

**falter**

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1. [ˈfɔːltə] *n*
  - 1) колебание, нерешительность
  - 2) бормотание, невнятная речь
2. [ˈfɔːltə] *v*
  1. спотыкаться; двигаться пошатываясь, неуверенно  
 he faltered across the room - он неуверенно прошёл по комнате  
 the old man faltered a few steps and fell - старик сделал несколько неуверенных шагов и упал  
 the old car faltered down the road - старенький автомобиль еле полз по дороге
  2. запинаться, говорить неуверенно, заикаясь  
 to falter (out) an excuse - пробормотать извинение  
 his tongue falters - у него язык заплетается
  3. 1) действовать нерешительно, колебаться  
 I wouldn't falter to tell him - я бы не колеблясь сказал ему  
 he faltered and delayed before saying "yes" or "no" - он колебался и тянул, прежде чем сказать «да» или «нет»
  - 2) дрогнуть  
 his heart faltered - его сердце дрогнуло
  4. слабость  
 the business faltered and then failed - дела фирмы пошатнулись, и вскоре она обанкротилась  
 he could feel his legs faltering - он почувствовал, что под ним подгибаются ноги /его ноги не держат/

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[ˈfɔːltə] *v редк.*  
 очищать (зерно)

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**fal·ter** [fal·ter fal·ters fal·tered fal·tering] *BrE* [ˈfɔːltə(r)] *AmE* [ˈfɔːltər] *verb*

1. **intransitive** to become weaker or less effective  
**Syn:** †waver
  - The economy shows no signs of faltering.
  - Her courage never faltered.
2. **intransitive, transitive (+ speech)** to speak in a way that shows that you are not confident
  - His voice faltered as he began his speech.
3. **intransitive** to walk or behave in a way that shows that you are not confident
  - She walked up to the platform without faltering.
  - He never faltered in his commitment to the party.

Derived Word †fal·tering

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	falter
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈfɔːltə(r) /
	<i>NAme</i> / ˈfɔːltər /
he / she / it	falters
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈfɔːltəz /
	<i>NAme</i> / ˈfɔːltərz /
past simple, past participle	faltered
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈfɔːltəd /
	<i>NAme</i> / ˈfɔːltəd /
-ing form	faltering
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈfɔːltərɪŋ /
	<i>NAme</i> / ˈfɔːltərɪŋ /

Word Origin:

late Middle English (in the senses 'stammer' and 'stagger'): perhaps from the verb †fold (which was occasionally used of the faltering of the legs or tongue) + -ter as in totter.

Example Bank:

- Both sides have been asked to give the faltering peace talks another chance.
- She was only 10 months old when she took those first faltering steps.

Example Bank:

- The economy is beginning to falter.
- The team's performance faltered badly after the break.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**fal·ter** /ˈfɔːltə/ *BrE* *AmE* *verb*

[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: Perhaps from a Scandinavian language]

1. **[intransitive]** to become weaker and unable to continue in an effective way:
  - The economy is showing signs of faltering.
  - My mother's grip upon the household never faltered.

2. **[intransitive and transitive]** to speak in a voice that sounds weak and uncertain, and keeps stopping:

Laurie's voice faltered as she tried to thank him.

'I can't,' she faltered.

3. **[intransitive]** to become less certain and determined that you want to do something:

We must not falter in our resolve.

4. **[intransitive]** to stop walking or to walk in an unsteady way because you suddenly feel weak or afraid:

She faltered for a moment.

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