

pale

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1. [peɪl] *n*

1. кол, свая, стойка

2. 1) частокол, ограда

2) граница, черта, предел

out of [within] the pale - за пределами [в пределах]

within the pale of laws - в рамках закона

outside the pale of the church - вне лона церкви

to be beyond /outside/ the pale - перейти все границы (приличного)

she is out of the pale of all theories and annihilates all rules - она не признаёт никаких теорий и отрицает все правила

3) (Pale) *уст.* черта осёдлости4) (Pale) *уст.* территория

the English Pale in France - территория Кале

the (English) Pale in Ireland - часть Ирландии под английской юрисдикцией

3. *геральд.* вертикальная полоса на щите2. [peɪl] *v редк.*

1) огораживать, обносить частоколом, оградой, штакетником

2) ограничивать (*тж.* pale in, pale up)

II

1. [peɪl] *a*

1. бледный

pale face - бледное лицо

deadly /ghostly/ pale - бледный как смерть

pale as ashes - ≅ бледный как полотно

this dress makes you look pale - это платье тебя бледнит

to grow /to become/ pale - побледнеть

to turn pale with fright - побледнеть от ужаса; побелеть от страха

2. 1) слабый, тусклый (*о цвете, свете*)

pale blue - светло-голубой

pale glow - тусклый свет

pale stars - неяркие звёзды

dry sherry is usually pale - сухой херес обычно светлый

by the pale light of the moon - при бледном свете луны

2) слабый, бессильный

a pale policy - бесхребетная политика

pale imitation - слабое подражание, бледная копия

2. [peɪl] *v*

1. бледнеть

her face paled at the bad news - она побледнела, услышав плохую новость

2. 1) тускнеть (*о цвете, свете*)

stars are paling - звёзды бледнеют /меркнут, тускнеют/

2) бледнеть, меркнуть

all other anxieties pale beside this terrible fact - на фоне этого ужасного факта все другие тревоги отходят на задний план

my story pales beside yours - мой рассказ бледнеет перед вашим

3. заставлять побледнеть

illness had paled him - он стал бледным после болезни

◇ to pale into insignificance - отойти на второй план; выглядеть бледно (*по сравнению с чем-л.*)

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pale [pale pales paled paling paler palest] *adjective, verb, noun* BrE [peɪl] ¹NAme [peɪl] ¹*adjective* (paler, pal-est)

1. (of a person, their face, etc.) having skin that is almost white; having skin that is whiter than usual because of illness, a strong emotion, etc

• a pale complexion

• pale with fear

• to **go/turn pale**

• You look pale. Are you OK?

• The ordeal left her looking **pale and drawn** .

2. light in colour; containing a lot of white

• pale blue eyes

• a paler shade of green

• a pale sky

Opp: ↑dark, **Opp:** ↑deep

3. (of light) not strong or bright

• the cold pale light of dawn

see also ↑pallid, ↑pallor

Word Origin:

adj. and v. Middle English Old French **pale** Latin **pallidus** Old French **palir**

n. Middle English Old French **pal** Latin **palus** 'stake'

Thesaurus:

pale adj.

1. (often disapproving)

• His face went pale with shock.

white • • **sallow** • |BrE, disapproving **grey** • |AmE **gray** • |written **ashen** • • **wan** •

Opp: flushed, **Opp:** rosy

pale/white/grey/ashen **with** anger/fear/shock/pain, etc.

a/an pale/white/sallow/grey/ashen/wan **face**

look pale/white/sallow/grey/ashen/wan

turn pale/white/grey

2.

• The bedroom walls are pale blue.

light • • **soft** • • **pastel** • • **neutral** • |usually approving **cool** •

Opp: dark, **Opp:** deep

a pale/light/soft/pastel/neutral/cool **colour/shade**

pale/light/soft/pastel/cool **green/blue**

pale/light/soft/pastel **pink**

sth is pale/light/neutral **in colour**

Pale or light? Both words can describe colours. **Pale** can also describe a kind of light that contains a lot of white and is not bright:

• a pale light/glow/sky

~~✗~~ a light light/glow/sky

Example Bank:

- He turned deathly pale.
- Ruth went pale as the news sank in.
- His face went pale with anger.
- She has her father's pale blue eyes.
- She was deathly pale and very thin.
- She was tall, dark and pale, and very beautiful.
- The bedroom walls are pale green.
- The flowers were pale and wilted.
- The ordeal left her looking pale and drawn.
- The rooftops and chimneys stood out against the pale sky.
- You look pale— are you feeling OK?

Idioms: ↑beyond the pale ▪ ↑pale in comparison ▪ ↑pale into insignificance ▪ ↑pale next to something

Derived Words ↑palely ▪ ↑paleness

verb intransitive ~ (at sth)

to become paler than usual

- She (= her face) paled visibly at the sight of the police car.
- The blue of the sky paled to a light grey.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	pale
	BrE /peɪl/
	NAme /peɪl/
he / she /it	pales
	BrE /peɪlz/
	NAme /peɪlz/
past simple, past participle	paled
	BrE /peɪld/
	NAme /peɪld/
-ing form	paling
	BrE /peɪlɪŋ/
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noun

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paleI. **pale**¹ **W3** /peɪl/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *adjective*

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: Latin pallidus; ⇒ ↑pallid]

1. having a skin colour that is very white, or whiter than it usually is:

He looked very pale and drawn.

turn/go pale

He suddenly went pale.

Sharon went deathly pale and looked as if she might faint.an elderly pale-faced woman2. a pale colour has more white in it than usual **OPP deep** **SYN light**:

pale blue curtains

3. pale light is not bright:

the pale gray dawn

4. **pale imitation (of something)** something that is similar to, but not as good as, something else:

The cheese is a pale imitation of real Parmesan.

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THESAURUS▪ **pale** a pale colour is very light: He has very pale blue eyes. | a flower with pale green leaves▪ **light** a light colour is not dark: His T-shirt was light green. | a light blue sweater▪ **pastel** pastel colours have a lot of white in them: The girls wore pastel pink sundresses.▪ **faded** light in colour because of being washed many times or affected by the sun: The curtains were old and faded. | a pair of faded jeansII. **pale**² *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb* [intransitive]1. *literary* if your face pales, it becomes whiter than usual because you have had a shock:

Kent's face paled when he saw that Rob had a knife.

2. **pale into insignificance** to seem much less important when compared to something bigger, worse, more serious etc:

The amounts of money involved pale into insignificance when compared with the sums spent each year on research.

3. **pale in/by comparison** to seem small or unimportant compared to something else**pale in/by comparison to/with**

Today's economic problems pale in comparison with those of the 1930s.

III. **pale**³ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun*

[Date: 1400-1500; Origin: pale 'limit' (15-18 centuries), from 'fence' (14-19 centuries), from 'pointed piece of wood driven into the ground' (14-20 centuries), from Old French pal, from Latin palus]

beyond the pale offensive or unacceptable:

His opinions are entirely beyond the pale.

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THESAURUS■ **light colours**▪ **light** used about a colour that is not dark: a light blue sweater | His T-shirt was light green.▪ **pale** used about a colour that is very light: He has very pale blue eyes.▪ **soft** used about a colour that is light in a way that is attractive because it is not too obvious: She wears soft colours such as cream, which match her complexion.▪ **pastel** used about a colour that has a lot of white in it: The girls wore pastel pink sundresses.**pale**12500 **2442**^{MCW}15000 **2429**^{COCA}RANGE: **3k PALE** 12452

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