

**infant**1. [ˈɪnfənt] *n*

1. младенец, дитя; ребёнок (*до семи лет*)
2. *юр.* несовершеннолетний

2. [ˈɪnfənt] *a*

1. младенческий, детский  
 infant food - детское питание  
 infant feeding - вскармливание грудного ребёнка  
 infant care - а) уход за детьми раннего возраста; б) охрана детей раннего возраста  
 infant prodigy - чудо-ребёнок, вундеркинд  
 from an infant - с младенческого возраста
2. начальный, зарождающийся  
 infant industry - а) зарождающаяся /молодая/ промышленность; б) отрасль промышленности в ранней стадии развития

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**in-fant** [ˈɪnfənt] **in-fants** *noun, adjective* *BrE* [ˈɪnfənt] <sup>ˌ</sup> *NAmE* [ˈɪnfənt] <sup>ˌ</sup>**noun**

1. (*formal* or *technical*) a baby or very young child
  - a nursery for infants under two
  - their infant son
  - She was seriously ill as an infant.
  - the infant mortality rate
  - Mozart was an **infant prodigy** (= a child with unusual ability) . In *NAmE* **infant** is only used for a baby, especially a very young one.
2. (in British and Australian education) a child at school between the ages of four and seven
  - an infant school
  - infant teachers
  - I've known her since we were in the infants (= at <sup>↑</sup>infant school) .

Word Origin:

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Example Bank:

- Marjorie looked down at the sleeping infant in her arms.
- a book on intellectual development in the human infant
- countries with high infant mortality
- jaundice in premature infants
- I've known her since we were in the infants.
- The country has an appallingly high infant mortality rate.
- The majority of infant teachers are women.
- We studied newborn infants up to two months old.

**adjective only before noun**

1. designed to be used by **infants**
  - infant formula (= milk for babies)
2. new and not yet developed
  - infant industries

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[**Date:** 1300-1400; **Language:** French; **Origin:** **enfant**, from Latin **infans**, from **infans** 'unable to speak', from **fari** 'to speak']

1. [**countable**] *formal* a baby or very young child:
  - An infant's skin is very sensitive. ⇒ <sup>↑</sup>Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
2. **infants** [**plural**] children in school in Britain between the ages of four and eight

**COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)**■ **adjectives**

- **a young infant** The never-ending demands of a young infant can be very stressful for parents.
- **a newborn infant** Newborn infants only a few hours old can distinguish between different voices.
- **an unborn infant** Unborn infants can hear certain sounds while still in the mother's womb.
- **a premature infant** (=born too early) The hospital provides life-saving care to premature infants.
- **a healthy infant** Amy gave birth to a healthy infant.
- **a sick infant** Sick infants are treated in the intensive care nursery.

## ■ infant + NOUN

- **infant deaths** The number of infant deaths has fallen significantly.
- **infant mortality** (=the number of infants who die) The infant mortality rate doubled during the 1990s.

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## THESAURUS

- **baby** a very young child who has not yet learned to speak or walk: I sat next to a woman holding a baby.
- **toddler** a baby who has learned how to walk: The playground has a special area for toddlers.
- **infant** *formal* a baby or a very young child: The disease is mainly found in infants.
- **little one** *spoken informal* a baby, or a small child up to the age of about three: How old is your little one?
- **young** the babies of an animal or bird: Kangaroos carry their young in a pouch.
- **litter** a group of baby animals that are born at the same time to the same mother: Our cat has just had a litter of six kittens.

## II. **infant**<sup>2</sup> *BrE*<sup>1</sup> *AmE*<sup>1</sup> *adjective* [only before noun]

1. **infant school/teacher/class etc** a school, teacher etc for children aged between four and eight in Britain
2. intended for babies or very young children:
  - infant formula milk
3. an infant company, organization etc has just started to exist or be developed:
  - infant industries

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