

dwindle

[ˈdwaɪndl̩] *v*

- 1) сокращаться, уменьшаться; убывать, истощаться (*мж.* dwindle away)
to dwindle to nothing - сойти на нет
the boat dwindled to invisibility - лодка становилась всё меньше и (теперь) была едва заметна
- 2) сокращать, уменьшать; вызывать истощение
2. ухудшаться, вырождаться; приходить в упадок, терять значение

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dwin·dle [dwindle dwindles dwindled dwindling] *BrE* [ˈdwaɪndl̩] *NAme*

[ˈdwaɪndl̩] *v* **verb intransitive**

to become gradually less or smaller

- dwindling audiences
- a dwindling band of supporters
- ~ (away) (to sth) Support for the party has dwindled away to nothing.
- ~ (from sth) (to sth) Membership of the club has dwindled from 70 to 20.

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we / they	dwindle
	BrE / ˈdwaɪndl̩/
	NAme / ˈdwaɪndl̩/
he / she / it	dwindles
	BrE / ˈdwaɪndlz̩/
	NAme / ˈdwaɪndlz̩/
past simple, past participle	dwindled
	BrE / ˈdwaɪndld/
	NAme / ˈdwaɪndld/
-ing form	dwindling
	BrE / ˈdwaɪndlɪŋ/
	NAme / ˈdwaɪndlɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late 16th cent.: frequentative of Scots and dialect dwine 'fade away', from Old English dwinan, of Germanic origin; related to Middle Dutch dwīnen and Old Norse dvína

Example Bank:

- Profits slowly dwindled to nothing.
- Supplies of coal are dwindling fast.
- The group's support dwindled into insignificance.

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dwin·dle /ˈdwaɪndl̩/ *BrE* *AmE* *verb* [intransitive]

[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: dwine 'to become less']

(also **dwindle away**) to gradually become less and less or smaller and smaller:

- The elephant population is dwindling.
- His money had dwindled away.

dwindle to

- The stream has dwindled to a trickle.

—dwindling *adjective:*

- dwindling resources

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- **decrease** to become less in number or amount: The average rainfall has decreased by around 30 percent.
- **go down** to decrease. **Go down** is less formal than **decrease** and is the usual word to use in conversation: Unemployment has gone down in the past few months.
- **decline** *formal* to decrease – used with numbers or amounts, or about the level or standard of something: The standard of living has declined. | Support for the government is steadily declining. | Salaries have declined by around 4.5%.
- **diminish** to become smaller or less important: Union membership diminished from 30,000 at its height to just 2,000 today.
- **fall/drop** to decrease, especially by a large amount. **Fall** and **drop** are less formal than **decrease**: The number of tigers in the wild has fallen to just over 10,000. | At night, the temperature drops to minus 20 degrees.
- **plunge** /plʌndʒ/ / **plummet** /ˈplʌmət, ˈplʌmɪt/ to suddenly decrease very quickly and by a very large amount: Share prices have plummeted 29% in the last four months. | Climate change could cause global temperatures to plummet.
- **slide** if a price or value slides, it gradually decreases in a way that causes problems – used especially in news reports: The dollar fell in late trading in New York yesterday and slid further this morning.
- **dwindle** /ˈdwaɪndl̩/ to gradually decrease until there is very little left of something, especially numbers or amounts, popularity, or importance: Support for the theory is dwindling.
- **taper off** /ˈteɪpə ɒ -ə/ if a number or the amount of an activity that is happening tapers off, it gradually decreases, especially so that it stops completely: Political violence tapered off after the elections.

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