

1. [θɪn] *a*

1. тонкий
thin skin [paper, wire, blanket, slice, fingers] - тонкая кожа [бумага, проволока, -ое одеяло, -ий ломтик, -ие пальцы]
thin trickle of water - тонкая струйка воды
thin trunk of a tree - тонкий ствол дерева
the line between success and failure is thin - **образн.** граница между успехом и неудачей зыбкая
2. худой, тонкий
thin body - худое тело
thin in the face - с худым лицом
to grow thin - похудеть
3. 1) жидкий, слабый; ненасыщенный; водянистый; разбавленный, разведённый
thin soup [porridge] - жидкий суп [-ая каша]
thin milk - разбавленное молоко
thin ale [wine] - слабое пиво [вино]
- 2) беспомощный, слабый, наивный, неубедительный, бессодержательный, бедный по содержанию
thin story - бессодержательный рассказ
the plot of the book is rather thin - в этой книге почти нет сюжета
some of the characterization is rather thin - характеристики героев беспомощны; ≅ автор не справляется с портретами персонажей
- 3) бедный; немощный; жалкий
thin table - бедный стол
thin diet - (полу)голодная /скудная/ диета
thin soil - бесплодная почва
4. 1) редкий
thin forest [ranks] - редкий лес [-ие ряды]
thin hair - редкие /жидкие/ волосы
thin beard - жидкая борода
he's going a bit thin on top - у него (уже) есть небольшая плешинка
- 2) разрежённый
thin atmosphere - разрежённая атмосфера
the thin air of the mountain tops - разрежённый воздух горных вершин
5. 1) малочисленный
thin audience - немногочисленная аудитория
the house is a bit thin tonight - сегодня в театре довольно мало народу
- 2) незаполненный, полупустой
this month has been rather thin for the theatre - в этом месяце театр почти пустовал
6. мелкий, тонкий
thin rain - мелкий дождь
7. 1) прозрачный, тонкий
thin fabric - прозрачная ткань
thin mist - лёгкая дымка
thin veil of fog - тонкая пелена тумана
- 2) потёртый (об одежде)
thin places - потёртости
- 3) неубедительный, шаткий
thin argument - неубедительный аргумент
thin excuse [pretext] - неубедительная отговорка [-ый предлог]
thin story - неубедительное объяснение; ≅ сказка, байка
that is too thin - это шито белыми нитками
thin deception - явный обман
8. 1) слабый, несильный; небольшой; незначительный
thin applause - жидкие аплодисменты
my patience is wearing thin - моё терпение истощается; моему терпению скоро будет конец
- 2) тусклый, бледный, слабый, неяркий (о цвете, свете)
9. тонкий (о голосе, звуке)
10. **фото** неконтрастный
11. **геол.** маломощный (о пласте)
◇ a thin time - неприятное переживание
to have a thin time - а) переживать неприятные минуты; б) переживать трудности, иметь неприятности
on thin ice - на краю пропасти
thin as a rail /as a rake, as a lath, as a whipping-post/ - худой как щепка
this is the thin edge of the wedge - то ли ещё будет; ≅ многообещающее начало
to vanish into thin air - исчезнуть бесследно; растаять как дым

2. [θɪn] *adv*

- тонко
to cut smth. thin - тонко нарезать что-л.; нарезать что-л. тонкими ломтиками
to spread the butter /to butter the bread/ thin - намазывать масло (на хлеб) тонким слоем

3. [θɪn] *v*

1. 1) делать тонким; утончать
- 2) делаться тонким; истончаться
2. заострять, затачивать
to thin a pencil - затачивать карандаш
3. 1) делать худым, приводить к потере веса
hunger had thinned her cheeks - от недоедания она спала с лица
this diet will thin you down - на этой диете вмиг похудеешь
- 2) худеть
4. вытягивать (*проволоку*)
5. размазывать тонким слоем
6. 1) продёргивать, прореживать (*посев, насаждения*)
to thin shoots - продёргивать побеги
to thin the forest - разреживать /разрезать/ лес
a head thinned of hair - лысеющая голова
- 2) редеть
the forest is beginning to thin - лес редет
his hair is thinning - волосы у него редуют
7. 1) сокращать в числе
to thin the ranks of an army - основательно потрепать армию
- 2) сокращаться (*в числе*); пустеть, делаться безлюдным
the town thinned - город обезлюдел
8. 1) разбавлять, разводить; рассеивать
to thin wine - разбавлять вино
- 2) становиться жидким, разжижаться; становиться менее плотным, рассеиваться
the fog is thinning - туман рассеивается /поднимается/
9. *редк.* становиться тонким, срывать на визг (*о голосе*)

thin

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

thin [thin thins thinned thinning] adjective, adverb, verb BrE [θɪn] " NAmE [θɪn]

adjective (thin·ner, thin·nest)

NOT THICK

1. having a smaller distance between opposite sides or surfaces than other similar objects or than normal

- Cut the vegetables into thin strips.
- A number of thin cracks appeared in the wall.
- The body was hidden beneath a thin layer of soil.
- a thin blouse (= of light cloth)

see also ↑paper-thin

NOT FAT

2. (of a person or part of the body) (sometimes disapproving) not covered with much flesh

- He was tall and thin, with dark hair.
- She was looking pale and thin.
- He is as **thin as a rake** (= very thin) .
- thin legs

HAIR

3. not growing closely together or in large amounts

- thin grey hair

LIQUID

4. containing more liquid than is normal or expected

Syn: ↑runny

- The sauce was thin and tasteless.

SMOKE

5. fairly easy to see through

- They fought their way through where the smoke was thinner.

AIR

6. containing less ↑oxygen than normal

- Humans would not be able to survive in the thin atmosphere of the planet.

SOUND

7. (disapproving) high and weak

- Her thin voice trailed off into silence.

SMILE

- 8. not sincere or enthusiastic
- He gave a thin smile.

LIGHT

- 9. not very bright
- the thin grey light of dawn

POOR QUALITY

- 10. of poor quality; lacking an important quality
- a thin excuse (= one that people are not likely to believe)
- Their arguments all sound a little thin to me.
- The general standard of applicants is pretty thin this year.

more at thick/thin on the ground **at** ↑ground *n.*, walk/tread a fine/thin line **at** ↑line *n.*, spread yourself too thin **at** ↑spread *v.*, through thick and thin **at** ↑thick *adj.*, wear thin **at** ↑wear *v.*

Word Origin:

Old English thynne, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **dun** and German **dünn**, from an Indo-European root shared by Latin **tenuis**.

Synonyms:

narrow / thin

These adjectives are frequently used with the following nouns:

narrow ~	thin ~
road	man
entrance	legs
bed	ice
stairs	line
majority	layer
victory	material
range	cream

Narrow describes something that is a short distance from side to side. Thin describes people, or something that has a short distance through it from one side to the other.

Thin is also used of things that are not as thick as you expect. Narrow can be used with the meanings 'only just achieved' and 'limited'.

Vocabulary Building:

Saying that somebody is thin

Thin is the most usual word: ▫ Steve is tall and thin and has brown hair. It is sometimes used with a negative meaning: ▫ Mother looked thin and tired after her long illness.

The following words all express praise or admiration:

Slim means pleasantly thin. It is often used to describe women who have controlled their weight by diet or exercise: ▫ She has a beautifully slim figure.

A slender girl or woman is thin and graceful.

A lean man is thin and fit.

Willowy describes a woman who is attractively tall and thin.

The following words are more negative in their meaning:

Skinny means very thin, often in a way that is not attractive: ▫ a skinny little kid.

Bony describes parts of the body when they are so thin that the bones can be seen: ▫ the old man's bony hands.

Scrawny suggests that a person is thin, weak and not attractive: ▫ a scrawny old woman.

Gaunt describes a person who is a little too thin and looks sad or ill.

Underweight is used in medical contexts to describe people who are too thin because they are ill or have not had enough food: ▫ Women who smoke risk giving birth to underweight babies.

Emaciated describes a serious condition resulting from illness or lack of food.

Anorexic is a medical term, but is now also used informally to describe a girl or woman who is so thin that you are worried about them.

It is more acceptable to talk to somebody about how thin or slim they are than about how fat they are.

note at ↑fat

Example Bank:

- He's getting a little thin on top= losing his hair.
- His knowledge of the country was somewhat thin.
- His management team was stretched thin.
- How do you manage to stay so thin?
- Jobs were still a bit thin on the ground= not many were available
- My patience is running thin.
- She's tall and quite thin.
- That joke is wearing a little thin.

- The evidence seems awfully thin.
- The fabric was wearing thin.
- The old horse was painfully thin.
- The paint looks a bit thin.
- The team is dangerously thin at wide receiver.
- You can spread yourself too thin, often leading to poor choices.
- a plate of wafer-thin bread and butter
- a sliver of rock thin enough to be translucent
- He is as thin as a rake.
- She pinched her thin lips together.
- The wind blew cold through his thin shirt.
- narrow/thin shoulders/strips/cracks

Idioms: disappear/vanish into thin air ▪ ↑have a thin time ▪ ↑out of thin air ▪ ↑skating on thin ice ▪ ↑thin end of the wedge ▪ ↑thin on top ▪ ↑thin skin

Derived Word ↑thinness

adverb (thin·ner, thin·nest)

in a way that produces a thin piece or layer of sth

- Don't spread it too thin.
- I like my bread sliced thin.

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verb (-nn-)

LIQUID

1. transitive ~ sth (down) (with sth) to make a liquid less thick or strong by adding water or another substance

- Thin the paint with water.

OF HAIR

2. intransitive to become less thick

- a middle-aged man with thinning hair

BECOME LESS THICK

3. intransitive, transitive to become less thick or fewer in number; to make sth less thick or fewer, for example by removing some things or people

- The clouds thinned and the moon shone through.
- Global warming could be accelerated due to the thinning of the ozone layer.
- ~ **out** The crowd had thinned out and only a few people were left.
- ~ **sth (out)** Thin out the seedlings to about 10cm apart.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	thin
	BrE /θɪn/
	NAme /θɪn/
he / she /it	thins
	BrE /θɪnz/
	NAme /θɪnz/
past simple, past participle	thinned
	BrE /θɪnd/
	NAme /θɪnd/
-ing form	thinning
	BrE /θɪnɪŋ/
	NAme /θɪnɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- Gradually the crowd thinned to a narrow trickle.
- His hair was long at the sides but thinning on top.
- If the soup is too thick, thin it down with a little milk.
- The traffic was beginning to thin out.
- Thin the paint with white spirit.

thin

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

1. thin¹ **S2 W2** /θɪn/ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ **adjective** (comparative **thinner**, superlative **thinnest**)

[**Word Family:** noun: ↑thinness, ↑thinner; adjective: ↑thin, ↑thinning; verb: ↑thin; adverb: ↑thinly]

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

1. **NOT THICK** if something is thin, there is only a small distance between its two opposite sides or surfaces **OPP thick**:

- " a thin gold chain
- " She's only wearing a thin summer jacket (=a jacket made of light material).
- " two thin slices of bread
- " The road was covered with a thin layer of ice.
- " The skin on the eyelids is the thinnest on the body.

paper/wafer thin (=very thin)

- " Keep your voice down – the walls are paper thin.

2. **NOT FAT** having little fat on your body **OPP fat**:

- " He was tall and thin, with short brown hair.

thin arms/legs/lips etc

- " He has long thin hands.
- " Most high school girls say they want to be thinner.

3. **HAIR** if someone has thin hair, they do not have a lot of hair:

- " a thin straggly beard
- " His hair is quite thin on top.

4. **LIQUID** a liquid that is thin flows very easily because it has a lot of water in it **OPP thick**:

- " thin paint

5. **SMOKE/MIST** smoke or mist that is thin is easy to see through **OPP thick**:

- " The fog is quite thin in places.

6. **AIR** air that is thin is more difficult to breathe than usual because it has less ↑oxygen in it:

- " the thinner air high in the mountains

7. **EXCUSE/ARGUMENT/EVIDENCE ETC** a thin excuse, argument, or evidence is not good or detailed enough to be useful or effective:

- " Evidence that capital punishment deters crime is pretty thin.

8. **a thin margin/majority etc** a very small number or amount of something:

- " Engle beat Blanchard by a razor-thin margin (=a very small number of votes) in the race for governor.

9. **SMILE** a thin smile does not seem very happy or sincere:

- " Charlie gave her a thin smile.

10. **VOICE/SOUND** a thin voice or sound is high and unpleasant to listen to:

- " His thin voice trailed off.

11. **the thin end of the wedge** *British English spoken* an expression meaning something that you think is the beginning of a harmful development:

- " Workers believe the job cuts are just the thin end of the wedge.

12. **be thin on the ground** if a particular type of person or thing is thin on the ground, there are very few available:

- " Taxis seem to be thin on the ground.

13. **be having a thin time (of it)** *British English spoken* to be in a difficult situation, especially one in which you do not have enough money

14. **be (walking/treading/skating) on thin ice** to be in a situation in which you are likely to upset someone or cause trouble:

- " I was on thin ice, and I knew it.

15. **disappear/vanish into thin air** to disappear completely in a mysterious way:

- " Victor and his kidnappers had vanished into thin air.

16. **out of thin air** out of nowhere, as if by magic:

- " It seems like researchers have just pulled the numbers out of thin air.

⇒ **WEAR THIN**

—thinness *noun* [uncountable]

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THESAURUS

■ person

- **thin** having little fat on your body: a tall, thin man
- **slim** thin in an attractive way: her slim figure | a slim woman in her fifties | Magazines are always full of advice about how to stay slim.
- **slender** *written* thin in an attractive and graceful way – used especially about parts of the body, and used especially about women: her long, slender legs | She is slender, with very fair hair.
- **lean** thin and looking healthy and fit: his lean body | He was lean and looked like a runner.
- **skinny** very thin in a way that is not attractive: a skinny teenager | Your arms are so skinny!
- **slight** *written* thin and delicate: a small, slight girl with big eyes
- **scrawny** /'skrɔːni/\$ 'skrɔː-/ very thin, small, and weak-looking: a scrawny kid in blue jeans
- **underweight** below the usual weight for someone of your height, and therefore too thin: He had no appetite and remained underweight.
- **gaunt** /gɔːnt/\$ gɔːnt *written* very thin and pale, especially because of illness or continued worry: He looked gaunt and had not shaved for days.
- **emaciated** /i'meɪʃieɪtəd, i'meɪʃieɪtɪd, -si-/ *written* extremely thin and weak, because you are ill or not getting enough to eat: The tents were filled with emaciated refugees.
- **skeletal** *written* used about someone who is so thin that you can see the shape of their bones: The soldiers were shocked by the skeletal figures of the camp's prisoners.
- **anorexic** used about someone who is extremely thin because they have a mental illness that makes them stop eating: Her daughter is anorexic. | anorexic teenagers

■ object/material

- **thin** not wide: a thin slice of cake | a thin layer of ice | The gold was very thin.
- **slim** thin, especially in a way that looks attractive: a slim volume of poetry | a slim mobile phone | a slim wooden box
- **slender** *written* tall or long and thin, in a way that looks attractive, but is often not very strong: the slender columns that supported the roof | The spider was hanging by a slender thread.
- **paper-thin/wafer-thin** extremely thin, like paper: The walls of the apartment were paper-thin. | wafer-thin slices of pastry | The petals are paper-thin.

II. **thin**² *BrE* *AmE* *adverb*

thinly. Many teachers think this is not correct English:

Don't cut the bread so thin.

III. **thin**³ *BrE* *AmE* *verb* (past tense and past participle **thinned**, present participle **thinning**)

[Word Family: noun: ↑thinness, ↑thinner; adjective: ↑thin, ↑thinning; verb: ↑thin; adverb: ↑thinly]

1. [intransitive and transitive] (also **thin out**) to become fewer in number, especially when there were many before, or to remove people, plants, or things so that fewer remain:

- The crowd had thinned out and only a few people were left.
- The trees thinned as we got closer to the top of the mountain.
- Traffic was finally thinning.
- Thin the carrots to two inches apart.
- Her hair had been thinned and cut shorter.

2. [intransitive and transitive] to make something thinner or to become thinner **OPP thicken**:

- The clouds had begun to thin.
- A narrow smile thinned his lips.

3. [transitive] (also **thin down**) to make a liquid weaker by adding water or another liquid:

Thin the sauce by adding milk.

thin something with something

The pastels can be thinned with water.

4. [intransitive] if someone's hair is thinning, they have less hair than they used to:

a tall man with thinning hair

5. **thin the ranks** if something thins the ranks of a group of people, there are fewer of them as a result of it:

Illness had thinned our ranks.

thin

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RANGE: **2k THIN**³⁰⁶¹⁰

thin ²³¹²¹

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