

rubbish

1. [ˈrʌbɪʃ] *n*
 - 1) мусор, сор, хлам
household rubbish - старьё, битая посуда, макулатура *и т. п.*
 - 2) дрянь, хлам
these goods are just rubbish - эти товары никуда не годятся
this book is all rubbish - эта книга - сплошная ерунда
 2. чепуха, вздор
don't talk rubbish! - не болтай чепухи!
 3. *сл.* деньги
 4. *горн.*
 - 1) пустая порода
 - 2) закладка
 5. *в грам. знач. междометия* чушь!, вздор!
◇ a good riddance of /to/ bad rubbish - ≅ скатертью дорога
2. [ˈrʌbɪʃ] *v*
 1. третировать, обижать
 2. ломать, уничтожать; превращать в груды обломков

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rub·bish [rubbish rubbishes rubbished rubbishing] *noun, verb* *BrE* [ˈrʌbɪʃ] [ⓘ]
NAmE [ˈrʌbɪʃ] [ⓘ]

- noun uncountable*
1. (especially *BrE*) things that you throw away because you no longer want or need them
 - a **rubbish bag/bin**
 - a **rubbish dump/heap/tip**
 - The streets were littered with rubbish.
 - **garden/household rubbish**

see also ↑garbage, ↑trash
 2. (*BrE, informal*) (also used as an adjective) something that you think is of poor quality
 - I thought the play was rubbish!
 - Do we have to listen to this rubbish music?
 - They said I was a rubbish boss.
 3. (*BrE, informal*) comments, ideas, etc. that you think are stupid or wrong
- Syn:** ↑nonsense
- Rubbish! You're not fat.
 - You're talking a load of rubbish.
 - It's not rubbish— it's true!

Word Origin:
late Middle English: from Anglo-Norman French **rubbous**; perhaps related to Old French **robe** 'spoils'; compare with ↑**rubble**. The change in the ending was due to association with ↑**-ish**. The verb (1950s) was originally Australian and New Zealand slang.

- Thesaurus:
- rubbish** *noun*
1. **U** (especially *BrE*)
 - The streets were littered with rubbish.
 - waste** • • **litter** • • **scrap** • |*AmE* **garbage** • • **trash** • |*formal* **refuse** • • **debris** •
 - household/domestic rubbish/waste/garbage/trash/refuse**
 - dump** rubbish/waste/garbage/trash/refuse/debris
 - produce** rubbish/waste/garbage/trash/debris
 - Which word?** Use **rubbish** in British English and **garbage** or **trash** in American English for the everyday things that we throw away. **Waste** is used especially to talk about large amounts and in the context of industry.
 2. **U** (*BrE, informal, disapproving*)
 - Their new album's complete rubbish.
 - informal* **trash** • |*AmE, informal* **garbage** • |*taboo, slang* **crap** •
 - absolute/complete/total** rubbish/trash/garbage/crap
 - read/watch/listen to** rubbish/trash/garbage
 - eat** rubbish/crap
 - a load of** rubbish/trash/crap
 3. (*BrE, informal, disapproving*)
 - That idea's absolute rubbish.
 - nonsense** • • **lie** • • **story** • • **fiction** • |*especially AmE, informal* **garbage** • |*especially AmE, slang* **bull** • |*taboo, slang* **bullshit** • • **crap** •
 - rubbish/nonsense/lies/stories/garbage/bull/bullshit/crap **about** sth
 - believe** the/a rubbish/nonsense/lies/story/fiction/garbage/bull/bullshit/crap
 - a **load/lot** of rubbish/nonsense/garbage/bull/crap

British/American:

rubbish / garbage / trash / refuse

Rubbish is the usual word in *BrE* for the things that you throw away because you no longer want or need them. **Garbage** and **trash** are both used in *NAmE*. Inside the home, **garbage** tends to mean waste food and other wet material, while **trash** is paper, cardboard and dry material.

In *BrE*, you put your **rubbish** in a **dustbin** in the street to be collected by the **dustmen**. In *NAmE*, your **garbage** and **trash** goes in a **garbage/trash can** in the street and is collected by **garbage men/collectors**.

Refuse is a formal word and is used in both *BrE* and *NAmE*. **Refuse collector** is the formal word for a dustman or garbage collector.

Collocations:

The environment

Environmental damage

cause/contribute to climate change/global warming
produce pollution/CO2/greenhouse (gas) emissions
damage /destroy the environment/a marine ecosystem/the ozone layer/coral reefs
degrade ecosystems /habitats/the environment
harm the environment/wildlife/marine life
threaten natural habitats/coastal ecosystems /a species with extinction
deplete natural resources/the ozone layer
pollute rivers and lakes/waterways/the air/the atmosphere/the environment/oceans
contaminate groundwater/the soil/food/crops
log forests/rainforests/trees

Protecting the environment

address/combat/tackle the threat/effects/impact of climate change
fight/take action on/reduce/stop global warming
limit/curb/control air/water/atmospheric/environmental pollution
cut/reduce pollution/greenhouse gas emissions
offset carbon/CO2 emissions
reduce (the size of) your carbon footprint
achieve /promote sustainable development
preserve/conserve biodiversity/natural resources
protect endangered species/a coastal ecosystem
prevent/stop soil erosion/overfishing/massive deforestation/damage to ecosystems
raise awareness of environmental issues
save the planet/the rainforests/an endangered species

Energy and resources

conserve/save/consume/waste energy
manage /exploit/be rich in natural resources
dump/dispose of hazardous/toxic/nuclear waste
dispose of/throw away litter/(especially *BrE*) rubbish/(especially *NAmE*) garbage/(*NAmE*) trash/sewage
use/be made from recycled/recyclable/biodegradable material
recycle bottles/packaging/paper/plastic/waste
promote/encourage recycling/sustainable development/the use of renewable energy
develop/invest in/promote renewable energy
reduce your dependence/reliance on fossil fuels
get/obtain/generate /produce electricity from wind, solar and wave power/renewable sources
build/develop a (50-megawatt/offshore) wind farm
install/be fitted with/be powered by solar panels

Example Bank:

- Don't talk such rubbish!
- He's clearing rubbish out of the attic.
- I forgot to put the rubbish out last night.
- Many critics see the paintings as worthless rubbish.
- Someone had dumped their rubbish by the road.
- The antique shop was just full of old rubbish.
- The film was absolute rubbish.
- The rubbish is collected on Tuesdays.
- There was rubbish strewn around everywhere
- Throw the rubbish in the bin.
- What he said was just a load of old rubbish.
- the usual rubbish about his undiscovered talents
- How do you feel when critics say your work is a load of rubbish?
- I was told their new album's complete rubbish.
- Methane gas from rubbish tips is a potentially valuable source of energy.
- Over a third of British household rubbish is packaging.
- Rubbish! You're not fat!
- She's always talking rubbish.
- That suggestion's absolute rubbish.
- Then we were told a lot of rubbish about 'leadership' and 'bonding'.

- We had some rubbish teachers at school.
- Why are you eating such rubbish?

verb (BrE, informal) (NAme trash) ~ sb/sth

to criticize sb/sth severely or treat them as though they are of no value

- The book was rubbished by the critics.
- He rubbished all my ideas, saying they were impractical.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	rubbish
	BrE / 'rʌbɪʃ/
	NAme / 'rʌbɪʃ/
he / she / it	rubbishes
	BrE / 'rʌbɪʃɪz/
	NAme / 'rʌbɪʃɪz/
past simple, past participle	rubbished
	BrE / 'rʌbɪʃt/
	NAme / 'rʌbɪʃt/
-ing form	rubbishing
	BrE / 'rʌbɪʃɪŋ/
	NAme / 'rʌbɪʃɪŋ/

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See also: **↑trash**

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I. **rubbish**¹ S2 /'rʌbɪʃ/ BrE " AmE " noun [uncountable] especially British English

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Anglo-French; Origin: rubbous, perhaps from Old French robe; ⇒ **↑robe**]

1. food, paper etc that is no longer needed and has been thrown away **SYN garbage, trash American English**:

- " a rubbish bin
- " household rubbish

rubbish tip/dump (=a place to take rubbish)

2. **informal** objects, papers etc that you no longer use and should throw away:

- " I've got so much rubbish on my desk it's unbelievable.

3. **informal** an idea, statement, etc that is rubbish is silly or wrong and does not deserve serious attention **SYN nonsense, garbage**

American English:

- " You do talk rubbish sometimes.
- " That's a load of rubbish.
- " The suggestion is absolute rubbish.

rubbish! spoken (=used to tell someone that what they have just said is completely wrong)

4. **informal** a film, book etc that is rubbish is very bad:

- " the usual Hollywood rubbish

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- **rubbish especially British English** things that people throw away, such as old food, dirty paper etc: People are being encouraged to recycle their household rubbish. | the rubbish bin
- **garbage/trash American English** rubbish: The garbage is collected every Tuesday. | There were piles of trash in the backyard. | a black plastic garbage bag
- **refuse formal** rubbish: The strike has disrupted refuse collection. | It's a site which is used for domestic refuse.
- **litter** empty bottles, pieces of paper etc that people have dropped on the ground: Parents should teach children not to drop litter. | There was a lot of litter on the beach.
- **waste** rubbish, or materials that need to be dealt with after they have been used in industrial processes: nuclear waste | toxic waste | household waste | The company was fined for dumping toxic waste in the sea.

II. **rubbish**² BrE " AmE " verb [transitive]

British English to say something is bad or useless

III. **rubbish**³ BrE " AmE " adjective **British English informal**

not skilful at a particular activity:

- " a rubbish team

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