

diddle [ˈdɪdɪl] *v сл.*

1. надуть, облапошить
to diddle smb. out of his money - обобрать кого-л. как липку
2. 1) погубить; разорить дотла
2) уकोшить
3. тратить без толку, зря
to diddle away one's time - терять время попусту, транжирить время

diddle **did·dle** [diddle diddles diddled diddling] *BrE* [ˈdɪdɪl] ^m *NAmE* [ˈdɪdɪl] ^m *verb* ~

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sb (out of sth) (*BrE, informal*)
to get money or some advantage from sb by cheating them

Syn: ↑cheat

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	diddle
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈdɪdɪl/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈdɪdɪl/
he / she / it	diddles
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈdɪdɪz/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈdɪdɪz/
past simple, past participle	diddled
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈdɪdɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈdɪdɪd/
-ing form	diddling
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈdɪdɪlɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈdɪdɪlɪŋ/

Word Origin:

early 19th cent.: probably from the name of Jeremy Diddler, a character in the farce *Raising the Wind* (1803) by the Irish dramatist James Kenney (1780–1849). Diddler constantly borrowed and failed to repay small sums of money: the name may be based on an earlier verb *diddle* ‘walk unsteadily’.

Example Bank:

- He's been diddling the taxman for years.
- My old boss diddled me out of over £5 000.

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[Date: 1800-1900; Origin: Perhaps from Diddler, name of a character in a 19th-century English play]

to get money from someone by deceiving them **SYN** swindle

diddle somebody out of something

^m They'll diddle you out of your last penny if you let them.

diddle
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diddling ²⁷
diddler ⁰
diddlers ⁰
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¹⁹ **164653** ²³ *vv0*
¹⁶ **199415** ¹⁶ *vvi*
⁷ **315550** ⁷ *nn1*

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