

plummet1. ['plʌmɪt] *n*

- 1) свинцовый груз; гирька, грузило (*отвеса или удочки*)
 - 2) отвес
 - 3) = plumb-rule
2. лот
 3. груз, тяжесть
plummet of cares - груз забот

2. ['plʌmɪt] *v*

- стремительно падать; погружаться
the plane plummeted to earth - самолёт рухнул на землю
prices plummeted - цены резко упали

plummet

plum-met [plummet plummets plummeted plummeting] *BrE* ['plʌmɪt] ⁴

NAmE ['plʌmɪt] ⁴ **verb intransitive**

to fall suddenly and quickly from a high level or position

Syn: ↑plunge

- Share prices plummeted to an all-time low.
- Her spirits plummeted at the thought of meeting him again.
- The jet plummeted into a row of houses.

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we / they	plummet
	<i>BrE</i> /'plʌmɪt/
	<i>NAmE</i> /'plʌmɪt/
he / she / it	plummets
	<i>BrE</i> /'plʌmɪts/
	<i>NAmE</i> /'plʌmɪts/
past simple, past participle	plummeted
	<i>BrE</i> /'plʌmɪtɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /'plʌmɪtɪd/
-ing form	plummeting
	<i>BrE</i> /'plʌmɪtɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /'plʌmɪtɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English (as a noun): from Old French **plommet** 'small sounding lead', diminutive of **plomb** 'lead'. The current verb sense dates from the 1930s.

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plum-met /'plʌmɪt, 'plʌmɪt/ *BrE* ⁴ *AmE* ⁴ (also **plummet down**) **verb** [intransitive]

[**Date:** 1900-2000; **Origin:** plummet 'metal weight on a plumb line' (14-21 centuries), from Old French plommet 'small ball of lead', from plomb; ⇒ ↑plumb¹]

1. to suddenly and quickly decrease in value or amount **SYN** plunge

plummet from something to something

- Profits plummeted from £49 million to £11 million.
- House prices have plummeted down.

2. to fall suddenly and quickly from a very high place **SYN** plunge:

- The plane plummeted towards the Earth.

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- **decrease** to become less in number or amount: The average rainfall has decreased by around 30 percent.
- **go down** to decrease. **Go down** is less formal than **decrease** and is the usual word to use in conversation: Unemployment has gone down in the past few months.
- **decline** *formal* to decrease – used with numbers or amounts, or about the level or standard of something: The standard of living has declined. | Support for the government is steadily declining. | Salaries have declined by around 4.5%.
- **diminish** to become smaller or less important: Union membership diminished from 30,000 at its height to just 2,000 today.
- **fall/drop** to decrease, especially by a large amount. **Fall** and **drop** are less formal than **decrease**: The number of tigers in the wild has fallen to just over 10,000. | At night, the temperature drops to minus 20 degrees.
- **plunge** /plʌndʒ/ **plummet** /'plʌmɪt, 'plʌmɪt/ to suddenly decrease very quickly and by a very large amount: Share prices have plummeted 29% in the last four months. | Climate change could cause global temperatures to plummet.
- **slide** if a price or value slides, it gradually decreases in a way that causes problems – used especially in news reports: The dollar fell in late trading in New York yesterday and slid further this morning.
- **dwindle** /'dwɪndl/ to gradually decrease until there is very little left of something, especially numbers or amounts, popularity, or importance: Support for the theory is dwindling.
- **taper off** /'teɪpə \$ -ə/ if a number or the amount of an activity that is happening tapers off, it gradually decreases, especially so that it stops completely: Political violence tapered off after the elections.

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