

gremlin

[ˈɡremlɪn] *n*

1. 1) *ав. разг.* греmlin, злой гном, приносящий неудачу лётчику
- 2) таинственная враждебная сила
2. *разг.*
- 1) новичок, неопытный работник
- 2) бестолковый или ленивый работник, бездельник, лодырь

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

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an imaginary creature that people blame when a machine suddenly stops working

Word Origin:

1940s: perhaps suggested by ↑goblin.

Example Bank:

- They blamed gremlins in the printer for the fact that the work was late.
- What wrong with this program? Looks like the gremlins have been at work again!

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

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[**Date:** 1900-2000; **Origin:** Perhaps from Irish Gaelic gruaimin 'angry little man', influenced by goblin]

an imaginary evil spirit that is blamed for problems in machinery

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