

**brain**1. [breɪn] *n*

1. 1) головной мозг

disease of the brain - болезнь мозга

to blow out one's brains - пустить себе пулю в лоб

2) *pl* мозги (*кушанье*)2. 1) *обыкн. pl разг.* рассудок, разум; умственные способности; интеллект ум

powerful [weak, clear] brain - могучий [слабый, светлый] ум

use your brains! - шевели мозгами!, подумай!

that's beyond my brain - это выше моего понимания, это недоступно моему уму

2) (a brain) *разг.* умник, умница, «голова», мыслящая личность3. *pl кино проф.* киносценарист, автор литературного сценария4. *проф.* электронный мозг (*ЭВМ*)

◇ to crack one's brain(s) - спянуть, свихнуться

to cudgel /to beat, to puzzle, to rack, to drag/ one's brains about /with/ smth. - ломать себе голову над чем-л.

to have smth. on the brain - только и думать о чём-л., увлекаться чем-л., помешаться на чём-л.

to make smb.'s brain reel - поразить /ошеломить/ кого-л.

to pick /to suck/ smb.'s brains - использовать чужие мысли, присваивать чужие идеи

to turn smb.'s brain - а) вызывать головокружение у кого-л.; б) вскружить кому-л. голову

to tax one's brain - поставить перед собой трудную задачу

to have one's brains on ice - сохранять ледяное спокойствие

it soaked into his brain - ему это стало совершенно ясно, это дошло до его сознания

an idle brain is the devil's workshop - ≅ лень - мать всех пороков

2. [breɪn] *v*

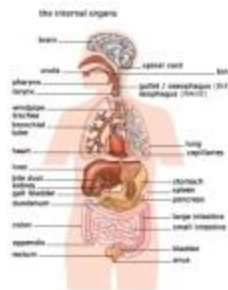
размножить голову

**brain**

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**brain** [brain brains brained brainning] *noun, verb* *BrE* [breɪn] <sup>ⓘ</sup> *NAmE* [breɪn] <sup>ⓘ</sup>*noun***IN HEAD**1. **countable** the organ inside the head that controls movement, thought, memory and feeling

- damage to the brain
- brain cells
- She died of a brain tumour.
- a device to measure brain activity during sleep

**FOOD**2. **brains plural** the **brain** of an animal, eaten as food

- sheep's brains

**INTELLIGENCE**3. **uncountable, countable, usually plural** the ability to learn quickly and think about things in a logical and intelligent way

- It doesn't take much brain to work out that both stories can't be true.
- Teachers spotted that he had a good brain at an early age.
- You need brains as well as brawn (= intelligence as well as strength) to do this job.

**see also** ↑no-brainer**INTELLIGENT PERSON**4. **countable, usually plural** (informal) an intelligent person

- one of the best scientific brains in the country

5. **the brains singular** the most intelligent person in a particular group; the person who is responsible for thinking of and organizing sth

- He's always been the brains of the family.
- The band's drummer is **the brains behind** their latest venture

**more at** beat your brains out **at** ↑beat *v.*, blow your/sb's brains out **at** ↑blow *v.*, cudgel your brains **at** ↑cudgel *v.*, pick sb's brains **at**↑pick *v.*, rack your brains **at** ↑rack *v.*Word Origin:Old English brægen, of West Germanic origin; related to Dutch **brein**.

Thesaurus:

**brain** noun C

1.

- The scan showed no damage to the brain.

**mind** • • **head** • • **subconscious** •

the **human** brain/mind

**deep in** the brain/your mind/your subconscious

2. U, C, usually pl.

- She must have inherited her mother's brains.

**intelligence** • • **intellect** • • **wits** • • **mind** • • **genius** • |AmE, informal **smarts** •

(a) **great** brain/intelligence/intellect/mind/genius

**have** a ... brain/intelligence/intellect/...wits/a ... mind/genius/smarts

**use** your brain/intelligence/wits/mind/smarts

Example Bank:

- He had a brain scan to search for possible damage.
- He has sex on the brain= thinks about nothing but sex.
- He put a gun to his head and threatened to blow his brains out.
- He was found to have a blood clot on his brain.
- He was the brains behind the robberies.
- He's got football on the brain.
- His brain reeled as he realized the implication of his dismissal.
- I need to pick your brains: what can you tell me about credit unions?
- It's important to keep your brain ticking over.
- My tired brain couldn't cope with such a complex problem.
- She has a good brain for mathematics.
- The left brain controls the right-hand side of the body.
- The stopping distance includes the time taken for the brain to register the need to stop.
- They relied on brains rather than brawn.
- We racked our brains but we couldn't come up with a solution.
- While cleaning his shotgun he had accidentally blown his own brains out.
- Electrodes were used to measure brain activity during sleep.
- Fruit eating primates have relatively larger brains than those that eat leaves.
- Jack's got the brain to realize that the money won't last forever
- She must have inherited her mother's brains.
- She's always been the brains of the family.
- Teachers spotted early on that he had a good brain.
- The band's drummer is the brains behind their latest venture
- The scan apparently showed no damage to the brain.
- We have the best scientific brains in the country working on this.
- You need brains as well as brawn to do this job.

Idiom: ↑ **have something on the brain**

**verb ~ sb/sth/yourself** (informal)

to kill a person or an animal by hitting them very hard on the head

- I nearly brained myself on that low beam.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	brain
	BrE /breɪn/
	NAmE /breɪn/
he / she / it	brains
	BrE /breɪnz/
	NAmE /breɪnz/
past simple, past participle	brained
	BrE /breɪnd/
	NAmE /breɪnd/
-ing form	braining
	BrE /breɪnɪŋ/
	NAmE /breɪnɪŋ/

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



1. **ORGAN** [countable] the organ inside your head that controls how you think, feel, and move:

- Messages from the brain are carried by the central nervous system.
- the chemistry of the brain
- the human brain

the right/left hemisphere of the brain (=the right or left side of the brain)

- Emotional responses are a function of the right hemisphere of the brain.
- She died of a brain tumour.

brain tissue/cell

2. **INTELLIGENCE** [countable usually plural, uncountable] the ability to think clearly and learn quickly:

- If you had any brains, you'd know what I meant.
- The job requires brains.
- Something's addled your brains (=made you confused).
- Come on, use your brain, John.

3. **PERSON** [countable usually plural] *informal* someone who is intelligent, with good ideas and useful skills:

- Some of our best brains are leaving the country to work in the US. ⇒ **↑brain drain**

4. **FOOD** [uncountable] (also **brains** [plural]) the brain of an animal, used as food

5. **have something on the brain** *informal* to be always thinking about something:

- I've got that song on the brain today.

6. **be the brains behind/of something** to be the person who thought of and developed a particular plan, system, or organization, especially a successful one:

- Danny's definitely the brains of the project.

7. **brain dead**

a) in a state where your brain has stopped working properly, even though your heart may still be beating

b) *informal* in a state in which you seem stupid or uninteresting, especially because you live a boring life or are very tired

8. **something is not brain surgery** *informal* used to say that something is not difficult to do

⇒ **↑bird-brain**, **↑hare-brained** ⇒ **beat your brains out** at **↑beat<sup>1</sup>(22)**, ⇒ **pick sb's brains** at **↑pick<sup>1</sup>(7)**, ⇒ **rack your brain(s)** at **↑rack<sup>2</sup>(2)**

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**COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)**

■ **verbs**

- have brains** You should have more brains than to smoke.
- use your brain** It's easy if you just use your brain.
- rack your brains** (=try very hard to think of something) If we all rack our brains we should come up with some ideas.
- pick sb's brains** (=ask someone for ideas) I thought I'd pick Greg's brains about what to take with us.
- it takes/requires brains to do something** It takes brains to think of a plan like that.
- something addles your brain** (=makes you unable to think clearly) The alcohol had addled his brain.

■ **adjectives**

- a good/quick brain** It was obvious that Ann had a good brain.

II. **brain**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>AmE</sup> *verb* [transitive] *informal*

to hit someone very hard on the head – used humorously:

- I wanted to brain him.

**brain**

12500 **1693**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **1250**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **2k BRAIN** 35562

brain 30214

brains 4869

brainy 317

brainier 12

brainiest 9

braininess 6

brainless 135

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

11403 **1398**<sup>30108</sup> *nn1*

8 **149306**<sup>28</sup> *np1*

24 **150580**<sup>27</sup> *nnu*  
23 **153761**<sup>26</sup> *vv0*  
11 **245986**<sup>11</sup> *vvi*  
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