

cataract1. ['kætərækt] *n*

1. 1) (большой) водопад
- 2) порог (на реке)
2. *pl поэт., библ.* ливень
cataracts of heaven - хляби небесные
3. фонтан поток (красноречия, слёз и т. п.)
4. *мед.* катаракта, помутнение хрусталика
cataract extraction - *мед.* удаление катаракты
5. *тех.* катаракт, масляный тормоз, демпфер
6. *уст.* опускная решётка (крепостных ворот)

2. ['kætərækt] *v*

падать водопадом

cataract

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cat·ar·act [cataract cataracts] *BrE* ['kætərækt] ^m *NAmE* ['kætərækt] ^m **noun**

1. a medical condition that affects the ↑lens of the eye and causes a gradual loss of sight
2. (*literary*) a large steep ↑waterfall

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Latin *cataracta* 'waterfall, floodgate', also 'portcullis' (medical sense 1 probably being a figurative use of this), from Greek *kataraktēs* 'down-rushing', from *katarassein*, from *kata-* 'down' + *arassein* 'strike, smash'.

Example Bank:

- A cataract can be removed under local anaesthetic.

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cat a ract /'kætərækt/ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m **noun** [countable]

[**Date:** 1400-1500; **Language:** Latin; **Origin:** *cataracta* 'waterfall, castle gate that drops from above', from Greek, from *katarassein* 'to strike down', from *kata-* (⇒ ↑cataclysm) + *arassein* 'to strike';]

[**Sense 1:** **Origin:** because a cataract blocks sight like a gate coming down]

1. a medical condition that causes the ↑lens of your eye to become white, so that you slowly lose your sight
2. *literary* a large ↑waterfall

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