

moan

1. [məʊn] *n*
 1. **стон**
 the moan of the wind - вой /завывание/ ветра
 2. *уст.*, *поэт.* жалоба
 to make (one's) moan - жаловаться

2. [məʊn] *v*

1. **стонать**
 to moan with pain - стонать от боли
 he is everlastingly moaning and groaning - он вечно стонет и охает
 2. *поэт.* оплакивать, жаловаться
 to moan one's fate - оплакивать свою судьбу

moan [moan moans moaned moaning] **verb, noun** *BrE* [məʊn] ⁴ *NAmE* [moʊn] ⁴
verb

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1. **intransitive, transitive** (of a person) to make a long deep sound, usually expressing unhappiness, suffering or sexual pleasure
Syn: ↑groan
 • The injured man was lying on the ground, moaning.
 • ~ **in/with sth** to **moan in/with pain**
 • + **speech** 'I might never see you again,' she moaned.
 2. **intransitive, transitive** ~ (at sb) (informal) to complain about sth in a way that other people find annoying
Syn: ↑grumble, **Syn:** ↑whine
 • ~ (on) (about sth) (to sb) What are you moaning on about now?
 • ~ (at sb) (about sth) They're always **moaning and groaning** about how much they have to do.
 • ~ **that...** Bella moaned that her feet were cold.
 3. **intransitive** (literary) (especially of the wind) to make a long deep sound
 • The wind was moaning through the trees.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	moan
	<i>BrE</i> /məʊn/
	<i>NAmE</i> /moʊn/
he / she / it	moans
	<i>BrE</i> /məʊnz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /moʊnz/
past simple, past participle	moaned
	<i>BrE</i> /meɪnd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /moʊnd/
-ing form	moaning
	<i>BrE</i> /meɪnɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /moʊnɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English (in the sense 'complaint' or 'lamentation'): of unknown origin.

Synonyms:**complain**

protest • object • grumble • moan • whine

These words all mean to say that you are annoyed, unhappy or not satisfied about sb/sth.

complain • to say that you are annoyed, unhappy or not satisfied about sb/sth: ▫ I'm going to complain to the manager about this.**protest** • to say or do sth to show that you disagree with or disapprove of sth, especially publicly; to give sth as a reason for protesting: ▫ Students took to the streets to ▫ protest against ▫ the decision.**object** • to say that you disagree with or disapprove of sth; to give sth as a reason for objecting: ▫ If nobody objects, we'll postpone the meeting till next week. ◇ ▫ He objected that the police had arrested him without sufficient evidence.**grumble** • (rather informal, disapproving) to complain about sb/sth in a bad-tempered way: ▫ They kept grumbling that they were cold.**moan** • (*BrE*, rather informal, disapproving) to complain about sb/sth in an annoying way: ▫ What are you moaning on about now?**whine** • (rather informal, disapproving) to complain in an annoying, crying voice: ▫ Stop whining! ◇ ▫ 'I want to go home,' whined Toby.**Whine** is often used to talk about the way that young children complain.to complain/protest/grumble/moan/whine **about** sthto complain/protest/grumble/moan **at** sthto complain/protest/object/grumble/moan/whine **to** sbto complain/protest/object/grumble/moan/whine **that...**Example Bank:

- He moaned in despair.
- My parents moan at me if I'm home late.

- She was still conscious and was moaning loudly with pain.
- She's always moaning to me that she doesn't have enough money.
- The children climbed into the bus, moaning and groaning.
- The wind moaned gently through the trees.
- They kept moaning on about their illnesses.
- What are you moaning about now?
- He moaned with sheer pleasure.
- Most of the patients were moaning in pain.
- They're always moaning and groaning about how much they have to do.

Derived Word ↑moaner

noun

1. **countable** a long deep sound, usually expressing unhappiness, suffering or sexual pleasure

Syn: ↑groan

- a low **moan of despair/anguish**

2. **countable (informal)** a complaint about sth

- We had a good moan about work.
- His letters are full of the usual moans and groans.

3. **singular (literary)** a long deep sound, especially the sound that is made by the wind

- She lay listening to the moan of the wind in the trees behind the house.

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Example Bank:

- He staggered about ten yards and fell down with a moan.
- a moan of pleasure/pain/despair

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I. **moan**¹ /məʊn \$ moun/ BrE^u AmE^u verb

1. **[intransitive and transitive] informal** to complain in an annoying way, especially in an unhappy voice and without good reason:

'I feel seasick already,' she moaned.

moan about

A lot of people moaned about the parking problems.

moan at British English:

My mum never stops moaning at me.

moan that

He's always moaning that we use too much electricity.

He moaned and groaned all the way there.

2. **[intransitive]** to make a long low sound expressing pain, unhappiness, or sexual pleasure **SYN groan:**

She moaned and cried out in pain.

3. **[intransitive] literary** if the wind moans, it makes a long low sound:

They could hear the wind moaning in the trees.

—**moaner noun [countable] British English:**

Dad's a gloomy old moaner.

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THESAURUS

- **complain** to say that you are annoyed, unhappy, or not satisfied about something or someone: Several customers complained about the service they received. | 'I wish you'd stop telling me what to do,' she complained.
- **make a complaint** to formally complain about something to someone in authority: His parents made a complaint to the head teacher.
- **protest** to complain about something that you think is wrong, especially publicly: Demonstrators were protesting against the war.
- **object** to say that you oppose or disapprove of something: Local residents have objected to the plan. | Some teachers objected to the scheme.
- **grumble** to keep complaining in a bad-tempered way about something: Rail travellers have been grumbling about the increase in ticket prices. | What's he grumbling about now?
- **moan/whine informal (also whinge /wɪndʒ/ British English informal)** to keep complaining in an annoying way: Everyone was moaning about the hotel food. | Stop whingeing and get on with your work!
- **kick up/make a fuss** to complain or become angry about something, especially something that is not very important: The soup wasn't hot enough, but he didn't want to make a fuss. | He kicked up such a fuss that they were offered another room.

II. **moan**² BrE^u AmE^u noun [countable]

[Date: 1100-1200; Origin: From an unrecorded Old English man]

1. a long low sound expressing pain, unhappiness, or sexual pleasure

moan of

There was a moan of pain from the injured man.

She gave a little moan of pleasure.

a low moan

2. **have a moan (about something)** *British English informal* to complain about something:

" We were just having a moan about work.

3. *literary* a low sound made by the wind

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