

dumb1. [dʌm] *a*

1. 1) немой

deaf and dumb - глухонемой
 dumb from birth - немой от рождения
 dumb despair - немое отчаяние

2) *predic* онемевший, немой

dumb with fear - онемевший от страха
 to be (struck) dumb with astonishment - онеметь /лишиться дара речи/ от удивления
 to strike smb. dumb - а) поразить кого-л. немотой; б) заставить замолчать кого-л.; в) лишить кого-л. дара речи
 the press was struck dumb - пресса словно воды в рот набрала

2. бессловесный

dumb animals /brutes/ - бессловесные животные /твари/; ≅ братья наши меньшие

3. 1) молчаливый, неразговорчивый

dumb dog - *разг.* молчальник

2) безмолвный, немой; хранящий молчание

the dumb millions - *полит.* молчаливое большинство
 to remain dumb - хранить молчание
 history is dumb on it - история об этом умалчивает

4. совершающийся *или* сделанный в молчании

dumb show - немая сцена; пантомима
 in dumb show - жестами; мимически
 to express one's joy in dumb show - выразить свою радость мимикой

5. неслышный, тихий, приглушённый

dumb peal - глухой /приглушённый/ удар колокола

6. *поэт.* тихий; сонный, спящий, дремотный

dumb forest - спящий лес
 dumb hills - молчаливые горы

7. лишённый основного качества

dumb nettle - глухая крапива

8. беззвучный, незвучающий

dumb notes - незвучащие клавиши (у рояля)
 dumb piano - немая клавиатура

9. *амер. разг.* глупый, тупой

to play /to act/ dumb - разыгрывать дурачка /простофилю; ≅ валять дурака /ваньку/

10. *редк.* лишённый смысла, бессмысленный11. *мед.* латентный скрытый; перемежающийся

dumb fever/ague/ - скрытая малярия

12. *стр.* глухой (без оконных проёмов)13. *в грам. знач. суц.* (the dumb) *собир.* немые

◇ dumb as a fish - нем как рыба

2. [dʌm] *v редк.*

заставить замолчать; лишить дара речи

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dumb [dʌm] **dumber** [dʌm] **dumbest** [dʌm] *adjective, verb* *BrE* [dʌm] *AmE* [dʌm]

adjective (dumb-er, dumb-est)

1. (old-fashioned, sometimes offensive) unable to speak

• She was born **deaf and dumb**. **Dumb** used in this meaning is old-fashioned and can be offensive. It is better to use **speech-impaired** instead.

2. temporarily not speaking or refusing to speak

• We were all **struck dumb** with amazement.
 • We sat there in dumb silence.

3. (informal, especially NAmE) stupid

• That was a pretty dumb thing to do.
 • If the police question you, **act dumb** (= pretend you do not know anything).
 • In her early movies she played a **dumb blonde**.

Word Origin:

Old English, of Germanic origin; related to Old Norse **dumbr** and Gothic **dumbs** 'mute', also to Dutch **dom** 'stupid' and German **dumm** 'stupid'.

Example Bank:

• I'm sure my question sounded really dumb.
 • She sat there, dumb with rage.
 • They were struck dumb by some sort of shock.
 • They were struck dumb with amazement.
 • Don't be so dumb!
 • His new girlfriend is a classic dumb blonde.

- How could he be so dumb as to do that?
- I must have sounded really dumb.
- If the police question you, act dumb
- She was born deaf and dumb.
- She's going out with some dumb jock from her high school.
- That's the dumbest idea I ever heard.
- This president is even dumber than his father.
- We all sat there in dumb silence.
- a stupid/silly/foolish/dumb mistake

Derived Words ↑dumbing down ▪ ↑dumbly ▪ ↑dumbness

Derived ↑dumb down ▪ ↑dumb something down

verb

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	dumb
	BrE /dʌm/
	NAmE /dʌm/
he / she / it	dumbs
	BrE /dʌmz/
	NAmE /dʌmz/
past simple, past participle	dumbed
	BrE /dʌmd/
	NAmE /dʌmd/
-ing form	dumbing
	BrE /'dʌmɪŋ/
	NAmE /'dʌmɪŋ/

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I. **dumb**¹ **S3** /dʌm/ **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ **adjective**

[Language: Old English]

1. **informal** stupid:

- What a dumb question.
- a bunch of dumb kids
- 'What is it?' I asked, **playing dumb** (=pretending to be stupid).
- She's no **dumb blonde** (=a pretty woman with blonde hair who seems stupid).

2. unable to speak, because you are angry, surprised, shocked etc:

- He stared at the burnt-out car in dumb disbelief.
- She was **struck dumb** with terror.

3. **old-fashioned** someone who is dumb is not able to speak at all. Many people think that this use is offensive ⇒ **mute** ⇒ **deaf and dumb** at ↑deaf(1)

4. **dumb luck** **informal** something good that happens in an unexpected way, especially when it is not deserved:

- It was just dumb luck that we found the place at all.

5. **dumb animals/creatures** used to talk about animals when you want to emphasize that humans often treat them badly and they cannot protect themselves

—**dumbly** **adverb**:

- For a few seconds she gazed dumbly at him.

—**dumbness** **noun** [uncountable]

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- **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. **dumb**² *BrE* ^a *AmE* ^a *verb*

dumb something ↔ **down**

to present news or information in a simple and attractive way without many details so that everyone can understand it – used to show disapproval:

^a Have history textbooks been dumbed down over the past decade?

—**dumbing down** *noun* [uncountable]

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