

soft**1. [soft] n**

1. (the soft) мякоть
2. мягкость
3. **разг.** дурак, простак, простофиля
4. = soft-shell l 2)

2. [soft] a

1. мягкий
 - soft bed [hat, fur, pencil] - мягкая постель [шляпа, -ий мех, карандаш]
 - soft fall - мягкое падение
 - to boil soft - а) разваривать до мягкости; б) варить всмятку (*яйца*)
 - soft as down [as silk] - мягкий как пух [как шёлк]
 - soft to the touch - мягкий на ощупь

2. нежный

- soft skin [hand] - нежная кожа [рука]
3. нежный, тонкий, лёгкий; еле уловимый; тихий, неясный
 - soft fragrance - тонкий аромат
 - soft folds - мягкие складки
 - soft music - тихая музыка
 - soft steps - лёгкие /неслышные/ шаги
 - soft breeze - лёгкий ветерок
 - soft dusk - мягкий сумрак
 - soft lines [outlines] - неясные /расплывчатые/ линии [очертания]
 - soft light - мягкий /рассеянный/ свет
 - soft tints - мягкие /неяркие/ тона
 - to sing [to speak] in a soft voice - напевать [говорить] вполголоса
 - to make softer - приглушать, делать тише

4. ласковый, нежный

- soft embrace - нежное объятие
- soft words [glance, smile] - ласковые /нежные/ слова [-ый взгляд, -ая улыбка]
- soft nothings /words/ - комплименты, нежности, любезности
- he was soft of tongue - **неодобр.** он умел говорить хорошие слова

5. разг. влюблённый

- to be soft on /upon/ smb. - влюбиться, в кого-л., питать слабость к кому-л.

6. мягкий, тёплый

- soft climate [winter] - мягкий климат [-ая зима]
- soft air [rain, wind] - тёплый воздух [дождик, ветерок]

7. тихий, спокойный

- soft sleep - мирный сон
- soft sea - спокойное море

8. добрый, кроткий; чувствительный, впечатлительный

- soft heart - доброе /мягкое/ сердце

9. 1) уступчивый, податливый, покорный, послушный

- soft horse - смирная лошадь
- he is too soft - у него слишком мягкий характер

2) слабохарактерный

10. снисходительный, терпимый, мягкий
 - soft sentence - мягкий приговор
 - to be soft with smb. - проявлять снисходительность по отношению к кому-л.

11. слабый, дряблый, вялый (о мышцах и т. п.)**12. мягкий (о воде)****13. разг. простоватый, придурковатый, слабоумный**

- a bit soft in the head - с придурью
- he is soft in the upper works - у него чердак не в порядке
- he's gone soft! - **сл.** он выжил из ума!

14. разг. нетрудный, лёгкий

- soft job - лёгкая работа, тёплое местечко; ≅ синекура
- soft thing - лёгкая задача; ≅ пара пустяков

15. разг. праздный, ленивый**16. разг. безалкогольный (о напитках)****17. пологий**

- soft slope - некрутой подъём или спуск; пологий откос

18. слабый (о грунте)**19. пластичный****20. слабопроникающий (об излучении)****21. мучнистый (о зерне)****22. фон. палатализованный смягчённый****23. фото неконтрастный****24. мед. не создающий привыкания (о наркотике)**

25. **эк.** вялый (о конъюнктуре и т. п.); неустойчивый (о ценах и т. п.)
 26. **полит.** мягкий (о политической линии и т. п.); примирительный
 27. 1) не загрязняющий (окружающую среду); безвредный
 2) **спец.** подверженный биологическому разложению (о детергенте)
 28. **воен.** уязвимый, слабый; неукрытый, незащищённый
 soft above-ground launching site - незащищённая наземная пусковая площадка
 29. **вчт.**
 1) программируемый, программно-управляемый
 2) непостоянный
 ◇ the softer sex - слабый пол
 soft spot /place/ - а) слабая струйка, слабое место; б) слабость (к кому-л., чему-л.)
 as soft as butter /as clay/ - мягкий как воск
3. [sɒft] **adv**
 мягко; нежно; тихо

soft

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soft [soft softer softest] **BrE** [sɒft] ^m **NAmE** [sɔːft] ^m **adjective** (soft-er, soft-est)

NOT HARD

1. changing shape easily when pressed; not stiff or firm

- soft margarine
- soft feather pillows
- The grass was soft and springy.

2. less hard than average

- soft rocks such as limestone
- soft cheeses

Opp: ↑hard

NOT ROUGH

3. smooth and pleasant to touch

- soft skin
- a dress made from the finest, softest silk

Opp: ↑rough

WITHOUT ANGLES/EDGES

4. not having sharp angles or hard edges

- This season's fashions focus on warm tones and soft lines.
- The moon's pale light cast soft shadows.

LIGHT/COLOURS

5. usually before noun not too bright, in a way that is pleasant and relaxing to the eyes

- a soft pink
- the soft glow of candlelight

Opp: ↑harsh

RAIN/WIND

6. not strong or violent

Syn: ↑light

- A soft breeze rustled the trees.

SOUNDS

7. not loud, and usually pleasant and gentle

Syn: ↑quiet

- soft background music
- a soft voice

SYMPATHETIC

8. kind and sympathetic; easily affected by other people's suffering

- Julia's soft heart was touched by his grief.

Opp: ↑hard

NOT STRICT

9. (usually disapproving) not strict or severe; not strict or severe enough

Syn: ↑lenient

- ~ (on sb/sth) The government is not becoming soft on crime.
- ~ (with sb) If you're too soft with these kids they'll never respect you.

Opp: ↑tough

CRAZY

10. (informal, disapproving) stupid or crazy

- He must be going **soft in the head** .

NOT BRAVE/TOUGH ENOUGH

11. (informal, disapproving) not brave enough; wanting to be safe and comfortable

- Stay in a hotel? Don't be so soft. I want to camp out under the stars.

TOO EASY

12. (disapproving) not involving much work; too easy and comfortable

- They had got too used to the soft life at home.

Opp: ↑hard

WATER

13. not containing mineral salts and therefore good for washing

- You won't need much soap— the water here is very soft.

Opp: ↑hard

CONSONANTS

14. (phonetics) not sounding hard, for example 'c' in 'city' and 'g' in 'general'

Opp: ↑hard

more at the soft/easy option **at** ↑option, an easy/a soft touch **at** ↑touch _{n.}

Idiom: ↑have a soft spot for somebody

Derived Word ↑softness

Word Origin:

Old English *sōfte* 'agreeable, calm, gentle', of West Germanic origin; related to Dutch *zacht* and German *sanft*.

Thesaurus:

soft *adj.*

1.

- a soft cheese with a hard rind

spongy • |informal **squishy** • |often approving **moist** • |usually disapproving **soggy** • • **mushy** • • **slimy** • |informal, usually disapproving approving **gooey** •

Opp: firm, **Opp:** hard

a soft/spongy/soggy/goeey **mass**

a soft/goeey/slimy **substance**

a soft/spongy **texture**

2.

- He chose some soft background music and lit the candles.

quiet • • **faint** • • **hushed** • • **muffled** • • **inaudible** • |written **dull** •

Opp: loud

a soft/quiet/faint/hushed/muffled/inaudible **voice**

a soft/quiet/faint/muffled/dull **sound**

a soft/faint/muffled/dull **noise/thud/thump**

Example Bank:

- The fabric has a beautifully soft texture.
- These tomatoes have gone all soft.
- Critics say that this soft approach to truancy has failed.
- He chose some soft background music and lit the candles.
- He sank back gladly into the soft feather pillows.
- If you're too soft with these kids they'll never respect you.
- It is a soft cheese with a hard rind.
- Julia's soft heart was touched by his grief.
- She had a soft voice and a kind face.
- Soft lighting is often used by restaurants to create atmosphere.
- Soft margarine is better for you than butter or hard margarine.
- Soft rocks such as limestone are easily eroded.
- The kitchen was filled with the soft cosy glow of candlelight.
- The paint needs to be thinned in order to obtain softer tones.
- The roofs shone in the soft evening light.
- a colour scheme of soft pink and cream

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soft **S2** **W2** /sɒft \$ sɒft BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ *adjective* (comparative **softer**, superlative **softest**)

[**Word Family:** noun: ↑softness, ↑softener, **SOFTIE/SOFTY**; verb: ↑soften; adverb: ↑softly; adjective: ↑soft]

[**Language:** Old English; **Origin:** softe]

1. NOT HARD

a) not hard, firm, or stiff, but easy to press **OPP hard**:

- My feet sank into the soft ground.
- the softest sofa and pillows
- Cook the onions until they go soft.

b) less hard than average **OPP hard**:

- a soft lead pencil
- soft cheese

2. **NOT ROUGH** having a surface that is smooth and pleasant to touch **OPP rough**:

- a baby's soft skin
- The fur was soft to the touch.

3. **NOT LOUD** a soft sound or voice, or soft music, is quiet and pleasant to listen to **OPP loud, harsh**:

- soft music
- His voice was softer now.

4. **COLOUR/LIGHT** [only before noun] soft colours or lights are pleasant and relaxing because they are not too bright **OPP bright**:

- All the stores will be re-fitted with softer lighting.
- a soft shade of peach

5. **NO HARD EDGES** not having any hard edges or sharp angles:

- soft curves

6. **RAIN/WIND** gentle and without much force:

- a soft breeze
- soft rain

7. **NOT STRICT** someone who is soft seems weak because they are not strict enough with other people **OPP strict, tough**:

- If you appear to be soft, people take advantage of you.

soft on

- No politician wants to seem soft on crime.
- Courts have been taking a soft line (=not being strict enough) with young offenders.

8. **SENSITIVE** kind, gentle, and sympathetic to other people **OPP hard**:

- He has a soft heart beneath that cold exterior.
- a soft kiss

9. **WEAK CHARACTER** not very brave and not having a strong character **OPP hard**:

- Don't be soft – just jump!

10. **SALES/MARKETS** decreasing in price, value, or the amount sold:

- soft oil prices

11. **soft loan/credit** money that is lent at a lower interest rate than usual, because it will be used to help people in some way

12. **soft money** money that people, companies, or organizations give to political parties, rather than to a particular [↑]candidate

13. **TOO EASY** *informal* a soft job, life etc is too easy and does not involve much work or hard physical work:

- Mike's found himself a soft job in the stores.

soft option *British English* (=a choice that allows you to avoid difficulties or hard work)

- Taking the soft option won't help your career to develop.

14. **WEAK BODY** *informal* having a body that is not in a strong physical condition, because you do not do enough exercise:

- He'd got soft after all those years in a desk job.

15. **WATER** soft water does not contain many minerals, so that it forms bubbles from soap easily

16. **have a soft spot for somebody** to continue to like someone even when they do not behave well:

- She's always had a soft spot for Grant.

17. **a soft touch** *informal* someone from whom you can easily get what you want, because they are kind or easy to deceive

18. **soft in the head** *old-fashioned* very stupid or crazy

19. **STUPID** *British English* stupid or silly:

- You must be soft if you think I'll give you fifty quid!

20. **be soft on somebody** *old-fashioned* to be sexually attracted to someone

21. **CONSONANTS** *technical* not sounding hard:

- a soft g

—**softly** *adverb*:

- She stroked his head softly.
- Music played softly in the background.

—**softness** *noun* [uncountable]

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THESAURUS

- soft** not hard, firm, or stiff, but easy to press: a soft mattress | Her skin was lovely and soft. | soft ground
- tender** used about meat or vegetables that are soft and easy to cut, especially because they have been well cooked: The beef was very tender. | Cook the carrots until tender.
- soggy** very wet and too soft, in a way that seems unpleasant – used about bread, vegetables, and the ground: soggy cabbage | a piece of soggy bread | The ground was too soggy to walk on.
- squishy** soft and easy to press – used especially about fruit that is too soft, and about soft wet ground which makes a noise when you walk on it: squishy tomatoes | The leaves were squishy under our feet.
- squashy** *British English* soft and easy to press – used especially about fruit that is too soft, and about chairs that are soft and comfortable: The peaches have gone all squashy. | a big squashy sofa
- mushy** used about fruit or vegetables that are very soft, wet, and unpleasant, because they are not fresh or have been cooked for too long: mushy pieces of banana | a few mushy carrots

- **spongy** soft and full of holes that contain air or liquid like a sponge: a spongy foam | a spongy loaf | His boots sank into the spongy soil.
- **springy** used about something that is soft and comes back to its normal shape after being pressed or walked on: springy turf (=grass) | Her hair felt lovely and springy.
- **pliable** /'plaiəbəl/ used about a material or substance that can be bent or pressed without breaking or cracking: The clay was still pliable and not too dry.
- **yielding** *literary* used about a surface which is soft and will bend when you press it: yielding flesh

COLLOCATIONS CHECK

- **tender** meat/vegetables
- **soggy** ground/bread/vegetables/paper
- **squishy** fruit/ground
- **squashy** fruit/chair
- **mushy** fruit/vegetables
- **spongy** ground/texture/foam/loaf
- **springy** hair/turf/carpet
- **pliable** material/clay

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