

cunning1. [ˈkʌnɪŋ] *n*

1. хитрость, коварство, лукавство

to play cupping - *разг.* лукавить, хитрить2. *редк.* умение, ловкость, искусство

the old sculptor's hand never lost its cunning - рука старого скульптора не утратила мастерства

2. [ˈkʌnɪŋ] *a*

1. коварный, хитрый, лукавый

cupping look - хитрый взгляд

as cupping as a fox - хитрый как лиса

2. искусно сделанный

a cupping gadget - хитроумный прибор, хитрая штукавина

3. *амер. разг.* прелестный, привлекательный, интересный, пикантный

cupping baby - прелестный ребёнок

cupping smile - очаровательная улыбка

4. *арх.* умелый, ловкий**cunning**

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cun·ning adjective, noun *BrE* [ˈkʌnɪŋ] ^ˈ *NAmE* [ˈkʌnɪŋ] ^ˈ

adjective

1. (disapproving) able to get what you want in a clever way, especially by tricking or cheating sb

Syn: ↑crafty, **Syn:** ↑wily

• a cunning liar

• He was as cunning as a fox.

2. clever and skilful

Syn: ↑ingenious

• I was a cunning piece of detective work.

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• That cunning old rogue is up to something, I 'tware.

Derived Word ↑**cunningly**

noun uncountable

the ability to achieve sth by tricking or cheating other people in a clever way

Syn: ↑craftiness

• I took energy and cunning just to survive

• She used low cunning (= dishonest behaviour) to get what she wanted.

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• He had used cunning to get what he wanted.

• She had great cunning and ruthlessness.

• She managed him with great cunning.

• She relied on her native cunning to survive

• She used low cunning to get what she wanted.

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I. **cun·ning**¹ /ˈkʌnɪŋ/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ adjective[Date: 1200-1300; Origin: Present participle of **cun** 'to know', an early form of **can**; ⇒ ↑**can**¹]1. someone who is cunning is clever and good at deceiving people in order to get what they want **SYN** crafty:

a cunning opponent

2. behaviour or actions that are cunning are clever but dishonest and unfair, and are used to get what you want:

a cunning plan

3. a cunning object or piece of equipment is clever and unusual:

a cunning little device for keeping out draughts

4. *American English old-fashioned* attractive:

a cunning little dress

—**cunningly** *adverb*

THESAURUS

- **intelligent** having a high level of mental ability, and good at thinking clearly and understanding ideas: The top universities aim to select the most intelligent students.
- **clever** *especially British English*, **smart** *especially American English* intelligent, so that you can think and learn quickly and find ways to solve problems: That was very clever of you. How did you do that? | I wasn't smart enough to be a lawyer.
- **bright** intelligent – used especially about children and young people: He's a very bright kid. | the brightest student in the class
- **brilliant** extremely intelligent and good at the work you do: a brilliant scientist
- **gifted** a gifted child is much more intelligent than most other children: a special school for gifted children
- **wise** able to make good decisions and give sensible advice, especially because you have a lot of experience: a wise old man
- **cunning/crafty** good at using your intelligence to get what you want, often by making secret plans or tricking people: She was cunning enough to keep this latest piece of information secret. | He's a crafty old devil!
- **brainy** *informal* intelligent and good at studying: My sister is the brainy one in our family.

II. **cunning**² *BrE* ² *AmE* ² *noun* [uncountable]

the ability to achieve what you want by deceiving people in a clever way:

- * the tiger's ferocity and cunning
- * She would use low cunning (=unpleasant dishonest methods) to win people's sympathy.

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