

**stammer**

1. ['stæmə] *n*
  - 1) заикание
  - 2) запинаящаяся, затруднённая, невнятная речь; бормотание
2. ['stæmə] *v*
  1. заикаться, страдать заиканием; говорить заикаясь  
to stammer from excitement - заикаться от волнения  
to stammer badly - сильно заикаться  
to stammer over a word - запнуться на каком-л. слове
  2. произносить с запинкой, бормотать (*мж.* stammer out)  
he stammered apologies [explanations] - он пробормотал извинения [объяснения]

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

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**stam-mer** [stammer stammers stammered stammering] *verb, noun BrE*

['stæmə(r)] *NAmE* ['stæmə]

*verb intransitive, transitive*

to speak with difficulty, repeating sounds or words and often stopping, before saying things correctly

**Syn:** ↑stutter

- Many children stammer but grow out of it.
- **+ speech** 'W-w-what?' he stammered.
- **~ sth (out)** She was barely able to stammer out a description of her attacker.

**Verb forms:** verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we / they	stammer
	BrE / 'stæmə(r)/
	NAmE / 'stæmə/
he / she / it	stammers
	BrE / 'stæməz/
	NAmE / 'stæməz/
past simple, past participle	stammered
	BrE / 'stæməd/
	NAmE / 'stæməd/
-ing form	stammering
	BrE / 'stæməɪŋ/
	NAmE / 'stæməɪŋ/

**Word Origin:**

late Old English stamerian, of West Germanic origin; related to ↑stumble. The noun dates from the late 18th cent.

**Derived Word** ↑stammerer

**noun singular**

a problem that sb has in speaking in which they repeat sounds or words or often pause before saying things correctly

- She spoke with a stammer.
- As a child, he had a dreadful stammer.

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**I. stam-mer** 1 /'stæmə \$ -ər/ *BrE* *AmE* *verb* [intransitive and transitive]

[**Language:** Old English; **Origin:** stamerian]

to speak with a lot of pauses and repeated sounds, either because you have a speech problem, or because you are nervous, excited etc **SYN** stutter:

- Whenever he was angry, he would begin to stammer slightly.
- Ben stammered out an apology.

—**stammerer** *noun* [countable]

**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.

II. **stammer**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>2</sup> *AmE* <sup>2</sup> *noun* [countable usually singular]

a speech problem which makes someone speak with a lot of pauses and repeated sounds **SYN** **stutter**.

Jeff spoke with a slight stammer.

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