

# clumsy

[ˈklʌmzi] *a*

1. неуклюжий, неповоротливый  
 clumsy fingers - неуклюжие /неловкие/ пальцы  
 clumsy person - неуклюжий человек, увалень  
 clumsy landing - **ав.** неудачная посадка
2. 1) грубый, топорный  
 clumsy furniture - неуклюжая /топорная/ мебель  
 clumsy shoes - неудобные туфли  
 clumsy forgery - грубая фальшивка
- 2) грубый, неизящный, топорный (о *стиле, слоге*)  
 clumsy verse - неуклюжий /нескладный/ стих  
 clumsy speech - нескладная речь
3. грубый, бестактный  
 clumsy joke - неуместная /нелепая/ шутка

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**clumsy** [clumsy clumsier clumsiest] *BrE* [ˈklʌmzi] <sup>u</sup> *NAmE* [ˈklʌmzi] <sup>u</sup>

**adjective** (clum-sier, clum-si-est)

1. (of people and animals) moving or doing things in a very awkward way
  - I spilt your coffee. Sorry— that was clumsy of me.
  - His clumsy fingers couldn't untie the knot.
2. (of actions and statements) done without skill or in a way that offends people
  - She made a **clumsy attempt** to apologize.
3. (of objects) difficult to move or use easily; not well designed
4. (of processes) awkward; too complicated to understand or use easily
  - The complaints procedure is clumsy and time-consuming.

Derived Words ↑clumsily ▪ ↑clumsiness

## Word Origin:

late 16th cent.: from obsolete clumse 'make ' or ' be numb', probably of Scandinavian origin and related to Swedish klumsig.

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**clum**sy /ˈklʌmzi/ *BrE* <sup>u</sup> *AmE* <sup>u</sup> **adjective** (comparative **clumsier**, superlative **clumsiest**)

[**Date:** 1500-1600; **Origin:** Probably from clumse 'too cold to feel anything' (16-19 centuries), from a Scandinavian language]

1. moving or doing things in a careless way, especially so that you drop things, knock into things etc:

- A clumsy waiter spilled wine all over her new skirt.
- a clumsy attempt to catch the ball

2. a clumsy object is not easy to use and is often large and heavy

3. a clumsy action or statement is said or done carelessly or badly, and likely to upset someone:

- David made a clumsy attempt to comfort us.

—clumsily *adverb*

—clumsiness *noun* [uncountable]

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## THESAURUS

- **clumsy adjective** moving or doing things in a careless way, especially so that you drop things, knock into things etc: She was very clumsy and was always walking into doors. | With clumsy fingers he took out a pack of cigarettes and tried to light one.
- **awkward adjective** moving in a way that does not seem relaxed or comfortable: Her husband always looked a bit awkward when he was dancing. | an awkward teenager
- **ungainly adjective** moving in a way that is not graceful – used especially about people or things that are big: The ostrich is rather an ungainly bird. | She collapsed into the chair in an ungainly manner.
- **uncoordinated adjective** not able to control your movements very well, and therefore not very good at physical activities: When she first starting playing tennis, her movements were slow and uncoordinated.
- **accident-prone adjective** often having accidents: I was very accident-prone as a child and was always having to go to hospital.
- **be all fingers and thumbs** *British English informal*, **be all thumbs** *American English informal* to be unable to control your fingers very well, so that you cannot do something: 'Do you want some help unwrapping that?' 'Yes please, I'm all fingers and thumbs today.'

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