

whimper

1. ['wɪmpə] *n*
 1. хныканье, нытьё
 2. вой, визг (*ценка и т. п.*)
2. ['wɪmpə] *v*
 1. хныкать, ныть
 2. скулить (*о собаке*)
 3. завывать (*о ветре*); журчать (*о воде*)

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whim·per [whimper whimpers whimpered whimpering] *verb, noun BrE*

['wɪmpə(r)] *NAme* ['wɪmpə]

verb intransitive, transitive

to make low, weak crying noises; to speak in this way

- The child was lost and began to whimper.
- **+ speech** 'Don't leave me alone,' he whimpered.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	whimper
	BrE / 'wɪmpə(r) /
	NAme / 'wɪmpər /
he / she / it	whimpers
	BrE / 'wɪmpəz /
	NAme / 'wɪmpərz /
past simple, past participle	whimpered
	BrE / 'wɪmpəd /
	NAme / 'wɪmpərd /
-ing form	whimpering
	BrE / 'wɪmpərɪŋ /
	NAme / 'wɪmpərɪŋ /

Word Origin:

early 16th cent.: from dialect whimper 'to whimper', of imitative origin.

Example Bank:

- He stirred in her arms, whimpering like a child.
- She was whimpering in fear.
- The boy was whimpering with pain.
- The dog whimpered softly.
- 'Don't leave me alone,' he whimpered.

noun

a low weak cry that a person or an animal makes when they are hurt, frightened or sad

- The puppy gave a little whimper of fear.
- (**figurative**) The whole affair ended less with a bang than with a whimper (= in a way that was not impressive) .

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Example Bank:

- She let out a whimper of pain.
- The animal gave a pathetic little whimper.

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whim·per /'wɪmpə \$ -ər/ *BrE* *AmE* *verb* [intransitive and transitive]

[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: From the sound]

to make low crying sounds, or to speak in this way:

- He heard the dog whimper.
- 'It's not my fault,' she whimpered.

—whimper *noun* [countable]

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THESAURUS

- **cry** to produce tears from your eyes: Don't cry – everything will be all right! | Men aren't supposed to cry.
- **cry your eyes out** *especially spoken* to cry a lot and for a long time: I cried my eyes out when I watched 'Titanic'.
- **be in tears** to be crying: By the end of his story, we were all in tears.
- **be close to tears** to be almost crying: You could see that she was close to tears.
- **weep** *literary* to cry, especially for a long time: His mother put her head on the table and wept.
- **sob** to cry, taking sudden loud breaths: I could hear someone sobbing in the next room.
- **wail** /weɪl/ to cry very loudly in a high voice: The baby started wailing for its mother.
- **whimper** /'wɪmpə \$ -ər/ to cry quietly and weakly: She began rocking to and fro, whimpering softly.

- **hold/fight back the tears** to make a big effort not to cry: She told her story, struggling to hold back the tears.
- **your eyes water** if your eyes water, they have tears in them, for example because of smoke, wind, or when you are cutting onions: The onions were making my eyes water.

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