

daydream

▪ **I. day-dream** [**daydream** **daydreams** **daydreamed** **daydreaming**] *BrE*

[ˈdeɪdriːm] *NAmE* [ˈdeɪdriːm] **noun**

pleasant thoughts that make you forget about the present

- She stared out of the window, lost in a daydream.

Example Bank:

- He was gazing out of the window, daydreaming.
- I found myself daydreaming of a time when we would be together.
- She would spend hours daydreaming about a house of her own.

Example Bank:

- She had a pleasant daydream about her holiday.
- daydreams of fame
- I didn't tell anyone of my daydreams about my future with him.
- I tried not to indulge in daydreams, as I knew they would never come true.
- In one of his daydreams, they were living in a little cottage in the country.

▪ **II. day-dream** **verb intransitive**

• ~ **(about sb/sth)** I would spend hours daydreaming about a house of my own.

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I. daydream ¹ /ˈdeɪdriːm *BrE* ^{AmE} *verb* [intransitive]

to think about something pleasant, especially when this makes you forget what you should be doing ⇒ **dream**

daydream about

What are you daydreaming about? There's work to be done.

—**daydreamer** *noun* [countable]

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- **imagine** to form a picture or idea in your mind about what something might be like: When I think of Honolulu, I imagine long white beaches and palm trees. | I can't really imagine being a millionaire.
- **visualize** to form a picture of someone or something in your mind, especially something that is definitely going to happen or exist in the future: Anna visualized meeting Greg again at the airport. | The finished house may be hard to visualize.
- **picture** to form a clear picture of something or someone in your mind: I can still picture my father, even though he died a long time ago. | The town was just how she had pictured it from his description.
- **envisage** /ɪnˈvɪzɪdʒ/ *especially British English*, **envision** to imagine something as possible or likely to happen in the future: How do you envisage your career developing over the next ten years? | They had envisioned the creation of a single armed force, small but efficient.
- **conceive of something** *formal* to imagine a situation, especially one that is difficult to imagine: For many people, music is so important that they cannot conceive of life without it.
- **fantasize** to imagine something exciting that you would like to happen, but that is very unlikely to happen: I used to fantasize about becoming a film star.
- **daydream** to imagine pleasant things, so that you forget where you are and what you should be doing: Mark began to daydream, and didn't even hear the teacher's question.
- **hallucinate** to imagine that you are seeing things that are not really there, especially because you are ill or have taken drugs: The drug that can cause some people to hallucinate. | When I saw the walls moving, I thought I must be hallucinating.

II. daydream ² *BrE* ^{AmE} *noun* [countable]

pleasant thoughts you have while you are awake that make you forget what you are doing ⇒ **dream**

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THESAURUS■ **when you are sleeping**

- **dream** the thoughts, images, and feelings that go through your mind while you are asleep: I had a strange dream last night -- you and I were in some sort of forest.
- **nightmare** a very unpleasant and frightening dream: She still has terrible nightmares about the accident.
- **daydream** a series of pleasant thoughts that go through your mind when you are awake, so that you do not notice what is happening around you: Neil was in a daydream, and didn't hear the teacher call his name.
- **reverie** *formal* a state of imagining or thinking about pleasant things, that is like dreaming: The doorbell rang, shaking her from her reverie.

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