

silver

1. ['silvə] *n*
 1. серебро
fine silver - чистое серебро
a statue in silver - статуя из серебра
 2. 1) серебряные монеты
2000 yen in silver - 2000 иен серебром
loose silver - горсть серебряных монет
a pocketful of silver and copper - полный карман серебра и меди
to change one's notes into silver - обменять банкноты на серебро
 - 2) *шотл.* деньги
 3. серебряные изделия
table silver - столовое серебро
 4. серебристый, серебряный цвет
 5. *амер. фото разг.* (азотнокислое) серебро
◇ speech is silver, but silence is golden - *посл.* слово - серебро, молчание - золото
2. ['silvə] *a*
 1. серебряный
silver coin [bangle] - серебряная монета [браслет]
 2. 1) *поэт.* серебристый
silver hair - седые /серебряные/ волосы
 - 2) звонкий, мелодичный, серебристый
silver tone - серебристый звук
3. ['silvə] *v*
 1. 1) серебрить, покрывать серебром
 - 2) амальгамировать (*зеркало*)
 2. 1) серебриться
the trees silvered with snow - деревья серебрились от снега
 - 2) сесть (*о волосах*)

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sil-ver [silver silvers silvered silvering] *noun, adjective, verb* *BrE* ['silvə(r)] ¹

NAmE ['silvər] ¹

noun

1. **uncountable** (*symp.* **Ag**) a chemical element. **Silver** is a greyish-white ↑**precious metal** used for making coins, jewellery, decorative objects, etc
 - a silver chain
 - made of **solid silver**
 - a silver mine
 2. **uncountable** coins that are made of **silver** or a metal that looks like **silver**
 - I need £2 in silver for the parking meter.
 3. **uncountable** dishes, decorative objects, etc. that are made of **silver**
 - They've had to sell the family silver to pay the bills.
 4. **uncountable** a shiny greyish-white colour
see also ↑**silvery**
 5. **uncountable, countable** = ↑**silver medal**
 - She won silver in last year's championships.
 - The team won two silvers and a bronze.
- more at** born with a silver spoon in your mouth **at** ↑**born**, every cloud has a silver lining **at** ↑**cloud** _{n.}, cross sb's palm with silver **at** ↑**cross** _{v.}

Word Origin:

Old English seolfor, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **zilver** and German **Silber**.

Example Bank:

- He was forced to sell the family silver to pay for the repairs to the house.
- Her run was enough to secure silver for the team.
- She got a silver in the long jump.
- She managed to snatch the silver from the defending champion.
- Silver is extracted from ore.
- The chain was available in silver plate for \$12.50.
- They accused the government of selling off the family silver to pay for their policies.
- a gemstone set in silver
- a knife with a polished silver casing
- gold and silver plate

Idiom: ↑**on a silver platter**

adjective

shiny greyish-white in colour

- a silver car
- silver hair

see also ↑silvery

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verb

1. usually passive ~ **sth** to cover the surface of sth with a thin layer of silver or sth that looks like silver
2. ~ **sth** (especially literary) to make sth become bright like silver

- Moonlight was silvering the countryside.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	silver
	BrE / 'sɪlvə(r)/
	NAmE / 'sɪlvər/
he / she / it	silvers
	BrE / 'sɪlvəz/
	NAmE / 'sɪlvərz/
past simple, past participle	silvered
	BrE / 'sɪlvəd/
	NAmE / 'sɪlvərd/
-ing form	silvering
	BrE / 'sɪlvərɪŋ/
	NAmE / 'sɪlvərɪŋ/

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I. **silver**¹ S3 /'sɪlvə\$ -ər/ BrE^α AmE^α noun

[Language: Old English; Origin: seolfor]

1. [uncountable] a valuable shiny, light grey metal that is used to make jewellery, knives, coins etc. It is a chemical ↑element:

symbol Ag:

- a silver necklace
- cups made of solid silver

2. [uncountable] spoons, forks, dishes etc that are made of silver **SYN silverware** :

It was my job to polish the silver.

3. [uncountable and countable] the colour of silver:

- The lake sparkled with shades of blue and silver.
- This season's colours are rich golds and elegant silvers.

4. [uncountable and countable] *informal* a ↑silver medal:

He won a silver at the last Olympics.

5. [uncountable] *British English* coins that contain silver or are the colour of silver:

He put his hand into his pocket and brought out a handful of silver.

II. **silver**² BrE^ε AmE^ε adjective

1. made of silver:

- a silver teapot
- a silver coin
- a solid silver brooch

2. having the colour of silver:

an old man with silver hair

3. **on a silver platter** if something is given to you on a silver platter, you do not have to make any effort to get it:

He had a scholarship handed to him on a silver platter.

4. **silver bullet** *American English* something that solves a difficult problem very quickly and easily:

There is no silver bullet for this problem.

⇒ **be born with a silver spoon in your mouth** at ↑born²(8), ⇒ **every cloud has a silver lining** at ↑cloud¹(6)

III. **silver**³ BrE^α AmE^α verb [transitive]

1. *technical* to cover a surface with a thin shiny layer of silver or another metal in order to make a mirror

2. *literary* to make something shine and look the colour of silver:

The farmhouse appeared, silvered by the moon.

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RANGE: **3k SILVER** 22245

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COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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