

languish

1. [ˈlæŋgwɪʃ]n

1. ТОМНЫЙ ВИД, ТОМНЫЙ ВЗГЛЯД
2. вялость, слабость, томность

2. [ˈlæŋgwɪʃ]v

- 1) вянуть, чахнуть, слабеть, терять силы

legislation languishing in committee - законопроект, застрявший на стадии обсуждения в комитетах

flowers languish in drought - цветы вянут /чахнут/ при засухе

young children languish in slums - маленькие дети чахнут /хиреют/ в трущобах

his interest in the subject has greatly languished - его интерес к этому делу заметно ослабел

- 2) изнывать, изнемогать, тосковать

to languish in poverty - влечить жалкое существование

to languish for years in a dungeon - томиться /изнывать/ годами в тюрьме

- 3) (for) тосковать, томиться (по чему-л., кому-л.)

to languish for relief - жаждать облегчения /утешения/

to languish for love [for sympathy] - жаждать любви [сочувствия]

2. принимать ТОМНЫЙ ВИД

when a visitor comes in, she smiles and languishes - когда входит посетитель, она улыбается и взгляд её становится томным

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lan-guish [ˈlæŋgwɪʃ] BrE [ˈlæŋwɪʃ]

NAme [ˈlæŋwɪʃ] verb (formal)

1. **intransitive** ~ (in sth) to be forced to stay somewhere or suffer sth unpleasant for a long time

• She continues to languish in a foreign prison.

2. **intransitive** to become weaker or fail to make progress

• The share price languished at 102p.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	languish
	BrE / ˈlæŋgwɪʃ/
	NAme / ˈlæŋgwɪʃ/
he / she / it	languishes
	BrE / ˈlæŋgwɪʃɪz/
	NAme / ˈlæŋgwɪʃɪz/
past simple, past participle	languished
	BrE / ˈlæŋgwɪʃt/
	NAme / ˈlæŋgwɪʃt/
-ing form	languishing
	BrE / ˈlæŋgwɪʃɪŋ/
	NAme / ˈlæŋgwɪʃɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English (in the sense 'become faint, feeble, or ill'): from Old French languiss-, lengthened stem of languir 'languish', from a variant of Latin languere, related to laxis 'loose, lax'.

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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: French; Origin: languir, from Latin languere]

1. if someone languishes somewhere, they are forced to remain in a place where they are unhappy

languish in

• Shaw languished in jail for fifteen years.

2. if something languishes, it fails to improve and develop or become successful ⇒ **founder** **OPP** flourish:

• The housing market continues to languish.

• The shares are languishing at just 46p after yesterday's fall.

• West Ham United are currently languishing at the bottom of the league.

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