

**lull**

1. [lʌl] *n*

- 1. временное затишье; временное успокоение; перерыв
  - a lull in a storm - затишье во время бури
  - a lull in the fighting - затишье между боями
  - a lull in sales - спад спроса
  - a lull in conversation - перерыв в разговоре

2. *редк.*

- 1) что-л. успокаивающее, усыпляющее
  - the lull of falling waters - мерный шум водопада

2) *арх.* колыбельная

2. [lʌl] *v*

- 1. 1) убаюкивать
  - to lull a baby to sleep - убаюкать /усыпить/ ребёнка
- 2) успокаивать, смягчать
  - to lull smb.'s fears - рассеять чьи-л. страхи
  - to lull smb.'s suspicions - усыпить чьи-л. подозрения
- 3) уговаривать, убеждать (*кого-л.*), внушать уверенность, спокойствие
- 2. успокаиваться; затихать, стихать (*о буре, шуме и т. п.*)
  - the wind lulled - ветер затих
  - the violence of the storm had lulled to some extent - сила бури немного уменьшилась

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**lull** [lull lulls lulled lulling] *noun, verb* *BrE* [lʌl] <sup>u</sup> *NAmE* [lʌl] <sup>u</sup>

*noun usually singular ~ (in sth)*

- a quiet period between times of activity
  - a **lull in the conversation/fighting**
  - Just before an attack everything would go quiet but we knew it was just **the lull before the storm** (= before a time of noise or trouble).

Word Origin:

Middle English: imitative of sounds used to quieten a child; compare with Latin **lallare 'sing to sleep'**, Swedish **lulla 'hum a lullaby'**, and Dutch **lullen 'talk nonsense'**. The noun (first recorded in the sense 'soothing drink') dates from the mid 17th cent.

Example Bank:

- They crossed the road during a lull in the traffic.
- a brief lull in the fighting
- Just before an attack everything would go quiet, but we knew it was just the lull before the storm.
- There was a lull in the conversation.
- There will probably be a lull over the winter, followed by a resurgence of activity next spring.

Derived ↑lull somebody into something

*verb*

- 1. **transitive ~ sb** to make sb relaxed and calm

**Syn:** ↑soothe

- The vibration of the engine **lulled** the children **to sleep**.
- He was lulled by the peaceful sound of the rain.

- 2. **transitive, intransitive ~ (sth)** to make sth, or to become, less strong

- His father's arrival lulled the boy's anxiety.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	lull
	BrE /lʌl/
	NAmE /lʌl/
he / she /it	lulls
	BrE /lʌlz/
	NAmE /lʌlz/
past simple, past participle	lulled
	BrE /lʌld/
	NAmE /lʌld/
-ing form	lulling
	BrE /lʌlɪŋ/
	NAmE /lʌlɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- Experienced drivers can be lulled into a false sense of security.

- He lulled me into believing that I could trust him.
- She lulled the baby back to sleep.

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### I. lull<sup>1</sup> /lʌl/ BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup> verb [transitive]

[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: Probably from the sound of someone singing to a baby]

1. to make someone feel calm or as if they want to sleep:

• The hum of the tyres on the road lulled her to sleep.

2. to make someone feel safe and confident so that they are completely surprised when something bad happens

**lull somebody into (doing) something**

• The police lulled me into believing that they did not suspect us.

• Earthquakes here are rare and this has lulled people into a false sense of security (=made people think they were safe when they were not).

### II. lull<sup>2</sup> BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup> noun [countable]

1. a short period of time when there is less activity or less noise than usual

**lull in**

• a brief lull in the conversation

• a lull in the fighting

2. **the lull before the storm** a short period of time when things are calm, that is followed by a lot of activity, noise, or trouble

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