

grey

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1. [greɪ] *n*

1. 1) серый цвет

dull grey - тускло-серый цвет

charcoal grey - тёмно-серый цвет

2) оттенок серого цвета

3) серая краска

to paint smth. with grey - окрасить что-л. серой краской, окрасить что-л. в серый цвет

2. 1) серая материя

to dress in grey - одеваться в серое

2) неотбелённая материя

goods in the grey, greys - изделия из сырцовых /суровых, некрашенных, небелёных/ тканей

3. лошадь серой масти

4. седина

the grey of /in/ his hair - седина в его волосах

his hair is touched with grey - его голова тронута сединой

5. сумрак

the grey of the dawn - предрассветная мгла

the grey of the morning - сумрачное утро

6. (the Greys) *pl* (*сокр. от Scots Greys*) драгуны (2-й драгунский полк армии Великобритании)7. *амер. исм.* военная форма солдат армии южан (во время гражданской войны 1861-1865 гг.)

to wear the grey - носить военную форму южан; быть солдатом армии южан, быть конфедератом

8. *pl разг.* серые фланелевые брюки2. [greɪ] *a*

1. 1) серый

grey eyes - серые глаза

grey horse - серая лошадь

grey wash - серая акварель

painted grey - окрашенный в серый цвет

at sunset the room fills with grey shadows - вечером комната наполняется серыми тенями

2) серый; землистого цвета; «зелёный»

ashen grey - мертвенно-бледный

to turn /to become/ grey - сделаться бледным /серым/

his face looked grey - у него был серый /усталый/ вид

2. седой; сивый

grey hair - седые волосы

grey hairs - седины; старость

to turn /to become/ grey - седесть; стареть, стариться

to grow grey in the service - поседесть /состариться/ на службе

to worry oneself grey - поседесть от беспокойства

3. 1) пасмурный, сумрачный

grey day - серый /пасмурный/ день

grey sky - серое /пасмурное/ небо

grey light - сумрачный свет

2) мрачный, безрадостный

grey thoughts - мрачные мысли

grey life - безрадостная /невесёлая/ жизнь

the future looked grey to him - будущее представлялось ему мрачным

4. *текст.* неотбелённый◇ grey market - толкучка (*рынок*)

the grey mare is the better horse - ≅ жена - в доме глава

3. [greɪ] *v*

1. 1) делать серым

2) делаться серым, сереть

2. седесть

II

[greɪ] *n физ.*

грей (единица дозы облучения)

grey

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

grey [grey greys greyed greying greyer greyest] (especially BrE) (NAme usually**gray**) adjective, noun, verb BrE [greɪ] ¹ NAme [greɪ] ²

adjective

1. having the colour of smoke or ashes

- grey eyes/hair
- wisps of grey smoke
- a grey suit

2. not usually before noun having grey hair

- He's gone very grey.
- 3. (of the sky or weather) dull; full of clouds
 - grey skies
 - I hate these grey days.
- 4. (of a person's skin colour) pale and dull, because they are ill/sick, tired or sad
 - The next morning she looked very grey and hollow-eyed.
- 5. without interest or variety; making you feel sad
 - Life seems grey and pointless without him.
- 6. (disapproving) not interesting or attractive
 - The company was full of faceless grey men who all looked the same.
- 7. only before noun connected with old people
 - the grey vote
 - grey power

Word Origin:

Old English græƿg, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **grauw** and German **grau**.

Example Bank:

- She was completely grey by the age of thirty.
- The sky looks very grey. I think it's going to rain.
- a light grey suit
- He'd turned quite grey.
- The old man's beard was mostly grey.
- His face was grey with pain.
- It is thought of as a city of grey bureaucracy.
- Ours is a company that isn't run by grey men in suits.
- She had to talk to some grey under-secretary from the Ministry.

Derived Word †greyness

noun

1. **uncountable, countable** the colour of smoke or ashes
 - the dull grey of the sky
 - dressed in grey
2. **countable** a grey or white horse
 - She's riding the grey.

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verb intransitive (of hair)

to become grey

- His hair was greying at the sides.
- a tall woman with greying hair

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	grey
	BrE /greɪ/
	NAmE /greɪ/
he / she / it	greys
	BrE /greɪz/
	NAmE /greɪz/
past simple, past participle	greyed
	BrE /greɪd/
	NAmE /greɪd/
-ing form	greying
	BrE /greɪɪŋ/
	NAmE /greɪɪŋ/

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See also: †gray ▪ †grayness

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1. **grey**¹ **S2 W2** BrE " AmE " British English, **gray** American English /greɪ/ adjective

1. **COLOUR** having the colour of dark clouds, neither black nor white:

- " an old lady with grey hair
- " a grey sky

dark/light grey

- " dark grey trousers ⇒ †battleship grey, †iron-grey, ⇒ slate grey at †slate¹(3)

2. **HAIR** having grey hair

go/turn grey

She was a tall thin woman who had gone grey early.

3. **FACE** looking pale because you are tired, frightened, or ill

grey with

As he listened, his face went grey with shock.

4. **BORING** boring and unattractive **OPP** colourful:

the grey anonymous men in government offices

visions of a grey and empty world

5. **WEATHER** if the weather is grey, the sky is full of clouds and the sun is not bright **OPP** bright:

a grey day

6. **OF OLD PEOPLE** [only before noun] *British English* connected with old people:

the grey vote

7. **grey area** used to talk about a situation in which something is not clearly a particular thing, so that people are not sure how to deal with it:

people in the grey area between loyalty and opposition to the government

—greyness *noun* [uncountable]

II. **grey**² *BrE* *AmE* *British English*, **gray** *American English* *noun*

[uncountable and countable] the colour of dark clouds, neither black nor white:

Do you have these skirts in grey?

dull greys and browns

III. **grey**³ *BrE* *AmE* *British English*, **gray** *American English* *verb*

[intransitive] if someone greys, their hair becomes grey:

Jim was greying a little at the temples.

a full head of greying hair

grey

Frequency Pack

12500 **1942**^{MCW}

15000 **1712**^{COCA}

RANGE: **2k** GREY ³⁰⁰⁷⁵

grey ³⁴²⁰

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greyly ⁰

greyish ²⁰

greyness ²¹

gray ²⁵²⁴⁴

grayly ⁶

grayish ³⁰⁸

grayness ¹²⁰

graying ⁸²⁰

greying ³⁷

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

998 **14884**¹⁷¹⁵ *jj*

704 **15547**¹⁶¹¹ *np1*

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