

**wane**

- [weɪn]** *n*
  - ущерб (*Луны*)  
to be on the wane - убывать, быть на ущербе (*о Луне*)
  - убывание; спад, упадок  
to be in one's /on the/ wane - слабеть, приходиться в упадок  
the day was in its wane - день был на исходе  
his power is on the wane - его власть слабеет  
the sick man's strength is on the wane - силы покидают больного

**[weɪn]** *v*

- убывать, быть на ущербе (*о Луне*)
- слабеть, убывать, тускнеть, уменьшаться, иссякать  
his fame waned rapidly - его слава быстро угасла  
his strength is waning - его силы иссякают
- подходить к концу, кончаться  
the day is waning - день на исходе

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**wane** [wane wanes waned waning] *verb, noun* BrE [weɪn] <sup>Ⓜ</sup> NAmE [weɪn] <sup>Ⓜ</sup>

*verb*

- intransitive** to become gradually weaker or less important  
**Syn:** ↑decrease, **Syn:** ↑fade  
• Her enthusiasm for the whole idea was waning rapidly.  
• Their popularity waned during that period.
- intransitive** (*of the moon*) to appear slightly smaller each day after being round and full  
**Opp:** ↑wax

**see** wax and wane **at** ↑wax *v.*

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	wane
	BrE /weɪn/
	NAmE /weɪn/
he / she /it	wanes
	BrE /weɪnz/
	NAmE /weɪnz/
past simple, past participle	waned
	BrE /weɪnd/
	NAmE /weɪnd/
-ing form	waning
	BrE /weɪnɪŋ/
	NAmE /weɪnɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English wanian 'lessen', of Germanic origin; related to Latin **vanus** 'vain'.

Example Bank:

- Her popularity was waning somewhat.
- Public interest in the issue has waxed and waned over the years.

Idiom: ↑on the wane

**noun singular**

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**I. wane** <sup>1</sup> /weɪn/ BrE <sup>Ⓜ</sup> AmE <sup>Ⓜ</sup> *verb* [intransitive]

[Language: Old English; Origin: wanian]

- if something such as power, influence, or a feeling wanes, it becomes gradually less strong or less important:  
" My enthusiasm for the project was waning.  
" The group's influence had begun to wane by this time.

2. when the moon wanes, you gradually see less of it **OPP wax**

⇒ **wax and wane** at ↑wax<sup>2</sup>(4)

**II. wane** <sup>2</sup> BrE <sup>Ⓜ</sup> AmE <sup>Ⓜ</sup> *noun*

**on the wane** becoming smaller, weaker, or less important:

- " By the 5th century, the power of the Roman Empire was on the wane.

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