

quiet**1. ['kwaɪət] n****1. 1) тишина, безмолвие**

in the quiet of the night - в тишине ночи

2) *tex.* бесшумность**2. 1) покой, спокойствие**

the quiet of the mind - душевный покой

a few hours of quiet - несколько часов покоя

to read in quiet - спокойно почитать

2) спокойствие, мир

to live in peace and quiet - жить в мире и спокойствии

the country enjoyed many years of quiet after the war - после войны страна долгие годы жила мирной жизнью

◇ on the quiet, on the QT /qt/ - а) тайком, втихаря, втихомолку; б) под большим секретом

I'm telling you that on the quiet - я тебе скажу, но только между нами

2. ['kwaɪət] a**1. тихий; бесшумный, неслышный**

quiet wind - тихий ветер

quiet footsteps - неслышные /бесшумные/ шаги

quiet neighbours [surroundings] - спокойные соседи [-ое окружение]

quiet street [room] - тихая улица [комната]

the wind grew quiet - ветер утих

to be quiet - молчать, хранить молчание

be quiet! - помолчите!, перестаньте разговаривать!

keep quiet! - не шумите!, замолчите!

we must keep quiet about it - мы не должны об этом говорить

everything is quiet after 10 o'clock - всё умолкает после 10 часов

2. спокойный, тихий; неподвижный

quiet air - неподвижный воздух

quiet river - тихая /спокойная, неподвижная/ река

to seem quiet - казаться спокойным

the patient was at last quiet now - больной, наконец, успокоился /затих/

the restless boy was quiet now - беспокойный мальчик наконец угомонился

3. мирный, спокойный; ничем не нарушаемый

quiet sleep - спокойный /безмятежный/ сон

quiet times [hours] - спокойные /тихие/ времена [часы]

quiet evening [life] - тихий /мирный/ вечер [-ая жизнь]

quiet mind - спокойный /ровный/ характер

quiet conscience - чистая совесть

quiet horse - смирная лошадь

a quiet cup of tea - чашка чаю, выпитая на досуге

to have a quiet meal - поесть неторопливо /не спеша/

I want to be quiet after my journey - я хочу отдохнуть после поездки

let me be quiet - оставьте меня в покое

all quiet on the western front - на западном фронте без перемен

4. однообразный, скучный

he finds life in the country too quiet - жизнь в деревне кажется ему слишком однообразной

5. 1) неяркий, неброский, приятный для глаза

quiet colours - неяркие /спокойные/ цвета

a quiet style of dress - скромная /неброская/ одежда

2) скромный; сдержанный

quiet wedding - скромная свадьба

quiet dinner - интимный ужин

quiet existence - скромное существование

a quiet gathering of friends - скромная встреча друзей

a very quiet man - очень сдержанный человек

in his quiet way he is very proud of his son - он очень гордится сыном, но старается не показывать этого

3) мягкий (о человеке)

of a quiet disposition /nature/ - тихого нрава

nice quiet people - приятные добрые люди

quiet manners [ways] - приятные манеры [-ое обхождение]

quiet movements - мягкие /сдержанные/ движения

6. укромный, уединённый

quiet corner /nook/ - укромный уголок

7. тайный, скрытый

quiet suspicion - тайное подозрение

quiet resentment - глухая неприязнь

we had a quiet laugh over it - мы между собой над этим посмеялись

to keep smth. quiet - утаивать /умалчивать/ что-л

8. *эк.* вялый (о рынке); низкий (об уровне деловой активности)

9. в грам. знач. междометия тише!, не шуметь!

◇ as quiet as a mouse - тихий как мышь

(as) quiet as the grave - молчаливый; ≅ тише воды, ниже травы

after the storm the town was as quiet as the grave - после урагана город казался вымершим

3. ['kwaɪət] v

1) успокаивать, унимать; останавливать усмирять

to quiet a clamour /tumult/ - унять шум

to quiet a crying baby - унять /успокоить/ плачущего ребёнка

to quiet the pulse - мед. отрегулировать пульс

2) успокаиваться, униматься, угомониться (обыкн. quiet down)

the wind quieted down - ветер утих

quiet

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

quiet [quiet quiets quieted quieting quieter quietest] adjective, noun, verb BrE

['kwaɪət] ^{adj} NAmE ['kwaɪət] ^{adj}

adjective (quiet-er, quiet-est)

1. making very little noise

- her quiet voice
- a quieter, more efficient engine
- Could you keep the kids quiet while I'm on the phone?
- He **went** very **quiet** (= did not say much) so I knew he was upset.
- **'Be quiet,'** said the teacher.
- She crept downstairs **(as) quiet as a mouse** .

2. without many people or much noise or activity

- a quiet street
- They lead a quiet life.
- Business is usually quieter at this time of year.
- They had a quiet wedding.
- The hotel is in a quiet location near the sea.

3. not disturbed; peaceful

- to have a quiet drink
- I was looking forward to a quiet evening at home.

4. (of a person) tending not to talk very much

- She was quiet and shy.

5. (of a feeling or an attitude) definite but not expressed in an obvious way

- He had an air of quiet authority.

Word Origin:

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Thesaurus:

quiet adj.

1.

- We could hear quiet footsteps outside.

soft • **faint** • **inaudible** • **hushed** • **muffled** • |written **dull** •

Opp: loud

a/an quiet/soft/faint/inaudible/hushed/muffled **voice**

a/an quiet/soft/faint/inaudible/hushed **whisper**

a quiet/soft/faint/muffled/dull **sound**

2.

- They lead a quiet life.

peaceful • **calm** • **sleepy** • **silent** • |written **tranquil** •

Opp: busy

a quiet/peaceful/sleepy/silent/tranquil **place/village/town**

a quiet/peaceful/calm/sleepy/tranquil **atmosphere**

a quiet/peaceful/calm/tranquil **day/night/morning/evening**

3.

- She was quiet and shy, and rarely spoke in class.

reserved • **shy** • **silent** • |formal **reticent** • **taciturn** •

a quiet/reserved/shy/silent/reticent **person/man**

He's the quiet/silent **type**.

strangely quiet/silent/reticent

Example Bank:

- His voice was dangerously quiet as he asked the question.
- I knew I had to keep quiet about it.
- I was looking forward to a nice quiet afternoon.
- Just sit quiet for a moment, there's a good boy.
- Keep that dog quiet, will you!

- Keep the patient as quiet as possible.
- Lie quiet for an hour and you'll feel better.
- She went back to a strangely quiet house.
- Suddenly the room went all quiet.
- The house was eerily quiet.
- The negotiations were quiet and hurried.
- Things seemed quiet enough, but it was an uneasy calm.
- We'll have to keep this quiet— if it gets out, we'll all be in a lot of trouble.
- ' Be quiet,' said the teacher.
- Could you keep the kids quiet while I'm on the phone?
- During the week it's a good place to go for a quiet drink.
- He went very quiet so I knew he was upset.
- How would you like a quieter, more efficient engine?
- I could hardly hear her quiet little voice.
- She crept downstairs (as) quiet as a mouse.
- She was quiet and shy, and neverspoke up in class.
- The house was quiet except for the sound of the television.
- We could hear quiet footsteps in the corridor.

Idioms: ↑keep quiet about something ▪ ↑keep something quiet ▪ ↑on the quiet

Derived Words ↑quietly ▪ ↑quietness

noun uncountable

the state of being calm and without much noise

- the quiet of his own room
- the quiet of the early morning
- I go to the library for a little **peace and quiet** .

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- A machine gun shattered the quiet.
- A man's voice was calling for quiet.
- I'm going home for a bit of peace and quiet!
- She made sure she had times of quiet in which to write.
- a period of comparative quiet
- in the sudden quiet that followed the gunshot
- He seemed to prefer the quiet of his own room.
- I go to the library for a little peace and quiet.
- The quiet of the early morning or evening is a good time to be on the lookout for wildlife.

verb intransitive, transitive (especially NAmE)

to become calmer or less noisy; to make sb/sth calmer or less noisy

Syn: ↑calm down

- ~ **(down)** The demonstrators quieted down when the police arrived
- ~ **sb/sth (down)** He's very good at quieting the kids.

Verb forms:

| verb forms | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| present simple | |
| I / you / we /they | quiet |
| | BrE / 'kwaiet/ |
| | NAmE /' kwaiet/ |
| he / she /it | quiets |
| | BrE / 'kwaiets/ |
| | NAmE /' kwaiets/ |
| past simple, past participle | quieted |
| | BrE / 'kwaietɪd/ |
| | NAmE /' kwaietɪd/ |
| -ing form | quieting |
| | BrE / 'kwaietɪŋ/ |
| | NAmE /' kwaietɪŋ/ |

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 I. **quiet** ¹ **S2 W2** /'kwaɪət/ *BrE* ² *AmE* ³ *adjective* (comparative **quieter**, superlative **quietest**)

[**Word Family**: **noun**: ↑quiet, ↑disquiet, ↑quietness, ↑quietism, ↑quietude; **verb**: ↑quieten, ↑quiet; **adverb**: ↑quietly; **adjective**: ↑quiet]

[**Date**: 1300-1400; **Language**: Latin; **Origin**: quietus, from the past participle of quiescere 'to become quiet, rest', from quies; ⇒ ↑quiet²]

1. MAKING NO NOISE not making much noise, or making no noise at all:

- We'll have to be quiet so as not to wake the baby.
- It's a nice car. The engine's really quiet.
- I'll be as quiet as a mouse (=very quiet). ⇒ see box on P.1426

2. NOT SPEAKING

a) not saying much or not saying anything:

- You're very quiet, Mom – is anything the matter?
- I didn't know anything about it so I just kept quiet.
- The crowd went quiet.

quiet confidence/satisfaction/desperation (=having a particular feeling but not talking about it)

a woman whose life of quiet desperation threatens to overwhelm her

quiet authority/dignity (=not saying much but making other people have a particular feeling about you)

Jack's air of quiet authority

b) someone who is quiet does not usually talk very much:

a strange, quiet girl

3. (be) quiet! *spoken* used to tell someone to stop talking or making a noise:

- Tanya, be quiet! I'm on the phone.
- Quiet, you lot!

4. keep something quiet/keep quiet about something to keep information secret:

- You're getting married? You kept that quiet!

5. PLACE WITH NO NOISE a place that is quiet has no noise or not much noise:

- Our hotel room was comfortable and quiet.
- When they walked into the pub, the place went quiet.

6. NO ACTIVITY/PEOPLE without much activity or without many people:

- It was a Sunday, about three o'clock, and the streets were quiet.
- I'd love to go on holiday somewhere where it's nice and quiet.
- Anthony met her in the bar, and they found a quiet corner where they could talk.
- I'm going to have a quiet night in (=an evening when you stay at home and relax).
- He wants a quiet life, while she wants to go out partying.

7. BUSINESS if business is quiet, there are not many customers **SYN slack**:

- August is a quiet time of year for the retail trade.

8. keep somebody quiet to stop someone from talking, complaining, or causing trouble:

- Give the kids some crayons – that will keep them quiet for a while.

9. have a quiet word (with somebody) *especially British English* to talk to someone privately when you want to criticize them or tell them about something serious:

- Brian's just not keeping up with the workload. Can you have a quiet word?

HINT: ► Do not confuse **quiet** with **quite** (=fairly).

—**quietness** *noun* [uncountable]

⇒ ↑quietly

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THESAURUS

■ a quiet sound or voice

- **quiet** not making a loud sound: I heard a quiet voice behind me. | a car with a quiet engine
- **low** quiet – especially because you do not want people to hear or be disturbed: Doug was on the phone, speaking in a low voice. | I turned the volume down low.
- **soft** quiet and pleasant to listen to: Soft music was playing in the background. | His voice was soft and gentle.
- **silent** not making any sound at all: a silent prayer | silent laughter | The machines were virtually silent.
- **hushed** deliberately quiet because you do not want people to hear – used about people's voices: They were talking about money in hushed tones. | The doctor's voice was hushed and urgent.
- **faint** quiet and difficult to hear because it comes from a long way away: The men went ahead and their voices got fainter and fainter. | the faint sound of bells
- **muffled** difficult to hear, for example because the sound comes from another room or someone's mouth is covered by something: Muffled voices were coming from downstairs. | the muffled sound of someone crying
- **dull** [only before noun] a dull sound is not loud – used especially about the sound of something hitting another thing: He hit the ground with a dull thud.
- **inaudible** too quiet to hear: The sound is inaudible to the human ear. | Her answer came in an almost inaudible whisper.

■ a quiet place

- **quiet** without much noise: It's so quiet here at night. | This is the quietest room in the house to work in.
- **silent** with no noise at all: The room fell silent (=became silent).
- **peaceful** (also **tranquil especially written**) quiet in a pleasant and relaxing way: Life's more peaceful in the countryside. | The hotel is set in tranquil surroundings.
- **sleepy** [only before noun] quiet – used about a town or village where there are not many people and very little happens: a sleepy fishing village

■ not saying much

- **quiet** not saying much: He's a quiet boy who loves reading. | You're very quiet tonight, Suzy – are you OK?
- **silent** not saying anything: Her husband was a big silent man. | Everyone was arguing but I decided to remain silent.
- **taciturn** /'tæsətʃən, 'tæsɪtʃən\$ -3□rh *formal* not talking much and seeming a little unfriendly or bad-tempered: He found Vaughn a taciturn and rather difficult person.
- **reticent** unwilling to talk to other people, especially about a particular subject: She's always been reticent about her early life.
- **a man/woman of few words** someone who does not talk much, especially because they only speak when there is something important to say: My father was a man of few words, but when he spoke everyone listened.

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1. the state of being quiet, calm, and peaceful:

- " We were enjoying the quiet of the forest.
- " I've had an awful day – now I just want some peace and quiet.

2. silence:

- " Can I have some quiet, please?

3. on the quiet *British English informal* secretly:

- " We found out he'd been doing some freelance work on the quiet.

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