

**widow**

1. ['wɪdəʊ] *n*
  1. вдова  
to be a widow - вдовствовать  
to become a widow - овдоветь
  2. *разг.* что-л. не имеющее пары, лишнее
  3. (the widow) «вдова Клико», шампанское
  4. *карт.* прикуп
  5. *сл.* виселица  
◇ a widow bewitched - *дуал.* а) брошенная или разведённая жена; б) соломенная вдова  
the widow's mite - *библ.* лепта вдовицы  
the widow's cruse - а) *библ.* кадка вдовы (из Сарепты Сидонской); б) неисчерпаемый запас  
widow's lock - вихор непослушный локон (*примета, якобы предвещающая раннее вдовство*)  
widow's peak - волосы, растущие треугольным выступом на лбу (*примета, якобы предвещающая раннее вдовство*)  
widow's walk - «вдовья дорожка», ограждённая платформана крыше прибрежного дома (*где жёны моряков ожидали своих мужей*)
2. ['wɪdəʊ] *v книжн.*
  1. делать вдовой или *редк.* вдовцом  
she was widowed by the war - война отняла у неё мужа
  2. *поэт.*
    - 1) обездолить
    - 2) (of) отнимать, лишать

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**widow** [widow widows widowed widowing] *noun, verb* BrE ['wɪdəʊ] <sup>1</sup> NAmE

['wɪdəʊ] <sup>2</sup>

*noun*

a woman whose husband has died and who has not married again  
• She gets a widow's pension.

Word Origin:

Old English widewe, from an Indo-European root meaning 'be empty'; compare with Sanskrit vidh 'be destitute', Latin viduus 'bereft, widowed', and Greek eitheos 'unmarried man'.

Derived Word ↑widowed

**verb be widowed**

if sb is widowed, their husband or wife has died  
• She was widowed when she was 35.

Verb forms:

| verb forms                   |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| present simple               |                 |
| I / you / we /they           | widow           |
|                              | BrE / 'wɪdəʊ/   |
|                              | NAmE / 'wɪdɔs/  |
| he / she /it                 | widows          |
|                              | BrE / 'wɪdəʊz/  |
|                              | NAmE / 'wɪdɔz/  |
| past simple, past participle | widowed         |
|                              |                 |
| -ing form                    | widowing        |
|                              | BrE / 'wɪdəʊɪŋ/ |
|                              | NAmE / 'wɪdɔɪŋ/ |

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Example Bank:

- She spent twenty years looking after her widowed father.
- She was widowed by the time she was 35.

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[Language: Old English; Origin: wuduwe]

1. a woman whose husband has died and who has not married again:
  - an elderly widow who was attacked and robbed last month
  - a wealthy widow
2. **football/golf etc widow** a woman whose husband spends all his free time watching football, playing golf etc – used humorously

**THESAURUS**

## ■ husband/wife etc

- **husband/wife** the man/woman you are married to: My wife's a teacher.
- **partner** the person you live with and have a sexual relationship with. **Partner** is often used when people are not married, or when you do not know if they are married. It is also used when talking about same-sex couples: He lives with his partner Ruth and their eight-month-old son.
- **fiancé/fiancée** the man/woman you are engaged to: He and fiancée Wendy Hodgson will marry in July.
- **divorcee** a woman who is divorced: The Prince announced his intention to marry Mrs Wallis Simpson, an American divorcee.
- **widow/widower** a woman or man whose husband or wife has died: Imelda Marcos, the widow of the former President
- **spouse** *formal* your spouse is your husband or wife: The rule applies to spouses and children of military personnel.
- **estranged wife/husband** *formal* someone's estranged husband or wife is one who they do not live with anymore: She is trying to get her sons back from her estranged husband.

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