

fragile['frædʒaɪl] *a*

- 1) хрупкий, ломкий
a fragile china cup - хрупкая фарфоровая чашка
- 2) хрупкий, слабый; нежный
fragile health - слабое здоровье
- 3) непрочный, недолговечный; преходящий
fragile happiness - непрочное счастье

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

fra-gile *BrE* ['frædʒaɪl] ^m *NAmE* ['frædʒl] ^m **adjective**

1. easily broken or damaged
 - fragile china/glass/bones
 - Be careful not to drop it; it's very fragile.
2. weak and uncertain; easily destroyed or spoilt
 - a **fragile alliance /ceasefire/relationship**
 - The economy remains extremely fragile.
 - In her job she was used to dealing with actors' fragile egos.
3. delicate and often beautiful
 - fragile beauty
 - The woman's fragile face broke into a smile.
4. not strong and likely to become ill/sick
 - Her father is now 86 and in fragile health.
 - (**BrE, informal**) I'm feeling a bit fragile after last night (= not well, perhaps because of drinking too much alcohol) .

Derived Word ↑**fragility**Word Origin:late 15th cent. (in the sense 'morally weak'): from Latin **fragilis**, from **frangere** 'to break'. The sense 'liable to break' dates from the mid 16th cent.Thesaurus:**fragile** [**fragile fragility**] **adj.**

- It's fragile, so don't drop it.

delicate • • **brittle** •**Opp: robust**fragile/delicate/brittle **bones/glass**fragile/delicate **china**(a) fragile/delicate **thread**the fragile/delicate **ecology****Fragile or delicate?** **Delicate** fabrics, like silk, need special care

- Use a cool wash for delicate fabrics.

Fragile fabrics need even more care, usually because they are very old.Example Bank:

- Be careful not to drop it, it's very fragile.
- fragile habitats threatened by pollution

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fra-gile /'frædʒaɪl \$ -dʒəl/ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m **adjective**[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Latin; Origin: fragilis; ⇒ ↑**frai**l]

1. easily broken or damaged **OPP strong**:
 - Be careful with that vase – it's very fragile.
 - fragile bones
2. a fragile situation is one that is weak or uncertain, and likely to become worse under pressure **OPP strong**:
 - the country's fragile economy
 - Relations between the two countries are in a fragile state.
 - the party's fragile unity
3. **fragile health** a weak physical condition because of illness
4. thin and delicate:
 - fragile beauty
5. **British English** if someone feels fragile they feel ill, especially because they have drunk too much alcohol

—**fragility** /frə'dʒɪləti, frə'dʒɪlɪti/ *noun* [uncountable]

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THESAURUS

- **fragile** easily broken or damaged: The documents are old and very fragile. | a fragile glass case | The seventeenth century wall hangings are extremely fragile.
- **delicate** easily damaged – used especially about things that are made from thin material and look attractive: a delicate gold necklace | The plant has delicate blue flowers. | delicate fabrics
- **brittle** brittle hair, nails, bones etc have a hard surface, but they break easily, especially because they are not in good condition:

As you get older, your bones become more brittle. | a special shampoo for dry and brittle hair

▪ **breakable** breakable objects must be handled carefully because they will break easily: Put breakable objects out of the reach of children. | breakable ornaments

▪ **flimsy** made of thin material that tears easily, or badly-made and likely to break easily: a flimsy cotton shirt | a flimsy wooden table

▪ **frail** *especially literary* not strong and therefore easy to break, damage, or hurt: The young trees are frail and need to be protected from the wind. | a frail little fishing boat | a frail old lady

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