

drone

I

1. [drɒvn] *n*
 1. *энт.* трутень, пчелиный самец
 2. трутень, туняец; захребетник
 3. *ав.* беспилотное средство нападения, управляемый снаряд; беспилотный самолёт
2. [drɒvn] *n*
 1. бездельничать; жить за чужой счёт, жить за чужой спиной
 2. растрчивать, расточать бесцельно (*мж.* drone away, drone out)

II

1. [drɒvn] *n*
 1. 1) приглушённое жужжание, гудение, гул
drone of a motor - гул мотора
 - 2) *разг.* монотонная речь; нудь
 - 3) *разг.* занудный человек, нуда
 2. 1) волынка
 - 2) басовая трубка волынки
 - 3) басовый звук волынки
2. [drɒvn] *v*
 1. гудеть, жужжать (*о пчеле и т. п.*)
 2. говорить, читать *и т. п.* петь монотонно бубнить; гудеть (*мж.* drone out)

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drone [drone drones droned droning] **noun, verb** *BrE* [drɒn] ¹ *NAmE* [draʊn]

noun

1. **usually singular** a continuous low noise
 - the distant drone of traffic
2. **usually singular** a continuous low sound made by some musical instruments, for example the [↑]bagpipes, over which other notes are played or sung; the part of the instrument that makes this noise
3. a male [↑]bee that does not work
compare [↑]queen bee, [↑]worker
4. a person who is lazy and gives nothing to society while others work
 - The medieval lord of the manor was what some today would call a drone.
5. an aircraft without a pilot, controlled from the ground

Word Origin:

Old English drān, dræon 'male bee', from a West Germanic verb meaning 'resound, boom'; related to Dutch dreunen 'to drone', German dröhnen 'to roar', and Swedish dröna 'to drowse'.

Example Bank:

- the continuous drone of the engine

Derived [↑]drone on

verb intransitive

- to make a continuous low noise
- A plane was droning in the distance.
 - a droning voice

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	drone
	<i>BrE</i> /draʊn/
	<i>NAmE</i> /draʊn/
he / she / it	drones
	<i>BrE</i> /draʊnz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /draʊnz/
past simple, past participle	droned
	<i>BrE</i> /draʊnd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /draʊnd/
-ing form	droning
	<i>BrE</i> /draʊnɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /draʊnɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- A small plane was droning in the distance.
- I fell asleep to the sound of their voices droning through the warm afternoon.

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I. **drone**¹ /drəʊn \$ droʊn/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb* [intransitive]

to make a continuous low dull sound:

ˈ An airplane droned overhead.

drone on *phrasal verb*

to speak in a boring way, usually for a long time

drone on about

ˈ Tom was droning on about work.

II. **drone**² *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun*

[*Language*: Old English; *Origin*: dran 'male bee']

1. [*singular*] a continuous low dull sound

drone of

ˈ the steady drone of traffic

2. [*countable*] a male [↑]bee that does no work

3. [*countable*] someone who has a good life but does not work to earn it or give anything back to society

4. [*countable*] *technical old-fashioned* an aircraft that does not have a pilot, but is operated by radio

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