

mumble

1. [ˈmʌmb(ə)] *n*
бормотание
2. [ˈmʌmb(ə)] *v*
 1. бормотать
to mumble a prayer - бормотать молитву
to mumble to oneself - бормотать что-то про себя
to mumble one's words - невнятно произносить, бормотать себе под нос
to mumble through one's answer - ответить запинаясь
 2. шамкать, жевать (как) беззубым ртом

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mum·ble [mumble mumbles mumbled mumbling] *verb, noun* *BrE* [ˈmʌmbəl] [ⓘ]
NAmE [ˈmʌmbəl] [ⓘ]
verb intransitive, transitive

to speak or say sth in a quiet voice in a way that is not clear

Syn: ↑mutter

- ~ (to sb/yourself) I could hear him mumbling to himself.
- ~ sth (to sb/yourself) She mumbled an apology and left.
- + speech 'Sorry,' she mumbled.
- ~ that... She mumbled that she was sorry.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	mumble
	BrE / ˈmʌmbəl/
	NAmE / ˈmʌmbəl/
he / she / it	mumbles
	BrE / ˈmʌmbəlz/
	NAmE / ˈmʌmbəlz/
past simple, past participle	mumbled
	BrE / ˈmʌmbld/
	NAmE / ˈmʌmbld/
-ing form	mumbling
	BrE / ˈmʌmbəlɪŋ/
	NAmE / ˈmʌmbəlɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: frequentative of ↑mum (adjective).

Example Bank:

- George mumbled incoherently to himself.
- I couldn't understand what he was mumbling about.
- She mumbled something into her pillow.

noun usually singular (also **mum·bling** countable, usually plural, uncountable)

speech or words that are spoken in a quiet voice in a way that is not clear

- He spoke in a low mumble, as if to himself.
- They tried to make sense of her mumbblings.

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mum·ble /ˈmʌmbəl/ *BrE* [ⓘ] *AmE* [ⓘ] *verb* [intransitive and transitive]

[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: From the sound]

to say something too quietly or not clearly enough, so that other people cannot understand you ⇒ **mutter**:

- He bumped into someone and mumbled an apology.
- Stop mumbling!

mumble to yourself

- A woman on the corner was mumbling to herself.

—**mumble** *noun* [countable]

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THESAURUS

■ **different ways of saying something**

- **whisper** to say something very quietly, using your breath rather than your full voice: 'Don't wake the baby,' Jenny whispered.
- **mumble** to say something quietly without pronouncing the words clearly: He mumbled his thanks.
- **mutter** to say something quietly, especially when you are annoyed but do not want someone to hear you complaining: 'This is ridiculous,' he muttered under his breath. | She muttered something about having to go home early.
- **murmur** to say something in a soft slow gentle voice: She stroked his hair and murmured, 'Don't worry. You'll be all right.'

- **growl** to say something in a low angry voice: 'As I was saying,' Lewis growled, 'it needs to be finished today.'
- **snarl** to say something in a nasty angry way: 'Get out of my way!' he snarled.
- **exclaim** to say something suddenly and loudly: 'How beautiful!' she exclaimed.
- **blurt out** to suddenly say something without thinking, especially something embarrassing or secret: It was partly nervousness that had made him blurt out the question.
- **stammer/stutter** to speak with a lot of pauses and repeated sounds, because you have a speech problem, or because you are nervous or excited: 'I'll, I'll only be a m-moment,' he stammered.

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