hyena

hyena [hyena hyenas] (also hy·aena)BrE [haɪ'ion^{*} NAmE [haɪ'ion^{*} noun

a wild animal like a dog, that eats the meat of animals that are already dead and has a cry like a human laugh. Hyenas live in Africa and Asia.

See also: hyaena

Word Origin:

Middle English: via Latin from Greek huaina, feminine of hus 'pig' (the transference of the term probably being because the animal's mane was thought to resemble a hog's bristles).

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hy e na BrE AmE (also hyaena British English) /haɪ'i nɨ noun [countable]

[Date: 1300-1400, Language: Latin; Origin: hyaena, from Greek, from hys 'pig] a wild animal like a dog that makes a sound like a laugh

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