

louse

1. [lavs] *n*
 1. (*pl lice*) вошь
 2. (*pl louses*[lavsɪz]) *разг.* паршивый человек, гнида
2. [lavs,lavz] *v*
искать *или* вычёсывать вшей

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louse [louse louses loused lousing] *noun, verb* *BrE* [laʊs] ^ˈ *NAmE* [laʊs] ^ˈ

noun

1. (*pl. lice* *BrE* [laɪs] ^ˈ ; *NAmE* [laɪs] ^ˈ) a small insect that lives on the bodies of humans and animals
 - head lice

see also ↑woodlouse
2. (*pl. louses*)(*informal, disapproving*) a very unpleasant person
 - Steve had let her down; she should never have trusted the louse.

Word Origin:

Old English lūs, (*plural*) ly□s, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch *luis*, German *Laus*.

Derived ↑louse something up

verb

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	louse
	<i>BrE</i> /laʊs/
	<i>NAmE</i> /laʊs/
he / she /it	louses
	<i>BrE</i> /laʊsɪz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /laʊsɪz/
past simple, past participle	loused
	<i>BrE</i> /laʊst/
	<i>NAmE</i> /laʊst/
-ing form	lousing
	<i>BrE</i> /laʊsɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /laʊsɪŋ/

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- I. **louse**¹ /laʊs/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun* [countable]

[*Language:* Old English; *Origin:* lus]

 1. (*plural lice* /laɪs/) a small insect that lives on the hair or skin of people or animals
 2. (*plural louses*) *informal* someone who is nasty and unpleasant
- II. **louse**² *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb*

louse something ↔ **up phrasal verb** *informal*

to make something worse rather than better, or to spoil something **SYN** mess up:

^ˈ That idiot loused up my chance of promotion.

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