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мушка (карточная игра)

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loo [loo loos] BrE [lu] " NAmE [lu] " noun (pl. loos)(BrE, informal)

a toilet/bathroom

• She's gone to the loo.

Can I use your loo, please?

Word Origin:

1940s: many theories have been put forward about the word's origin: one suggests the source is Waterloo, a trade name for iron cisterns in the early part of the century; the evidence remains inconclusive.

Example Bank:

- He flushed the letter down the loo.
- We got stuck in a traffic jam and I was desperate for the loo.
- I just need to pop to the loo.
- She's gone to the loo.

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loo /lu BrE AmE noun (plural loos) [countable]

British English informal a toilet:

I need to go to the loo (=use the toilet).

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• toilet *British English* a room with a toilet in it, in someone's house or in a public place: He locked himself in the toilet. | the public toilets

• **bathroom** a room with a toilet in it, in someone's house. In British English, **bathroom** is used especially when you want to be polite. In American English, it is the usual word to use: He asked to use the bathroom.

• restroom American English a room in a public place that has one or more toilets in it: She went into the store to use the restroom.

• **lavatory** formal a room with a toilet in it. In American English **lavatory** is used mainly for toilets in a public building or on a plane. In British English it is used both about public toilets and toilets in people's houses: public lavatories | He didn't have time to visit the lavatory.

• **Ioo** British English informal, john American English informal a room with a toilet in it. Loo is very common in everyday spoken British English: 'Where's Chris?' 'He's in the loo.' | Can I use your loo? | Where's the john?

bog British English informal a very informal word for a toilet, which is not considered polite: The nearest bog was miles away.
the ladies British English, the ladies' room American English a public toilet for women: Where's the ladies? | I need to go to the ladies' room.

• the gents British English, the men's room American English a public toilet for men: I followed him into the gents. | I've got to go to the men's room. Excuse me.

- latrine an outdoor toilet in a camp or military area: The latrines were in a shocking state.
- urinal a type of toilet for men that is attached to a wall: He was standing at the urinal.
- potty a bowl that babies use as a toilet: Does he need his potty?

- commode a chair with a bowl in it, used as a toilet, especially in hospitals and homes for old people: She has to use a commode.

• bedpan a container which is used as a toilet, especially in hospitals by people who are too ill or weak to get out of bed: I had to change the bedpans.

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