

grumble

1. ['grʌmb(ə)] *n*

1) ворчание, ропот, жалоба

to obey without a grumble - безропотно подчиниться

to have a good old grumble - давать выход плохому настроению; скандалить

he is full of grumbles - он вечно жалуется

2) *pl* дурное настроение

to have the grumbles - быть в дурном настроении

2. раскаты грома; грохот

the grumble of distant thunder - далёкие раскаты грома

2. ['grʌmb(ə)] *v*

1. ворчать, жаловаться

to grumble at /about, over/ smth. - жаловаться на что-л

to grumble at smb. - ворчать на кого-л.

to grumble out an answer - проворчать в ответ

to be always grumbling - вечно ворчать, быть недовольным

you needn't grumble - тебе нечего жаловаться

the troops were grumbling - войска /солдаты/ роптали

the soldiers grumbled about the food - солдаты жаловались на питание

what have you to grumble about? - чем тебе плохо?; чем ты недоволен?

2. грохотать, греметь

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grum-ble [**grumble grumbles grumbled grumbling**] **verb, noun** *BrE* ['grʌmbɪ]

NAmE ['grʌmbɪ]

verb

1. **intransitive, transitive** to complain about sb/sth in a bad-tempered way

• ~ **(at/to sb) (about/at sb/sth)** She's always grumbling to me about how badly she's treated at work.

• **+ speech** 'I'll just have to do it myself,' he grumbled.

• ~ **that...** They kept grumbling that they were cold.

2. **intransitive** to make a deep continuous sound

Syn: ↑rumble

• Thundergrumbled in the distance.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	grumble
	<i>BrE</i> / 'grʌmbɪ/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'grʌmbɪ/
he / she / it	grumbles
	<i>BrE</i> / 'grʌmbɪz/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'grʌmbɪz/
past simple, past participle	grumbled
	<i>BrE</i> / 'grʌmbɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'grʌmbɪd/
-ing form	grumbling
	<i>BrE</i> / 'grʌmbɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'grʌmbɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late 16th cent.: from obsolete grumme (probably of Germanic origin and related to Dutch **grommen**) + -le.

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** sth

to complain/protest/grumble/moan **at** sth

to complain/protest/object/grumble/moan/whine **to** sb

to complain/protest/object/grumble/moan/whine **that...**

Example Bank:

- He was always grumbling at me.
- I can't bear people who grumble about the weather.
- She grumbled at having to carry so many boxes.
- We're all well at the moment, so I can't grumble.
- 'I'll just have to do it myself,' he grumbled.
- She's always grumbling to me about how badly she's treated at work.

Derived Word ↑grumbler

noun

1. ~ (about sth) | ~ (that...) something that you complain about because you are not satisfied

- My main grumble is about the lack of privacy.

2. a long low sound

Syn: ↑rumble

- a distant grumble of thunder

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Example Bank:

- Her mother had a grumble at her for not tidying up the mess.
- There were a few grumbles that staff hadn't been consulted first.

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grum·ble /'grʌmbəl/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb*

[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: Probably from Old French grommeler, from Middle Dutch grommen]

1. **[intransitive and transitive]** to keep complaining in an unhappy way **SYN** moan

grumble about/at

- Farmers are always grumbling about the weather.

grumble that

- A few passengers grumbled that their cabins were too small.
- 'This is boring,' Kathleen grumbled.

2. **[intransitive]** to make a low continuous sound **SYN** rumble :

- Thundergrumbled overhead.

3. **mustn't/can't grumble** *British English spoken* used to say that you are fairly healthy and happy:

- 'How are you today?' 'Mustn't grumble.'

—**grumble** *noun* [countable]:

- the usual grumbles about pay

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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.

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