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clat·ter  (klăt əṛ)

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v. **clat·tered**, **clat·ter·ing**, **clat·ters**

v.*intr.*

1. To make a rattling sound.
2. To move with a rattling sound: *clattering along on roller skates.*
3. To talk rapidly and noisily; chatter.

v.*tr.*

To cause to make a rattling sound.

n.

1. A rattling sound: *the clatter of dishes in the kitchen.*
2. A loud disturbance; a racket: *the clatter of the subway train.*
3. Noisy talk; chatter.

[Middle English *clateren*, from Old English **clatrian*; see **gal-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

clat ter·er *n.*

clat ter·y *adj.*

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