

**feeble**

1. [ˈfi:b(ə)] *n*
  - 1) *книжн.* слабость, слабое место, слабина
  - 2) *арх.* слабый, хилый человек
  - 3) слабая часть клинка (*фехтование*)

2. [ˈfi:b(ə)] *a*

1. 1) слабый
  - feeble pulse - слабый пульс
  - feeble light - тусклый свет
  - to give a feeble moan - издать слабый стон
  - the book fell from his feeble grasp - книга выпала из его ослабевшей руки
- 2) незначительный ничтожный
  - feeble hope - слабая надежда
  - feeble attempt - слабая попытка
  - feeble argument - неубедительный аргумент
  - feeble support - ненадёжная опора
2. слабый, хилый, немощный
  - feeble old man - немощный старик
  - to grow feeble - слабеть, ослабевать, хиреть
  - he's a feeble sort of chap - он слабый, безвольный человек
  - it is incomprehensible to his feeble mind - это недоступно его слабому уму
  - don't be feeble! - *разг.* а умнее ты ничего не скажешь?
3. слабый, непрочный
  - a flower with a feeble stem - цветок с ломким стеблем
4. бледный, невыразительный
  - feeble work - бледное /невыразительно/ произведение, слабая работа
  - a feeble joke - несмешная шутка

3. [ˈfi:b(ə)] *v арх.*

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**fee·ble** [feeble feebler feeblest] *BrE* [ˈfiːbl̩] *NAmE* [ˈfiːbl̩] **adjective**

(**fee·bler** *BrE* [ˈfiːbl̩ə] ; *NAmE* [ˈfiːbl̩ə] , **feeb·lest** *BrE* [ˈfiːbl̩l̩st̩] ; *NAmE* [ˈfiːbl̩l̩st̩] )

**1. very weak**

- a feeble old man
- The heartbeat was feeble and irregular.

**2. not effective, not showing determination or energy**

- a feeble argument/excuse/joke
- a feeble attempt to explain
- Don't be so feeble! Tell her you don't want to go.

Derived Words ↑**febleness** ▪ ↑**feebly**

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **fieble**, earlier **fleible**, from Latin **febilis** 'lamentable' , from **flere** 'weep' .

Example Bank:

- He told a few feeble jokes.
- He's a bit feeble nowadays.
- She made a feeble attempt to explain what had happened.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**fee·ble** /ˈfiːbl̩/ *BrE* *AmE* **adjective**

[**Date:** 1100-1200; **Language:** Old French; **Origin:** feble, from Latin **febilis** 'causing tears, weak']

**1. extremely weak **OPP strong:****

- His voice sounded feeble and far away.
- She was too feeble to leave her room.

**2. not very good or effective **SYN weak :****

- a feeble excuse
- a rather feeble committee
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**THESAURUS**

■ **not physically strong**

- **weak** not physically strong, sometimes because you are ill: Tom's had flu and he's still feeling weak. | The doctors said she was too weak to have an operation. | He suffered constantly from a weak chest.
- **frail** weak and thin, especially because you are old: a frail 85-year-old lady | My grandfather's becoming quite frail now.
- **shaky** feeling weak in your legs and only able to walk slowly and unsteadily: When I came out of hospital I was a bit shaky for a while.
- **puny** /ˈpjʊni *especially disapproving* small, thin, and looking very weak: his puny white arms | He was a puny little boy who was often bullied at school.

- **feeble** *especially written* weak and unable to do much because you are very ill, very old or young: For a week she was too feeble to get out of bed. | a tiny, feeble baby
- **delicate** weak and often becoming ill easily: a delicate child | She had rather a delicate constitution (=her body easily became ill).
- **infirm** *formal* weak or ill for a long time, especially because you are old: a residential home for people who are elderly and infirm | There are special facilities for wheelchair users and infirm guests.
- **malnourished** *formal* weak or ill because you have not had enough good food to eat: Half a million people there are severely malnourished. | The organization provides emergency feeding for malnourished children.

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