

**wither** [ˈwɪðə] *v*

- 1) **вянуть, сохнуть; блёкнуть** (*мж. wither away, wither up*)  
 the flowers withered in the cold - от холода цветы увяли  
 his hopes withered (away) - его надежды угасли  
 her beauty withered - её красота увяла /поблёлкла/
- 2) **иссушать; губить; лишать силы, свежести**  
 illness has withered him - болезнь его иссушила  
 grief has withered his heart - горе ожесточило его сердце  
 the hot summer withered the grass - в это жаркое лето трава высохла
2. **чахнуть, идти на убыль, снижаться**  
 her affection withered - её любовь угасала
3. **уничтожать**  
 to wither smb. with a look - испепелить кого-л. взглядом
4. **стец.** сушить листья чая

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**wither** [**wither withers withered withering**] *BrE* [ˈwɪðə(r)] *AmE* [ˈwɪðər]

*verb*

1. **intransitive, transitive ~ (sth)** if a plant withers or sth withers it, it dries up and dies  
 • The grass had withered in the warm sun.
2. **intransitive ~ (away)** to become less or weaker, especially before disappearing completely  
 • All our hopes just withered away.

Verb forms:

| verb forms                   |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| present simple               |                   |
| I / you / we /they           | wither            |
|                              | BrE / ˈwɪðə(r) /  |
|                              | NAme / ˈwɪðər /   |
| he / she /it                 | withers           |
|                              | BrE / ˈwɪðəz /    |
|                              | NAme / ˈwɪðəz /   |
| past simple, past participle | withered          |
|                              | BrE / ˈwɪðəd /    |
|                              | NAme / ˈwɪðəd /   |
| -ing form                    | withering         |
|                              | BrE / ˈwɪðərɪŋ /  |
|                              | NAme / ˈwɪðərɪŋ / |

Word Origin:

late Middle English: apparently a variant of <sup>↑</sup>**weather**, ultimately differentiated for certain senses.

Example Bank:

- The business withered and eventually died.
- The grass withered under a scorching sun.
- Their support had simply withered away.
- Without investment, home-grown industries are being allowed to wither on the vine.

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[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: Probably from weather *to affect with sun, wind, rain, etc.*]

1. **[intransitive and transitive]** if plants wither, they become drier and smaller and start to die
2. **[intransitive]** to gradually become weaker or less successful and then end:  
 " His career had withered.  
 " The organization just withered away.
3. **wither on the vine** if something withers on the vine, it gradually ends because it is not given enough support:  
 " The government has allowed the program to wither on the vine by reducing its funding.

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