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idiot

idiot [idiot idiots] BrE ['ɪdiət] NAmE ['ɪdiət] 1. (informal) a very stupid person

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Syn: fool

• When I lost my passport, I felt such an idiot.

• Not that switch, you idiot!

2. (old-fashioned, offensive) a person with very low intelligence who cannot think or behave normally

noun

Word Origin:

Middle English (denoting a person of low intelligence): via Old French from Latin idiota 'ignorant person', from Greek idiotes 'private person, layman, ignorant person', from idios 'own, private'.

Example Bank:

- He was giggling like a drunken idiot.
- · He's made a complete idiot of himself over this woman!
- I felt (like) a complete idiot, standing there in front of all those people!
- She called me an idiot.
- She knew she was acting like an idiot.
- What stupid idiot left their shoes on the stairs?
- I just stood there like an idiot with my mouth open.
- I realized I was dealing with a bunch of idiots.
- When I lost my passport, I felt like such an idiot.

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id i ot S3 /'Idiət/ BrE AmE noun [countable]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Latin; Origin: idiota 'person who knows nothing', from Greek idiotes 'private person, person who knows nothing', from idios 'own, personal, private]

- 1. a stupid person or someone who has done something stupid: It was all your fault, you idiot.
- 2. old use someone who is mentally ill or has a very low level of intelligence
- —idiotic /,ıdi'ɒtık∢ \$ -'ɑ□t/ adjective:
 - Stop asking such idiotic questions.
- —idiotically /-kli/ adverb

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