

old

1. [əʊld] *n*
 1. (the old) *собир.* старики
home for the old - дом для престарелых
old and young /young and old/ alike are football fans nowadays - среди болельщиков футбола есть и старики и молодёжь
 2. **давнее прошлое, древность**
of old - в прежнее время, прежде
in (the) days of old - в старину
men /people/ of old - люди доброго старого времени
heroes of old - герои прошлого
our fathers of old - наши предки
from of old - исстари, с прежних времён
of old there were giants here - в давние времена эту местность населяли великаны
I have heard it for old - я об этом слыхивал давным-давно
2. [əʊld] *a* (*older, ycm. elder; oldest, ycm. eldest*)
 1. **старый**
old people - старики
old horse [oak] - старая лошадь [-ый дуб]
the oldest member - старший по возрасту член (*организации*)
old land - *с.-х.* старопахотная почва, старопашка
to grow /to get/ old - состариться
he is old enough to know life better - в его возрасте пора лучше разбираться в жизни
 2. **старческий; старообразный**
old face [voice, gait] - старческое лицо [-ий голос, -ая походка]
to look old - выглядеть старым /старообразным/
 3. **такого-то возраста, столько-то лет**
how old is he? - сколько ему лет?
a baby three months old - трёхмесячный ребёнок
a child of four years old - четырёхлетний ребёнок
a seven-year old child - семилетний ребёнок
he's sixteen years old - ему шестнадцать лет
 4. **старый, поношенный, обветшалый, потрепанный**
old house - старый дом
old boots [clothes] - поношенная обувь [одежда]
old rags - старье; старое тряпье
old rose - увядшая роза
your fooling grows old, and people dislike it - твои шутки стареют и перестают нравиться людям
 5. **старинный; давнишний; существующий издавна**
old customs [traditions] - старинные обычаи [традиции]
old family - старинный род
old wine - выдержанное вино
he was paying off old scores - он сводил старые счёты
 6. **существовавший в прошлом; древний**
old tomb - древнее захоронение
the old laws of our ancestors - стародавние законы наших предков
 7. **более ранний, более древний; относящийся к более отдалённому периоду**
our old literature - наша древняя /ранняя/ литература
old church music - старинная церковная музыка
the old writers of drama - драматурги прошлого
Old English [French, High German] - древнеанглийский [старофранцузский, древневерхненемецкий] язык
 8. **давнишний, старый, привычный; хорошо известный**
old friend [customer, client] - давнишний /старый/ друг [покупатель, клиент]
old familiar faces - привычные, знакомые лица
old habits - старые привычки
old excuse - постоянное /привычное/ оправдание
that's an old one! - это старо!
 9. **бывший, прежний**
an old Oxford man - выпускник Оксфордского университета
old seaman - бывший моряк
old soldier - бывший солдат [*см. тж. ◇*]
old guard - сменяемый караул
old officer of the day - *амер. воен.* офицер сменившийся с дежурства
the old days before the war - доброе предвоенное время
 10. **опытный (в чём-л.); долго занимавшийся (чем-л.)**
old campaigner - старый служака, ветеран
old file - *амер. воен. жарг.* старослужащий
an old hand - а) опытный /бывалый/ человек; an old hand at the work [at the game, at fishing] - опытный работник [игрок, рыбак /рыболов/]; he is an old hand at that - ≅ он на этом собаку съел; б) *австрал.* бывший заключённый
 11. **закоренелый**

old bachelor - старый /закоренелый/ холостяк
old in vice [in cunning] - закореневший в пороке [в коварстве]

12. эмоц.-усил.

1):

good old John - дружище Джон
my dear [good] old fellow - дорогой друг
old girl - голубушка, милая
old man /chap/ - старина, дружище

2):

to have a fine /a good, a high, a rare/ old time - хорошенько повеселиться
to kick up a jolly old row - устроить хорошенький скандалчик
any old thing will do - всё подойдет

13. геол. размытый, намытый, эрозийный

◇ the old Adam - греховность человеческой природы
old boat /crate, relic, tub, wreck/ - **амер. шутл.** «старая калоша», развалина (об автомобиле)
old thing /bean, egg, fruit, top/ - старина, дружище (обращение)
the old bird - ≅ стреляный воробей
the old man - а) «старик» (муж или отец, глава семьи), «сам»; б) хозяин, начальник; босс, шеф; в) = the old Adam; г) **горн.** выработанное пространство
the Old Man of the Sea - а) прилипчивый человек; б) бремя, обуза; неотвязная мысль; неотступно преследующая забота
old maid - а) старая дева; б) чопорный нервный пожилой человек; в) простая детская карточная игра, ≅ «акулина»
old lady - а) мать; б) жена; в) подруга
Old Lady of Threadneedle Street - Английский банк
old woman - а) «старуха», жена; б) суетливый пожилой мужчина; «баба»
old Nick /Harry, Gentleman, adversary, enemy, gooseberry/ - **эвф.** дьявол, враг рода человеческого, сатана
Old Tom - сорт джина
the old one - «старик», отец
old salt /whale/ - опытный моряк, морской волк
old soldier - а) бывалый человек; to come the old soldier (over smb.) - командовать (кем-л.), распоряжаться, держаться свысока; б) пустая бутылка; в) **сл.** окурок [см. тж. 9]
old story /stuff/ - что-то устаревшее, часто повторяющееся
old bones - **шутл.** а) старость; б) старик, старуха
the old country - а) родина, отечество; б) **амер.** старая родина, страна отцов (иммигранта); страна, откуда выехал иммигрант или его предки
old master (часто the Old Master) - а) один из великих художников периода XV-XVIII вв.; б) картина такого художника
one's old Dutch = old woman а)
as old as the hills /as Adam/ - а) старо как мир; бытьём поросло; б) очень старый, древний
as old as Methuselah - старый как Мафусаил, очень древний
to see the old year out - встречать Новый год
an old head on young shoulders - мудрый не по летам
never too old to learn - учиться никогда не поздно

old

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old [old older oldest] **BrE** [əʊld] ^а **NAme** [oʊld] ^а **adjective** (old-er, old-est)

AGE

1. be... years, months, etc. ~ of a particular age

- The baby was only a few hours old.
- In those days most people left school when they were only fifteen years old.
- At thirty years old, he was already earning £40 000 a year.
- two fourteen-year-old boys
- a class for five-year-olds (= children who are five)
- I didn't think she was **old enough** for the responsibility.
- **How old** is this building?
- He's the oldest player in the team.
- She's much older than me.

NOT YOUNG

2. having lived for a long time; no longer young

- to **get/grow old**
- The old man lay propped up on cushions.
- She was a woman grown **old before her time** (= who looked older than she was) .

Opp: †young

3. the old noun plural old people

- The old feel the cold more than the young.

NOT NEW

4. having existed or been used for a long time

- old habits
- He always gives the **same old** excuses.
- This carpet's getting pretty old now.

Opp: ↑new

5. only before noun former, belonging to past times or a past time in your life

- Things were different in **the old days**.
- I went back to visit my old school.
- Old and Middle English

6. only before noun used to refer to sth that has been replaced by sth else

- We had more room in our old house.

Opp: ↑new

7. only before noun known for a long time

- She's an old friend of mine (= I have known her for a long time).
- We're old rivals.

compare ↑recent

GOOD OLD/POOR OLD

8. only before noun (informal) used to show affection or a lack of respect

- **Good old** Dad!
- You **poor old** thing!
- I hate her, the silly old cow!

Rem: or

more at a chip off the old block **at** ↑chip n., (there's) no fool like an old fool **at** ↑fool n., a/the grand old age/the grand old man (of sth) **at** ↑grand adj., give sb the (old) heave-ho **at** ↑heave-ho have a high old time **at** ↑high adj., money for jam/old rope **at** ↑money, a/the ripe old age (of...) **at** ↑ripe, settle an old score **at** ↑settle v., (you can't) teach an old dog new tricks **at** ↑teach, (as) tough as old boots **at** ↑tough adj., be up to your (old) tricks **at** ↑trick n.

Idioms: ↑any old how ▪ ↑any old ... ▪ ↑as old as the hills ▪ ↑bad old days ▪ ↑for old times' sake ▪ ↑of old ▪ old boy/chap/man ▪ ↑old enough to be somebody's father ▪ ↑old enough to know better ▪ old head on young shoulders ▪ ↑old story ▪ ↑old wives' tale ▪ ↑one of the old school

Word Origin:

Old English *ald*, of West Germanic origin; related to Dutch *oud* and German *alt*, from an Indo-European root meaning 'adult', shared by Latin *alere* 'nourish'.

Thesaurus:

old adj.

1.

- He's getting old— he's 75 next year.

elderly • **mature** • **long-lived** • |formal aged •

Opp: young

a/an old/elderly/mature/long-lived/aged **man/woman**

a/an old/elderly/mature/aged **gentleman /lady/couple**

sb's old/elderly/aged **father/mother/aunt/uncle/relative**

2.

- It's one of the oldest parts of the castle.

ancient • **historic** • **antique** • **long-standing** •

Opp: new

a/an old/ancient/historic **building/monument**

an old/ancient/antique **chair/clock/coin**

a/an old/ancient/long-standing **tradition/belief/method/problem**

an old/ancient **custom/way/ritual/city/civilization**

3.

- We had more room in our old house.

former • **then** • **ex-** •

Opp: new

sb's old/former/then/ex-**partner/boyfriend/girlfriend**

a/an old/former/ex-**lover/colleague /member**

a/an old/former/ex-**student/colony**

Synonyms:

old

elderly • aged • long-lived • mature

These words all describe sb/sth that has lived for a long time or that usually lives for a long time.

old • having lived for a long time; no longer young: ▪ She's getting old— she's 75 next year.

elderly • (rather formal) used as a polite word for 'old': ▪ She is very busy caring for two elderly relatives.

aged • (formal) very old: ▪ Having aged relatives to stay in your house can be quite stressful.

long-lived • having a long life; lasting for a long time: ▪ Everyone in my family is exceptionally long-lived

mature • used as a polite or humorous way of saying that sb is no longer young: ▪ clothes for the mature woman

a(n) old/elderly/aged/long-lived/mature **man/woman**
a(n) old/elderly/aged/mature **gentleman /lady/couple**

Which Word?:

older / elder

The usual comparative and superlative forms of old are older and oldest: ▪ My brother is older than me. ◊▪ The palace is the oldest building in the city. In *BrE* you can also use elder and eldest when comparing the ages of people, especially members of the same family, although these words are not common in speech now. As adjectives they are only used before a noun and you cannot say 'elder than': ▪ my older/elder sister ◊▪ the elder/older of their two children ◊▪ I'm the eldest/oldest in the family.

Example Bank:

- Good old Dad!
- He was beginning to look old.
- He's a silly old fool!
- He's old enough by now to manage his own affairs.
- It's a funny old world.
- It's a very old tradition.
- It's always the same old faces.
- It's one of the oldest remaining parts of the church.
- It's the world's oldest surviving ship.
- She was fairly old when she got married.
- She's a silly old cow!
- The way the young people rushed about made her feel old.
- These are some of the oldest known fossil remains.
- We're all getting older.
- Why drink plain old water when you can have something better?
- You are as old as you feel.
- boring old history books
- I met up with some old school friends.
- It's not easy to break old habits.
- She was a woman grown old before her time.
- She's getting old— she's 75 next year.
- These are some of the oldest trees in the world.
- Things were different in the old days.
- This carpet's getting pretty old now.

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old **S1 W1** /əʊld \$ ould/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ **adjective** (comparative **older**, superlative **oldest**)

[Language: Old English; Origin: eald]

1. **NOT NEW** something that is old has existed or been used for a long time **OPP new**:

- a pair of old shoes
- Some of the houses around here are very old.
- one of our oldest traditions
- The car's getting old now, and things are starting to go wrong with it.
- That story's as old as the hills (=extremely old).

2.



NOT YOUNG

a) someone who is old has lived for a very long time **OPP young**:

- an old man
- a home for old people

get/grow old

- I can't run around like I used to – I must be getting old.

b) **the old** [plural] people who are old:

- the care of the old and sick

3. **AGE** used to talk about how long a person or thing has lived or existed

five/ten/fifty etc years old

- I can't believe you're nearly forty years old!
- a house that's 300 years old

How old are you?

Are you older than Sally?

You're old enough to get your own breakfast now.

I'm not coming skating. I'm too old for that now.

five-year-old/ten-year-old etc somebody/something

a six-week-old baby

a 500-year-old sword

somebody is old enough to know better (=used to say that you think someone should behave more sensibly)

somebody is old enough to be his/her/your mother/father (=used to say that someone is too old to be having a sexual relationship with someone else)

4. THAT YOU USED TO HAVE [only before noun] your old house, job, girlfriend etc is one that you used to have **SYN former**:

I met up with one of my old girlfriends at the weekend.

My old car was always breaking down.

That happened when we were still in the old house.

My old boss was awful!

old flame (=someone with whom you used to have a romantic relationship)

5. FAMILIAR [only before noun] old things are things that are familiar to you because you have seen them or experienced them many times before:

It's good to get back into the old routine.

I enjoyed seeing all the old familiar faces.

He comes out with the same old excuses every time! ⇒ **it's the same old story** at ↑story(9)

6. VERY WELL KNOWN [only before noun] an old friend, enemy etc is someone you have known for a long time:

Bob's an old friend of mine.

an old colleague

They're old rivals.

7. the old days times in the past

in the old days

In the old days people used to fetch water from the pump.

8. the good old days/the bad old days an earlier time in your life, or in history, when things seemed better or worse than now:

We like to chat about the good old days.

9. be/feel/look like your old self to feel or look better again after you have been ill or very unhappy:

It's good to see you looking more like your old self again.

10. any old thing/place/time etc spoken used to say that it does not matter which thing, place etc you choose:

Oh, just wear any old thing.

Phone any old time – I'm always here.

11. any old how/way spoken in an untidy or careless way:

The papers had been dumped on my desk any old how.

12. good/poor/silly old etc somebody spoken used to talk about someone you like:

Good old Keith!

You poor old thing!

13. a good old something (also **a right old something** *British English*) **spoken** used to talk about something you enjoy:

We had a good old talk.

14. old devil/rascal etc spoken used to talk about someone you like and admire:

You old devil! You were planning this all along!

15. old fool/bastard/bat etc spoken not polite used to talk very rudely about someone you do not like:

the stupid old cow

16. the old guard a group of people within an organization or club who do not like changes or new ideas:

He'll never manage to persuade the old guard.

17. be an old hand (at something) to have a lot of experience of something:

I'm an old hand at this game.

18. be old before your time to look or behave like someone much older than you, especially because of difficulties in your life

19. for old times' sake if you do something for old times' sake, you do it to remind yourself of a happy time in the past

20. the old country *especially American English* the country that you were born in, but that you no longer live in, used especially to mean Europe

21. an old head on young shoulders *British English* a young person who seems to think and behave like an older person

22. pay/settle an old score to punish someone for something wrong that they did to you in the past

23. off/from the old school old-fashioned and believing in old ideas and customs:

a doctor of the old school

24. old wives' tale a belief based on old ideas that are now considered to be untrue

25. of old literary from a long time ago in the past:

the knights of old

26. Old English/Old Icelandic etc an early form of English, Icelandic etc

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 3)

■ phrases

• **be 5/10/50 etc years old** My dad is 45 years old.

• **a five-year-old/fifteen-year-old etc somebody/something** a three-year-old boy

• **how old is ...?** 'How old is your daughter?' 'She's ten.'

• **be too old for something** He was too old for military service.

- **be old enough to do something** You're old enough to help with the cooking.
- **somebody is old enough to know better** (=used when you think someone should behave more sensibly) He's old enough to know better, but he went and did it anyway!
- **somebody is old enough to be sb's mother/father** (=used when you think that someone is much too old to be having a relationship with another person) Why would she want to go out with someone who was old enough to be her father?

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THESAURUS

person

- **old** having lived for a long time: an old man | I'm too old to learn a new language.
- **elderly** a polite word for old: an elderly lady | a home for the elderly (=elderly people) | If you are elderly, you may be eligible for financial assistance.
- **aging** (also **ageing** *British English*) [only before noun] becoming old: an ageing rock star | the problems of an ageing population
- **aged** /'eɪdʒəd, 'eɪdʒɪd/ [only before noun] *written* aged relatives are very old: aged parents | She had to look after her aged aunt.
- **elder brother/sister** *especially British English* [only before noun] an older brother or sister. **Elder** sounds more formal than **older**: I have two elder brothers.
- **ancient** [not usually before noun] *informal* very old – used humorously: I'll be 30 next year – it sounds really ancient!
- **be getting on (in years)** *informal* to be fairly old: He's 60 now, so he's getting on a bit.
- **be over the hill** (also **be past it** *British English*) *informal* to be too old to do something: Everyone thinks you're past it when you get to 40.
- **geriatric** [only before noun] relating to medical care and treatment for old people: a geriatric hospital | geriatric patients

thing

- **old**: an old car | an old Chinese saying
- **ancient** very old – used about things that existed thousands of years ago, or things that look very old: ancient civilisations | an ancient Rolls Royce
- **antique** antique furniture, clocks, jewellery etc are old and often valuable: an antique writing desk
- **age-old** used about traditions, problems, or situations that have existed for a very long time: the age-old tradition of morris dancing | the age-old prejudice against women in positions of power | the age-old problem of nationalism | age-old hatreds between religious groups

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