

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.*

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

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

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

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



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

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