

quail

I

[kweɪl] *n*

1. **зоол.**
 - 1) перепел, перепёлка (*Coturnix communis*)
 - 2) куропатка (*Perdix spp.*)
 - 3) мясо перепёлки или куропатки
2. **амер. сл. уст.**
 - 1) студентка
 - 2) старая дева
 - 3) проститутка

II

[kweɪl] *v*

1. 1) трусить, пасовать; приходиться в ужас; дрогнуть
 his heart /courage/ quailed - его охватил страх
 we quailed at the thought - мы ужаснулись при этой мысли
 to quail in the face of danger - трусить перед лицом опасности
 his eyes quailed before her glance - он не выдержал её взгляда
- 2) падать духом
2. **редк.** запугивать

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

quail [quail quails quailed quailing] *noun, verb* BrE [kweɪl] ^m NAmE [kweɪl] ^m

noun countable, uncountable (pl. **quails** or **quail**)

a small brown bird, whose meat and eggs are used for food; the meat of this bird

Word Origin:

- n.* Middle English Old French **quaille** medieval Latin **coacula**
- v.* late Middle English 'waste away, come to nothing'

verb intransitive ~ (at/before sb/sth) (literary)

to feel frightened or to show that you are frightened

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	quail
	BrE /kweɪl/
	NAmE /kweɪl/
he / she / it	quails
	BrE /kweɪtɪz/
	NAmE /kweɪtɪz/
past simple, past participle	quailed
	BrE /kweɪtɪd/
	NAmE /kweɪtɪd/
-ing form	quailing
	BrE /kweɪlɪŋ/
	NAmE /kweɪlɪŋ/

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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: quaille, from Medieval Latin quaccula]
 a small fat bird with a short tail that is hunted for food or sport, or the meat from this bird

II. **quail** ² BrE ^m AmE ^m *verb* [intransitive]

[Date: 1400-1500; Origin: quail 'to curdle' (15-19 centuries), from Latin coagulare; ⇨ ↑coagulate]

literary to be afraid and show it by shaking a little bit or moving back slightly **SYN** shrink

quail at

She quailed visibly at the sight of the prison walls.

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