

spinster[ˈspɪnstə,-{ˈspɪnstər}trɪs] *n*

1. 1) старая дева
- 2) *юр.* незамужняя женщина, девица
2. пряха, прядильщица

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

spin·ster [ˈspɪnstər ˈspɪnstərs] *BrE* [ˈspɪnstə(r)] *AmE* [ˈspɪnstər] *noun*

(old-fashioned, often disapproving)

a woman who is not married, especially an older woman who is not likely to marry

- The sisters were to remain spinsters for the rest of their lives. This word should not now be used to mean simply a woman who is not married.

compare ↑bachelorDerived Word ↑spinsterhoodWord Origin:

late Middle English (in the sense 'woman who spins'): from the verb ↑spin + ↑-ster; in early use the term was added to names of women to denote their occupation. The current sense dates from the early 18th cent.

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[Date: 1600-1700; Origin: spinster 'woman who spins' (14-20 centuries), from spin]

an unmarried woman, usually one who is no longer young and seems unlikely to marry ⇒ **bachelor**

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THESAURUS■ **someone who is not married**

- **bachelor** a man who has never been married: He's a confirmed bachelor (=a man who has decided he will never marry).
- **spinster** *old-fashioned* a woman who has never been married and is no longer young: The house was owned by an elderly spinster.

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