

babble

1. ['bæb(ə)] *n*
 - 1) лепет
child's babble - детский лепет
 - 2) бормотание
I could not make out his babble - я не мог разобрать, что он бормочет
 2. болтовня
she couldn't stand the babble of her neighbours - она не выносила болтовни соседей
 3. невнятный шум, гомон
the babble of the brook - журчание ручейка
the babble of birds - щебетание птиц
 4. радио сложные искажения
2. ['bæb(ə)] *v*
 - 1) лепетать
 - 2) бормотать говорить невнятно; бурчать
he babbled something in response - в ответ он что-то промямлил
 - 2) 1) болтать
she babbled on without stopping - она болтала без умолку
 - 2) выболтать; проболтаться проговориться (*мж.* babble out)
to babble (out) a secret - выболтать секрет
 3. 1) производить невнятный шум; журчать (*о воде*)
2) щебетать, гомонить (*о птицах*)

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bab·ble [babble babbles babbled babbling] *noun, verb* BrE ['bæbl̩] ¹ NAmE ['bæbl̩]

noun singular

1. the sound of many people speaking at the same time
 - a babble of voices
 2. talking that is confused or silly and is difficult to understand
 - I can't listen to his constant babble.
 3. the sounds a baby makes before beginning to say actual words
- see also** ↑psychobabble

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Middle Low German **babbelen**, or an independent English formation, as a frequentative based on the repeated syllable ba, typical of a child's early speech.

verb

1. **intransitive, transitive ~ (away/on) (sth)** to talk quickly in a way that is difficult to understand
 - They were all babbling away in a foreign language.
 - I realized I was babbling like an idiot.
2. **intransitive** to make the sound of water flowing over rocks, like a stream
 - a babbling brook

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	babble
	BrE / 'bæbl̩/
	NAmE / 'bæbl̩/
he / she / it	babbles
	BrE / 'bæbl̩z/
	NAmE / 'bæbl̩z/
past simple, past participle	babbled
	BrE / 'bæbl̩d/
	NAmE / 'bæbl̩d/
-ing form	babbling
	BrE / 'bæbl̩ɪŋ/
	NAmE / 'bæbl̩ɪŋ/

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1. **bab·ble** ¹ /'bæbəl/ BrE ¹ AmE ¹ *verb*

[Date: 1200-1300; Origin: Probably from the sound]

1. **[intransitive and transitive]** to speak quickly in a way that is difficult to understand or sounds silly:
I have no idea what he was babbling on about.

2. **[intransitive]** to make a sound like water moving over stones

—**bab·bler** *noun* [countable]

ii. **babble** ² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *noun* [singular]

1. the confused sound of many people talking at the same time:
" the babble of a crowded party
2. a sound like water moving over stones

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