

imbecile

1. [ˈɪmbəsi:l] *n*
 - 1) *мед.* слабоумный
 - 2) *разг.* глупец, дурак
2. [ˈɪmbəsi:l] *a*
 1. 1) *мед.* слабоумный, имбецильный
 - 2) *разг.* неразумный, глупый
 imbecile fellow - глупый парень
 imbecile remarks - дурацкие замечания
 2. *редк.* физически слабый

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▪ **I. im-be-cile** [imbecile imbeciles] *BrE* [ˈɪmbəsiːl] *NAmE* [ˈɪmbəsəl] **noun**

1. a rude way to describe a person that you think is very stupid

Syn: †idiot

• They behaved like imbeciles.

2. (old-fashioned, offensive) a person who has a very low level of intelligence

Derived Word †imbecility

See also: †imbecilic

Word Origin:

mid 16th cent. (as an adjective in the sense 'physically weak'): via French from Latin *imbecillus*, literally 'without a supporting staff', from *in-* (expressing negation) + *baculum* 'stick, staff'. The current sense dates from the early 19th cent.

▪ **II. im-be-cile** (also **im-be-cil-ic**) **adjective usually before noun**

• imbecile remarks

Main entry: †imbecile derived

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im-be-cile /ˈɪmbəsiːl \$ -səl/ *BrE* *AmE* **noun** [countable]

[**Date:** 1400-1500; **Language:** French; **Origin:** imbecile, from imbecile 'weak, weak-minded', from Latin *imbecillus*, probably from *baculum* 'stick (for support)']

someone who is very stupid or behaves very stupidly **SYN** idiot:

He looked at me as if I was a total imbecile.

—**imbecilic** /ˌɪmbəˈsɪlɪk-, ˌɪmbrɪˈsɪlɪk-/ **adjective**

—**imbecility** /ˌɪmbəˈsɪləti-, ˌɪmbrɪˈsɪləti/ **noun** [uncountable and countable]

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