

spleen

[spli:n] *n*

1. *анат.* селезёнка
2. злоба, раздражительность; недоброжелательство
a fit of spleen - приступ злобы /раздражения/
to vent one's spleen (up)on smb. - сорвать злобу на ком-л.
3. *арх.* сплин, хандра

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spleen [spleen spleens] *BrE* [spliːn] *NAme* [spliːn] **noun**

1. **countable** a small organ near the stomach that controls the quality of the blood cells
• a ruptured spleen



2. **uncountable** (literary) anger
• He **vented his spleen** (= shouted in an angry way) on the assembled crowd.

see also ↑splenetic

Word Origin:

Middle English: shortening of Old French **esplen**, via Latin from Greek **splēn**; sense 2 derives from the earlier belief that the spleen was the seat of bad temper.

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[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: esplen, from Latin splen, from Greek]

1. **[countable]** an organ near your stomach that controls the quality of your blood
2. **[uncountable] formal** anger, especially unreasonable or unfair anger:
Obviously you're annoyed, but that doesn't give you the right to vent your spleen on me (=get angry with me).

THESAURUS

- **anger** a strong emotion that you feel because someone has behaved badly or because a situation seems bad or unfair: Andrea still feels a lot of anger towards her mom, who left when she was a little girl. | I've said some things in anger that have almost cost me my marriage.
- **annoyance** slight anger or impatience: He expressed annoyance at the way his comments had been misinterpreted. | The meetings were held in secret, much to the annoyance of some members of Congress.
- **irritation** a feeling of being annoyed and impatient, especially because something keeps happening or someone keeps saying something: He could not hide his irritation at her persistent questioning. | Unwanted sales calls are a source of irritation for many people.
- **frustration** a feeling of being annoyed, especially because you cannot do what you want or because you cannot change or control a situation: You can imagine my frustration when I found out that the next bus didn't leave till 4 hours later. | There is a growing sense of frustration over the situation in Burma. | The government has expressed frustration at the slow legal process.
- **exasperation** a feeling of being very annoyed because you cannot control a situation, learn to do something, or understand something, even though you are trying very hard: Isaac sighed in exasperation. | Exasperation at the team's lack of success was evident among the fans.
- **resentment** anger because you think you are being treated badly or unfairly: The sudden increase in the numbers of immigrants has caused resentment among local people.
- **indignation** anger and surprise about an unfair situation: His voice sounded full of indignation. | The scandal caused righteous indignation among opposition politicians.
- **ill/bad feeling** anger between two people because of something that has happened: I had no ill feeling towards him.
- **rancour** *British English*, **rancor** *American English formal* a feeling of anger and hatred towards someone who you cannot forgive because they harmed you in the past: Even though he had lost the court case, he had shown no rancour.
- **spleen** *formal* anger, especially anger that is unreasonable: He vented his spleen (=said why he was angry) against the airline in an article in the Times.

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