

silly1. ['sɪli] *n разг.*

глупыш; несмыслёныш

don't take offence, silly! - не обижайся, дурачок /глупышка! /

don't be such a silly - не глупи

2. ['sɪli] *a*

1. неумный, неразумный; глупый

a silly thing - глупость

a silly mistake - нелепая /дурацкая/ ошибка

don't be silly - не глупи

you silly girl [boy]! - глупышка [дурачок] ты!

that was silly of me - это с моей стороны было глупо /неблагодарумно /

2. *разг.* одуревший, ничего не соображающий (*от удара и т. п.*)

scared silly - одуревший от страха

he knocked me silly - от удара я перестал что-л. соображать

3. (*over*) влюблённый по уши

to go silly over a woman - потерять голову от любви к женщине

4. *шотл.*

1) слабый, болезненный, беспомощный

2) жалкий, ничтожный

5. *редк.* слабоумный, умственно отсталый3. ['sɪli] *v сл.*

оглушать, ошеломлять

silly

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silly [silly sillies] *adjective, noun* BrE ['sɪli] [ⓘ] NAmE ['sɪli] [ⓘ]*adjective* (sil·lier, sil·li·est)

1. showing a lack of thought, understanding or judgement

Syn: †foolish

• a silly idea

• That was **a silly thing to do** !

• Her work is full of silly mistakes .

• 'I can walk home.' 'Don't be silly — it's much too far!'

• You silly boy!

• How silly of me to expect them to help!

2. stupid or embarrassing, especially in a way that is more typical of a child than an adult

Syn: †ridiculous

• a silly sense of humour

• a silly game

• I **feel silly** in these clothes.

• She had a silly grin on her face.

• (*especially* BrE) I got it for a silly price (= very cheap) .

3. not practical or serious

• We had to wear these silly little hats.

• Why worry about a silly thing like that?

more at play (silly) games (with sb) **at** †game _{n.}Word Origin:

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Thesaurus:**silly** *adj.*1. (*especially* spoken, usually disapproving)

• That was a silly thing to do!

stupid • • **idiotic** • • **irresponsible** • |*informal* **insane** • |*especially* BrE, *informal* **mad** • |*especially* AmE, *informal* **crazy** • •**dumb** • |*especially* written **foolish** • • **unwise** •**Opp:** *sensible*silly/stupid/idiotic/irresponsible/insane/mad/crazy/dumb/foolish/unwise (of sb) **to do sth**a/an silly/stupid/idiotic/insane/mad/crazy/dumb/foolish **idea/thing to do**a/an silly/stupid/idiotic/dumb/foolish **mistake****Which word?** **Silly**, **stupid**, **dumb** and **foolish** describe people or their actions. **Crazy** usually describes a person, but it can also be used to describe a deliberate and dangerous action. All these words are usually disapproving and can be offensive2. (*especially* spoken)

• I feel silly in this hat.

ridiculous • • **absurd** • • **ludicrous** • |*especially* written **foolish** •silly/ridiculous/absurd/ludicrous **that...****It would be** silly/ridiculous/absurd/ludicrous **to do sth.**

Example Bank:

- a really silly question
- 'I can walk home.' 'Don't be silly — it's much too far!'
- Don't be silly! Of course I wasn't there.
- I feel really silly in these clothes.
- No, actually that's a silly idea.
- That was a silly thing to do!
- This is getting silly! I think we had all better calm down.

Idioms: drink/laugh/shout yourself silly ▪ ↑play silly buggers

Derived Word ↑silliness

noun (BrE also **,silly 'billy'**) **singular** (informal) often used when speaking to children to say that they are not behaving in a sensible way

- No, silly, those aren't your shoes!

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I. **silly**¹ **S2** /'sɪli/ BrE ^m AmE ^m **adjective** (comparative **sillier**, superlative **silliest**)

[Language: Old English; Origin: sælig 'happy']

1. not sensible, or showing bad judgment:

- Stop asking silly questions.
- You made a lot of silly mistakes.
- I left my keys at home, which was a pretty silly thing to do.
- 'Shall we go for a walk?' 'Don't be silly, it's dark.'

2. stupid in a ↑childish or embarrassing way:

- I feel so silly in this outfit.
- a silly hat
- I hate their parties – we always end up playing silly games.

3. **spoken** not serious or practical:

- They served us coffee in these silly little cups.

4. **bore somebody silly** **informal** to make someone extremely bored

5. **drink/laugh/scare etc yourself silly** **informal** to drink or laugh etc so much that you stop behaving sensibly

—**silliness** **noun** [uncountable]

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THESAURUS

- **stupid** showing a total lack of good sense or good judgment. **Stupid** sounds very strong and is often used when you are annoyed or strongly criticizing someone's behaviour: I wish you'd stop asking stupid questions. | It was stupid of me to leave the door unlocked. | Well, if you're stupid enough to skate on the lake, you deserve to fall in.
- **silly** doing or saying things that are not sensible or serious, and that may make you feel embarrassed later. **Silly** sounds much gentler than **stupid**: a silly mistake | Don't be so silly! There's nothing wrong with you. | I think you're silly to worry so much about your hair.
- **daft** **informal** not sensible, often in a way that is also amusing: Is this another of your daft ideas? | Don't be daft! Of course you're not too old to go clubbing.
- **dumb** **informal especially American English** stupid: a dumb question | He was dumb enough to believe her. | Oh, I just did the dumbest thing back there, I forgot my purse.
- **foolish** stupid. **Foolish** sounds rather formal and is used mainly in written English. The usual words to use in everyday English are **silly** or **stupid**: It was a foolish thing to say. | They did not want to look foolish. | It was all a foolish dream. | I think the board of directors made a foolish choice that it will later regret.
- **unwise** **formal** done without thinking carefully enough about the possible disadvantages that may result: She knew the marriage was unwise. | an unwise choice of words | It would be very unwise to speculate.
- **brave** **British English often humorous** used when you think that what someone is planning or suggesting is certain to fail, but you do not want to say directly that they are behaving in a stupid way: The leader of the opposition described it as 'a brave decision.' | I think he's being very brave.

II. **silly**² BrE ^m AmE ^m **noun** **spoken**

used to tell someone that you think they are not behaving sensibly:

- No, silly, I didn't mean that.

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