

**pygmy**1. ['pɪgmɪ] *n*

1. 1) (Pygmy) пигмей
- 2) карлик, пигмей
- 3) очень маленький предмет
2. ничтожный человешишка, ничтожество, пигмей
3. гном

2. ['pɪgmɪ] *a*

1. 1) относящийся к пигмеям
- 2) карликовый
2. незначительный, ничтожный
3. *mex.* миниатюрный

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**pygmy** [pygmy pygmies] (also **pigmy**) *noun, adjective* BrE ['pɪgmɪ] <sup>ˈ</sup> NAmE['pɪgmɪ] <sup>ˈ</sup>*noun* (pl. **pygmies, pigmies**)

1. **Pygmy** a member of a race of very short people living in parts of Africa and SE Asia
2. (*disapproving*) a very small person or thing or one that is weak in some way
  - He regarded them as intellectual pygmies.

Word Origin:

late Middle English (originally in the plural, denoting a mythological race of small people): via Latin from Greek **pugmaios** 'dwarf', from **pugmē** 'the length measured from elbow to knuckles'.

*adjective only before noun* used to describe a plant or ↑**species** (= type) of animal that is much smaller than other similar kinds

- a pygmy shrew

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See also: ↑**pigmy**

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I. **pyg my**<sup>1</sup> BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup>, **pigmy** /'pɪgmɪ/ *noun* (plural **pygmies, pigmies**) [countable]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Latin; Origin: pygmaeus 'very small in height', from Greek, from pygme 'fist (as a unit of length)']

1. (also **Pygmy**) someone who belongs to a race of very small people, especially one of the tribes of central Africa
2. someone who is not as good, intelligent, strong etc as other people in the same group – used in order to show disapproval:
  - a literary pygmy

II. **pygmy**<sup>2</sup> BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup> *adjective* [only before noun]

used to describe a type of animal or plant that is much smaller than other similar types:

- a pygmy elephant

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