

Need another word that means the same as “sneer”? Find 43 synonyms and 30 related words for “sneer” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Sneer” are: leer, curl of one's lip, curl of the lip, mirthless smile, smirk, snicker, snigger, jibe, barb, jeer, taunt, insult, cutting remark, slight, affront, slur, insinuation, curl one's lip, smile disparagingly, smile contemptuously, smile smugly, smile conceitedly, smile cruelly, smile mirthlessly, scoff at, scorn, be contemptuous of, treat with contempt, hold in contempt, disdain, mock, jeer at, gibe at, ridicule, deride, make cutting remarks about

Sneer as a Noun

Definitions of "Sneer" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “sneer” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *A contemptuous or mocking smile, remark, or tone.*
- *A facial expression of contempt or scorn; the upper lip curls.*
- *A contemptuous or scornful remark.*



Synonyms of "Sneer" as a noun (17 Words)

- affront** An action or remark that causes outrage or offence.
*The sackings were an **affront** to justice.*
- barb** A fleshy filament at the mouth of some fish such as barbel and catfish.
*His **barb** hurt more than she cared to admit.*
- curl of one's lip** A strand or cluster of hair.
- curl of the lip** A round shape formed by a series of concentric circles (as formed by leaves or flower petals).
- cutting remark** An excerpt cut from a newspaper or magazine.
- insinuation** The act of gaining acceptance or affection for yourself by persuasive and subtle blandishments.
*I've done nothing to deserve all your vicious **insinuations**.*
- insult** A deliberately offensive act or something producing the effect of deliberate disrespect.
*They yelled **insults** at the visiting team.*

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| jeer | A rude and mocking remark. <i>The taunts and jeers of my classmates.</i> |
| jibe | An aggressive remark directed at a person like a missile and intended to have a telling effect. <i>A jibe at his old rivals.</i> |
| leer | A facial expression of contempt or scorn; the upper lip curls. <i>He gave me a sly leer.</i> |
| mirthless smile | Great merriment. |
| slight | A deliberate discourteous act (usually as an expression of anger or disapproval). <i>He was seething at the slight to his authority.</i> |
| slur | An insinuation or allegation about someone that is likely to insult them or damage their reputation. <i>The comments were a slur on staff at the hospital.</i> |
| smirk | A smug, conceited, or silly smile. <i>Gloria pursed her mouth in a self satisfied smirk.</i> |
| snicker | A whinny. <i>He could not evoke a snicker with his jokes.</i> |
| snigger | A disrespectful laugh. <i>We heard the sniggers caused by their little jokes.</i> |
| taunt | A remark made in order to anger, wound, or provoke someone. <i>Pupils will play truant rather than face the taunts of classmates about their ragged clothes.</i> |

Usage Examples of "Sneer" as a noun

- *He acknowledged their presence with a condescending sneer.*

Sneer as a Verb

Definitions of "Sneer" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "sneer" as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Smile contemptuously.*
- *Smile or speak in a contemptuous or mocking manner.*
- *Express through a scornful smile.*

Synonyms of "Sneer" as a verb (26 Words)

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| affront | Offend the modesty or values of. <i>She was affronted by his familiarity.</i> |
| be contemptuous of | Have an existence, be extant. |
| curl one's lip | Shape one's body into a curl. |
| deride | Express contempt for; ridicule. <i>He derided his student s attempt to solve the biggest problem in mathematics.</i> |
| disdain | Look down on with disdain. <i>He disdained his patients as an inferior rabble.</i> |
| gibe at | Laugh at with contempt and derision. |
| hold in contempt | To close within bounds, limit or hold back from movement. |
| <u>insult</u> | Treat, mention, or speak to rudely. <i>He insulted her with his rude remarks.</i> |
| jeer at | Laugh at with contempt and derision. |
| make cutting remarks about | Appear to begin an activity. |
| <u>mock</u> | Imitate with mockery and derision. <i>At Christmas arguments and friction mock our pretence at peace.</i> |
| <u>ridicule</u> | Subject to laughter or ridicule. <i>His theory was ridiculed and dismissed.</i> |
| scoff at | Treat with contemptuous disregard. |
| scorn | Refuse to do something because one is too proud. <i>The professor scorns the students who don t catch on immediately.</i> |
| slight | Pay no attention to, disrespect. <i>A Council determined whether the Fort should be kept or slighted.</i> |
| smile conceitedly | Express with a smile. |
| smile contemptuously | Express with a smile. |
| smile cruelly | Change one's facial expression by spreading the lips, often to signal pleasure. |
| smile disparagingly | Change one's facial expression by spreading the lips, often to signal pleasure. |
| smile mirthlessly | Express with a smile. |

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| smile smugly | Express with a smile. |
| <u>smirk</u> | Smile in an irritatingly smug, conceited, or silly way. <i>He smirked in triumph.</i> |
| <u>snicker</u> | Laugh quietly. <i>He could imagine them snickering as he passed.</i> |
| snigger | Laugh in a half-suppressed, typically scornful way. <i>The boys at school were sure to snigger at him behind his back.</i> |
| taunt | Provoke or challenge (someone) with insulting remarks. <i>You once taunted me taunted me with cowardice because I dared not face the world and conquer it.</i> |
| treat with contempt | Interact in a certain way. |

Usage Examples of "Sneer" as a verb

- *She sneered at her little sister's efforts to play the song on the piano.*
- *She had sneered at their bad taste.*
- *'I see you're conservative in your ways,' David sneered.*
- *She sneered her contempt.*

Associations of "Sneer" (30 Words)

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| barrack | Lodge in barracks. <i>The granary in which the platoons were barracked.</i> |
| boo | An utterance of boo to show disapproval of a speaker or performer. <i>The team were booed off the pitch.</i> |
| catcall | Make a catcall. <i>He walked out to jeers and catcalls.</i> |
| charade | A word acted out in an episode of the game of charades. <i>Talk of unity was nothing more than a charade.</i> |
| <u>contempt</u> | A manner that is generally disrespectful and contemptuous. <i>When he was found to have lied to the House this was a contempt.</i> |
| deride | Treat or speak of with contempt. <i>The decision was derided by environmentalists.</i> |
| derision | The act of deriding or treating with contempt. <i>My stories were greeted with derision and disbelief.</i> |

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| discredit | The state of being held in low esteem. <i>They committed crimes which brought discredit upon the administration.</i> |
| disrepute | The state of being held in low esteem. <i>One of the top clubs in the country is bringing the game into disrepute.</i> |
| disrespect | A manner that is generally disrespectful and contemptuous. <i>A young brave who disrespects his elders.</i> |
| flout | Treat with contemptuous disregard. <i>The advertising code is being flouted.</i> |
| gibe | An aggressive remark directed at a person like a missile and intended to have a telling effect. <i>She proved impervious to his sarcastic gibes.</i> |
| heckle | Comb with a heckle. <i>He was booed and heckled when he tried to address the demonstrators.</i> |
| hoot | Of an owl utter a hoot. <i>She began to hoot with laughter.</i> |
| irreverence | A disrespectful act. <i>An attitude of irreverence towards politicians.</i> |
| jeer | Make rude and mocking remarks, typically in a loud voice. <i>Some of the younger men jeered at him.</i> |
| jibe | Be compatible, similar or consistent; coincide in their characteristics. <i>Some cynics in the media might jibe.</i> |
| lampoon | A speech or text lampooning someone or something. <i>The actor was lampooned by the press.</i> |
| leer | A suggestive or sneering look or grin. <i>The men leered at the young women on the beach.</i> |
| mock | The act of mocking or ridiculing. <i>The children mocked their handicapped classmate.</i> |
| mockery | Ludicrously futile action. <i>After a mockery of a trial in London he was executed.</i> |
| parody | Make a parody of. <i>He gave her a parody of a smile.</i> |
| playfully | In a playful manner. <i>Lily laughed and playfully slapped him across the chest.</i> |
| ridicule | Subject to laughter or ridicule. <i>The satirists ridiculed the plans for a new opera house.</i> |
| sarcasm | Witty language used to convey insults or scorn—Jonathan Swif. <i>He used sarcasm to upset his opponent.</i> |

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| satire | A genre of literature characterized by the use of satire. <i>A number of articles on Elizabethan satire.</i> |
| satirize | Ridicule with satire. <i>The movie satirized the notion of national superiority.</i> |
| scoff | An expression of scornful derision. <i>Scoffs of disbelief.</i> |
| spoof | A trick played on someone as a joke. <i>They proceeded to spoof Western intelligence with false information.</i> |
| travesty | Make a travesty of. <i>Michael has betrayed the family by travestying them in his plays.</i> |