# Apresyan (En-Ru)

**spleen** [spli:n] *n* 

1. *анат.* селезёнка

2. злоба, раздражительность; недоброжелательство

a fit of spleen - приступ злобы /раздражения/

to vent one's spleen (up)on smb. - сорвать злобу на ком-л.

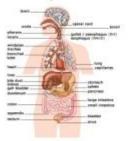
3. арх. сплин, хандра

### spleen

spleen [spleen spleens] BrE [spli□顶 NAmE [spli□顶 noun

1. countable a small organ near the stomach that controls the quality of the blood cells

• a ruptured spleen



# 2. uncountable (literary) anger

• He vented his spleen (= shouted in an angry way) on the assembled crowd.

see also †splenetic

Word Origin:

Middle English: shortening of Old French esplen, via Latin from Greek splēn; sense 2 derives from the earlier belief that the spleen was the seat of bad temper.

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[Date: 1200-1300, Language: Old French, Origin: esplen, from Latin splen, from Greek]

- 1. [countable] an organ near your stomach that controls the quality of your blood
- 2. [uncountable] formal anger, especially unreasonable or unfair anger:

Obviously you're annoyed, but that doesn't give you the right to vent your spleen on me (=get angry with me).

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• anger a strong emotion that you feel because someone has behaved badly or because a situation seems bad or unfair: Andrea still feels a lot of anger towards her mom, who left when she was a little girl. | I've said some things in anger that have almost cost me my marriage.

• **annoyance** slight anger or impatience: He expressed annoyance at the way his comments had been misinterpreted. | The meetings were held in secret, much to the annoyance of some members of Congress.

• irritation a feeling of being annoyed and impatient, especially because something keeps happening or someone keeps saying something: He could not hide his irritation at her persistent questioning. | Unwanted sales calls are a source of irritation for many people.

frustration a feeling of being annoyed, especially because you cannot do what you want or because you cannot change or control a situation: You can imagine my frustration when I found out that the next bus didn't leave till 4 hours later. | There is a growing sense of frustration over the situation in Burma. | The government has expressed frustration at the slow legal process.
exasperation a feeling of being very annoyed because you cannot control a situation, learn to do something, or understand something, even though you are trying very hard: Isaac sighed in exasperation. | Exasperation at the team's lack of success was evident among the fans.

• resentment anger because you think you are being treated badly or unfairly: The sudden increase in the numbers of immigrants has caused resentment among local people.

• indignation anger and surprise about an unfair situation: His voice sounded full of indignation. | The scandal caused <u>righteous</u> indignation among opposition politicians.

• ill/bad feeling anger between two people because of something that has happened: I had no ill feeling towards him.

• rancour *British English*, rancor *American English formal* a feeling of anger and hatred towards someone who you cannot forgive because they harmed you in the past: Even though he had lost the court case, he had shown no rancour.

• spleen formal anger, especially anger that is unreasonable: He <u>vented</u> his <u>spleen</u> (=said why he was angry)against the airline in an article in the Times.

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