposal was sneered down - предложение было высмеяно и отвергнуто /отвергнуто как смехотворное/

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

sneer [sneer sneers sneered sneering] *verb, noun* *BrE* [sniə(r)] ^u *NAmE* [sniɹ]

verb intransitive, transitive

to show that you have no respect for sb by the expression on your face or by the way you speak

Syn: ↑mock

- ~ (*at sb/sth*) He sneered at people who liked pop music.
- a sneering comment
- + **speech** 'You? A writer?' she sneered.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	sneer
	BrE /sniə(r)/
	NAmE /sniɹ/
he / she / it	sneers
	BrE /sniəz/
	NAmE /sniɹz/
past simple, past participle	sneered
	BrE /sniəd/
	NAmE /sniɹd/
-ing form	sneering
	BrE /sniəɪŋ/
	NAmE /sniɹɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: probably of imitative origin.

Example Bank:

- She gave a sneering laugh.

Derived Word ↑sneeringly

noun usually singular

an unpleasant look, smile or comment that shows you do not respect sb/sth

- 'And who are you, then?' he asked with a sneer in his voice.
- A faint sneer of satisfaction crossed her face.

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Example Bank:

- Her lips twisted into a sneer.
- The prime minister resisted a sneer at his opponent's misfortune.
- The smile slowly turned into a sneer.

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I. **sneer**¹ /sniə \$ sniɹ/ *BrE* ^u *AmE* ^u *verb* [intransitive and transitive]

[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: Perhaps copying the action]

to smile or speak in a very unkind way that shows you have no respect for someone or something:

'Is that your best outfit?' he sneered.

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She sneered at Tom's musical tastes.

—sneering *adjective:*

a sneering tone

—sneeringly *adverb*

II. **sneer**² *BrE* ^u *AmE* ^u *noun* [countable]

an unkind smile or remark that shows you have no respect for something or someone:

" 'You probably wouldn't understand,' he said with a sneer.

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THESAURUS

■ different types of expression

- **frown** the expression on your face when you move your eyebrows together because you are angry, unhappy, or confused: With a frown, she asked, 'So what's wrong with that?'
- **smile** an expression in which your mouth curves upwards, when you are being friendly or are happy or amused: She gave him a quick smile.
- **scowl** an angry or disapproving expression: There was a scowl of irritation on his face.
- **glare** a long angry look: He gave her a furious glare, but said nothing.
- **grimace** an expression you make by twisting your face because you do not like something or because you are feeling pain: His face twisted into a grimace of anguish.
- **sneer** an expression that shows you have no respect for something or someone: 'That's what you said last time,' she said with a sneer.
- **smirk** an expression in which you smile in an unpleasant way that shows you are pleased by someone else's bad luck or that you think you are better than other people: He had a self-satisfied smirk on his face.
- **pout** an expression in which you push out your lower lip because you are unhappy that you did not get what you want: 'You're going away?' she said with a pout.

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