

**silent**1. ['saɪlənt] *n* (обыкн. *the silents*) *разг.*

немой фильм

in the days of the silents - в эпоху немого кино

2. ['saɪlənt] *a*

1) молчаливый; бессловесный; безмолвный

silent film [scene] - немой фильм [-ая сцена]

silent longing - молчаливая /скрытая/ тоска

silent system - *юр.* режим, запрещающий общение заключённых между собой

silent with surprise - онемевший от удивления

to be silent about /concerning, on/ smth. - молчать о чём-л.

2) умалчивающий (о чём-л.)

history is silent on this matter - история об этом умалчивает

we will be silent about your conduct - о вашем поведении мы говорить не будем

3) немногословный, замкнутый

a stern silent man - суровый, молчаливый человек

2. 1) тихий, спокойный

the silent hills - мирные холмы

2) бесшумный

the engine is very silent - мотор работает бесшумно

silent chain - *мех.* бесшумная /зубчатая/ цепь

3. непроизносимый, немой (о букве)

\*\*b\*\* is silent in \*\*doubt\*\* - в слове doubt буква b не читается

4. бездействующий

silent volcano - потухший вулкан

silent infection - *мед.* дремлющая инфекция

the machine has been silent for three months - машина не работает уже три месяца

5. не имеющий запаха (о *spirite*)

silent spirit - очищенный спирт

**silent**

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**si-lent** *BrE* ['saɪlənt] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* ['saɪlənt] <sup>ˈ</sup> **adjective**

1. (of a person) not speaking

• to **remain /stay/keep silent**

• They huddled together in silent groups.

• As the curtain rose, the audience **fell silent** .• He gave me **the silent treatment** (= did not speak to me because he was angry) .2. **only before noun** (especially of a man) not talking very much**Syn:** ↑quiet• He's the **strong silent** type.

3. where there is little or no sound; making little or no sound

**Syn:** ↑quiet• At last the traffic **fell silent** .

• The streets were silent and deserted.

4. **only before noun** not expressed with words or sound• a **silent prayer/protest**• They nodded in **silent agreement** .

5. ~ (on/about sth) not giving information about sth; refusing to speak about sth

• The report is strangely silent on this issue.

• the right to **remain silent** (= the legal right not to say anything when you are arrested)6. **only before noun** (of old films /movies) with pictures but no sound• a **silent film/movie**• stars of the **silent screen**

7. (of a letter in a word) written but not pronounced

• The 'b' in 'lamb' is silent.

Word Origin:late 15th cent. (in the sense 'not speaking'): from Latin **silent-** 'being silent', from the verb **silere**.Thesaurus:**silent** [**silent**] **adj.**

1.

• The crowd remained silent.

**speechless** • **dumb** • |**literary** **mute** •speechless/dumb **with** rage/anger2. **only before noun**

• He's the strong, silent type.

**quiet** • **reserved** • |**formal** **reticent** • **taciturn** •a silent/quiet/reserved/reticent **person/man**

He's the silent/quiet **type**.

**strangely** silent/quiet/reticent

3.

- The streets were silent and deserted.

**quiet** • • **peaceful** • • **calm** • |written **tranquil** •

**Opp:** noisy

a silent/quiet/peaceful/calm/tranquil **place /village /town**

4.

- She said a silent prayer.

**inaudible** • • **quiet** •

silent/quiet **laughter**

Example Bank:

- I could not keep silent any longer.
- Len remained obstinately silent.
- She sat silent throughout the meal.
- The crowd fell silent as she began to speak.
- The new bus is virtually silent.
- The report was silent on that subject.
- The room grew silent as the men entered.
- The street lay silent and deserted.
- The street was strangely silent.
- They had kept remarkably silent about their intentions.
- This is a subject about which the official documents are ominously silent.
- an issue about which the researchers are largely silent
- As darkness began to fall, the cannon fell silent.
- As the curtain rose, the audience fell silent.
- He's the strong, silent type.
- She closed her eyes to say a silent prayer.
- They nodded in silent agreement.
- We were asked to remain silent for two minutes.

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[Word Family: noun: ↑silence, ↑silencer; verb: ↑silence; adverb: ↑silently; adjective: ↑silent]

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Latin; Origin: present participle of silere 'to be silent']

**1. NOT SPEAKING**

**a) not saying anything:**

" Alan was silent.

**remain/stay/keep silent**

" She kept silent, forcing Buchanan to continue.

" The crowd **fell silent** (=became silent) when the President appeared.

**b) [only before noun] not talking much to other people**

**the strong silent type** (=a man who looks strong and does not talk very much)

**REGISTER**

**Silent** is used mainly in writing. In everyday English, people usually use **not say anything** rather than **be silent**:

- She **didn't say anything**, so I carried on.
- The article **doesn't say anything** about religion.

**2. NOT COMMUNICATING** failing or refusing to talk about something or express an opinion

**silent on/about**

" The report was silent on the subject.

**3. QUIET** without any sound, or not making any sound:

" The large house was silent and lonely.

" At last the guns **fell silent**.

" Julie offered up a silent prayer that she would pass her exam.

**as silent as the grave** (=completely silent in a mysterious or uncomfortable way)

**4. FILMS [only before noun]** a silent film has pictures but no sound

**5. LETTER** a silent letter in a word is not pronounced:

" The 'w' in 'wreck' is silent.

**—silently** adverb:

" He sat silently by the bed.

**silent**

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