

childhood[ˈtʃaɪldhʊd] *n*

детство

childhood friend - друг детства

childhood disease - детская болезнь, болезнь детского возраста

childhood reading - детское чтение; литература для детей

in one's second childhood - вставший в детство

childhood of the world - заря человечества

the childhood of our joy - заря нашего счастья

childhood**child-hood** [**childhood** **childhoods**] *BrE* [ˈtʃaɪldhʊd] [ⓘ] *NAmE* [ˈtʃaɪldhʊd] [ⓘ]**noun** **uncountable**, **countable**

the period of sb's life when they are a child

- childhood, adolescence and adulthood
- in early childhood
- **childhood memories/experiences**
- She had a happy childhood.
- He married his childhood sweetheart.
- childhood cancer

I diom second childhoodWord Origin:Old English cildhād (see ↑**child**, ↑**-hood**).Thesaurus:**childhood** **noun** **U**, **C**

- He had a happy childhood.

youth • • **infancy** •**Opp:** old age**in/during/from/since/throughout** sb's childhood/youth/infancya/an **happy/unhappy** childhood/youth**spend** your childhood/youth...Collocations:**The ages of life***Childhood/ youth***be born and raised/bred** in Oxford; into a wealthy/middle-class family**have** a happy/an unhappy/a tough childhood**grow up** in a musical family/an orphanage; on a farm**be/grow up** an only child (= with no brothers or sisters)**reach/hit/enter/go through** adolescence/puberty**be in** your teens/early twenties/mid-twenties/late twenties**undergo/experience** physical/psychological changes**give in to/succumb to/resist** peer pressure**assert** your independence/individuality*Adulthood***leave** school/university/home**go out to** work (at sixteen)**get/find** a job/partner**be/get** engaged/married**have/get** a wife/husband/mortgage/steady job**settle down and have** kids/children/a family**begin/start/launch/build** a career (in politics/science/the music industry)**prove (to be)/represent/mark/reach** a (major) turning point for sb/in your life/career**reach/be well into/settle into** middle age**have/suffer/go through** a midlife crisis**take/consider** early retirement**approach/announce/enjoy** your retirement*Old age***have/see/spend time with** your grandchildren**take up/pursue/develop** a hobby**get/receive/draw/collect/live on** a pension**approach/save for/die from** old age**live to** a ripe old age**reach** the grand old age of 102/23 (*often ironic*)**be/become/be getting/be going** senile (*often ironic*)**die (peacefully)/pass away** in your sleep/after a brief illness

Example Bank:

- From earliest childhood she'd had a love of dancing.
- He became diabetic during childhood.
- He spent most of his childhood in Egypt.
- He travelled a lot throughout his childhood.
- He was moved from family to family throughout his childhood.
- Her second son didn't survive childhood.
- His health remained poor into later childhood.
- I remembered my own childhood fondly.
- She died in childhood.
- She had a very happy childhood.
- She still retained many friends from childhood.
- He lived in the same house throughout his childhood.
- childhood memories/experiences

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childhood **W3** /'tʃaɪldhʊd/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun* [uncountable and countable]

the period of time when you are a child:

ˈ I had a very happy childhood.

in/during/since (sb's) childhood

ˈ Most infections occur in childhood.

ˈ She had been writing poems since her childhood.

childhood home/friend/experience etc (=a home etc that you had when you were a child)

childhood memories (=the memories you have of your childhood) ⇒ †**second childhood**

REGISTER

In everyday English, people usually say **when I was a child** when talking about their **childhood**:

▪ ***During my childhood we lived by the ocean.*** → ***When I was a child we lived by the ocean.***

▪ ***She's known him since childhood.*** → ***She's known him since she was a child.***

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COLLOCATIONS

■ adjectives

▪ **happy/unhappy** Her parents divorced and her childhood was unhappy.

▪ **normal** I think my childhood was fairly normal.

▪ **lonely** He had no brothers or sisters and a lonely childhood.

▪ **a deprived childhood** (=without enough money, food, attention etc) Many children living in these areas have very deprived childhoods.

▪ **early/late childhood** Experiences in early childhood are very important.

■ verbs

▪ **have a happy/unhappy etc childhood** I wish I 'd had a happy childhood like yours.

▪ **spend your childhood** This is the house where the artist spent most of his childhood.

▪ **remember something from (your) childhood** He remembered the place from his childhood.

■ childhood + NOUN

▪ **childhood memories** The smell in the air brought back happy childhood memories.

▪ **a childhood friend** He married his childhood friend.

▪ **somebody's childhood home** Her childhood home was in North Dakota.

▪ **a childhood experience** Our childhood experiences make us who we are.

▪ **a childhood illness/disease** measles and other common childhood illnesses

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THESAURUS

■ when you are young

▪ **childhood** the time when you are a child, especially a young child: I had a wonderful childhood in the country. | childhood illnesses

▪ **girlhood/boyhood** the time when you are a young girl or boy: The two men had been friends in boyhood. | the transition from girlhood to womanhood

▪ **youth** the time when you are young, especially between about 15 and 25 when you are no longer a child: He was a great sportsman in his youth. | She revisited all the places where she had spent her youth.

▪ **adolescence** the time when you are changing from being a child into an adult – used especially when you are talking about the problems people have at this age: During adolescence, boys are often lacking in self-confidence.

▪ **infancy** *formal* the time when you are a baby: In the past, many more babies died in infancy.

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