

temper**1. ['tempə] n****1. 1) нрав, характер; душевный склад**

calm /ever/ [fiery] temper - спокойный /ровный/ [необузданный] нрав

quick /short/ temper - вспыльчивость, горячность

bad /ill/ temper - тяжёлый характер; дурной нрав

to have a good /sweet/ temper - быть доброго нрава

incompatibility of temper - психологическая несовместимость

2) вспыльчивый характер; крутой нрав; раздражительность, несдержанность

to be in a temper, to show /to display/ temper - быть раздражённым, злиться; гневаться

to have a temper - иметь вспыльчивый характер

to get /to fly, to go/ into a temper - вспылить

to put smb. in a temper - вывести кого-л. из себя, разозлить кого-л.

in her temper she broke a vase - в приступе ярости она разбила вазу

2. сдержанность, самообладание

to keep /to control/ one's temper - владеть собой; сдерживаться

to lose one's temper - потерять самообладание, выйти из себя, не сдержаться, вспылить

to regain /to recover/ one's temper - овладеть собой, взять себя в руки; успокоиться

to be out of temper (with smb.) - сердиться (на кого-л.)

to put smb. out of temper - вывести кого-л. из себя; взбесить /разозлить/ кого-л.

to try smb.'s temper - раздражать кого-л., испытывать чьё-л. терпение

3. настроение

to be in a good [bad] temper - быть в хорошем [плохом] настроении

to be in no temper for smth. - не иметь настроения делать что-л., быть не в настроении

4. степень твёрдости и упругости (какого-л. материала, вещества и т. п.)

the temper of the clay was just right for shaping - глина была доведена как раз до такого состояния, которое нужно для формовки

5. метал.**1) процентное содержание углерода (в стали)****2) закалка; отпуск**

to draw /to let down/ the temper of the steel - отжигать /отпускать/ сталь

the steel loses its temper - сталь отходит /размягчается/

6. хим. состав**7. уст. гармония; гармоничность; пропорциональность****8. уст. компромисс, средняя линия****9. уст. темперамент****2. ['tempə] v****1. 1) умерять, смягчать; сдерживать**

to temper one's enthusiasm - умерять свой энтузиазм

2) смягчаться; сдерживаться**2. 1) удачно сочетать, смешивать в нужных пропорциях; регулировать**

to be tempered to smth. - гармонировать с чем-л.

to temper a strong drink with water - разбавлять крепкий напиток водой

to temper justice with mercy - сочетать справедливость и милосердие; ≙ наказывая, не забывать о милосердии

2) гармонировать с чем-л.**3. 1) доводить до нужного состояния**

to temper clay - месить глину

to temper the water - регулировать температуру воды

2) приходить в нужное состояние**4. 1) смешивать краски****2) делать смесь****5. 1) метал. отпускать, закаливать****2) закаливаться****3) закалять, давать закалку**

this generation has been tempered by the sacrifices of the war - жертвы, которые это поколение принесло во время войны, закалили его

6. муз. темперировать**7. уст. приводить в хорошее расположение духа**

◇ to temper the wind to the shorn lamb - проявлять милосердие к обездоленным и бедным

temper

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tem-per [temper tempers tempered tempering] **noun, verb** BrE ['tempə(r)]^m

NAmE ['tempər]^m

noun

1. countable, usually singular, uncountable if sb has a temper, they become angry very easily

• a **violent/short/quick, etc. temper**

• He must learn to **control his temper** .

• She broke the plates in a **fit of temper** .

• After an hour of waiting, **tempers began to fray** (= people began to get angry) .

2. **countable, usually singular** a short period of feeling very angry

- to **fly into a temper**
- She says awful things when she's **in a temper** .
- Some small children have terrible temper tantrums.

3. **countable** the way that you are feeling at a particular time

Syn: ↑mood

- Come back when you're in a better temper.
- to be **in a bad/foul, etc. temper**

4. **-tempered** (in adjectives) having a particular type of temper

• **good-/bad-tempered**

- a sweet-tempered child You will find other compounds ending in **-tempered** at their place in the alphabet.

more at have a quick temper **at** ↑quick adj.

Word Origin:

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Example Bank:

- Frayed tempers at the end of the match led to three players being sent off.
- He broke the chair in a fit of violent temper.
- He had to learn to keep his temper under control before he could become a teacher.
- He has a nasty temper.
- He stormed out of the room in a temper.
- I only just managed to keep my temper with him.
- I wasn't in the best of tempers when I arrived at the meeting.
- Peter's comments were responsible for her ill temper.
- She loses her temper at the drop of a hat.
- She loses her temper easily.
- She regained her good temper after a chat.
- Tempers flared as the traffic jam became worse.
- After an hour of waiting tempers began to fray.
- He has a short/quick temper.
- She says awful things when she's in a temper.
- You must learn to control your temper.

Idiom: ↑lose your temper

verb

1. ~ **sth (with sth)** (formal) to make sth less severe by adding sth that has the opposite effect

- Justice must be tempered with mercy.
- The hot sunny days were tempered by a light breeze.
- His delight was tempered by regret.

2. ~ **sth (technical)** to make metal as hard as it needs to be by heating and then cooling it

- tempered steel

Verb forms:

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present simple	
I / you / we / they	temper
	BrE / 'tempe(r)z/
	NAme / 'temperz/
he / she / it	tempers
	BrE / 'tempəz/
	NAme / 'tempəz/
past simple, past participle	tempered
	BrE / 'tempəd/
	NAme / 'tempəd/
-ing form	tempering
	BrE / 'tempərɪŋ/
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- His delight was tempered by regret that his father was not there.

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I. **temper**¹ /'tempə \$ -ət/ BrE " AmE " *noun*

1. **[uncountable and countable]** a tendency to become angry suddenly or easily:

" That temper of hers will get her into trouble one of these days.
 " According to Nathan, Robin has quite a temper.
 " Theo needs to learn to control his temper.

quick/bad/fiery etc temper

" Be careful, he's got a pretty violent temper.

tempers flare (also **tempers become frayed**) *British English* (=people become angry)

" Mason's temper flared when he spotted his girlfriend kissing another man.

2. **lose your temper** to suddenly become very angry so that you cannot control yourself:

" I've never seen Vic lose his temper.

3. **[singular, uncountable]** the way you are feeling at a particular time, especially when you are feeling angry for a short time

in a temper

" It's no use talking to him when he's in a temper.
 " Pete hit his brother in a fit of temper.

be in a bad/foul temper (=to be angry)

" Watch out – she's been in a foul temper all day.

fly into a temper

" Her boss would fly into a temper if a project wasn't done on time.

4. **keep your temper** to stay calm when it would be easy to get angry:

" I was finding it increasingly difficult to keep my temper.

5. **good-tempered /foul-tempered /quick-tempered etc** having a good, bad temper etc:

" Minnie was always good-tempered and agreeable.

6. **[singular] formal** the general attitude that people have in a particular place at one time

temper of

" the temper of life in Renaissance Italy

⇒ ↑bad-tempered, ↑even-tempered ↑ill-tempered

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meanings 1,2,3 & 4)■ **adjectives**

- a **quick/short temper** (=likely to get angry very easily) He's got a quick temper, which gets him into trouble.
- a **bad/terrible/nasty temper** He ran back home in a terrible temper.
- a **fiery/violent/explosive temper** (=likely to get angry and violent very quickly) Over the years, my sister has learned to control her fiery temper.

■ **verbs**

- **have a temper** Grandad had quite a temper, so we usually tried to keep out of his way.
- **be in a temper** She banged doors and screamed at her mother when she was in a temper.
- **control/keep your temper** She tried to speak calmly and control her temper.
- **lose your temper** (=become angry) It was hot and I was beginning to lose my temper.
- **fly into a temper** (=suddenly become very angry) He flew into a temper at the slightest thing.
- **sb's temper flares** (=they become angry) On bad days, Elaine's temper would flare into a violent rage.

■ **phrases**

- a **fit/flash/burst of temper** (=when you are very angry for a short time) A businessman assaulted his wife and son in a fit of temper, a court heard yesterday.
- **tempers get/become frayed** *British English* (=people become annoyed) People were pushing each other, and tempers were becoming frayed.
- a **temper tantrum** (=a time when someone, especially a child, behaves very angrily and unreasonably) My nephew has temper tantrums if he can't get his own way.

II. **temper**² BrE " AmE " *verb* [transitive]

[Date: 900-1000; Language: Latin; Origin: temperare 'to divide up properly, mix, keep within proper limits, temper']

1. **formal** to make something less severe or extreme

temper something with/by something

" The heat in this coastal town is tempered by cool sea breezes.

2. to make metal as hard as is needed by heating it and then putting it in cold water:

" tempered steel

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