

1. [wet] *n*

1. влажность; сырость
2. дождливая погода
come in out of the wet - входите, не стойте под дождём
3. сырая почва
4. **амер.** сторонник свободной продажи алкогольных напитков
5. **сл.** выпивка; спиртные напитки
6. **сл.** ничтожный, никчёмный человек

2. [wet] *a*

1. мокрый; влажный, сырой
wet clothes - мокрая одежда
wet timber - сырая древесина
wet paint - непросохшая краска
Wet Paint - «осторожно, окрашено»
wet with rain [with tears] - мокрый от дождя [от слёз]
grass wet with dew - росистая трава
wringing wet - мокрый, хоть выжми
he is dripping wet - он насквозь промок, он вымок до нитки
wet to the skin, wet through - промокший насквозь /до нитки/
to get wet - промокнуть
wet dock - **мор.** мокрый док; приливной бассейн
wet pack - **мед.** влажное обёртывание
wet ground - **геол.** водоносная порода, пльвун
wet from the press - свежий, только что отпечатанный(о газете); сырой (об отпусках)

2. дождливый, сырой

- wet day - дождливый день
wet spell - период дождей /ненастья/
Scotland gave us a wet welcome - **образн.** Шотландия встретила нас дождём

3. жидкий

- wet mud - жидкая грязь
wet goods - **мор.** жидкий груз (в таре)
wet fuel - жидкое топливо

4. слезливый; плаксивый

- wet smile - улыбка сквозь слёзы

5. **амер.** стоящий за разрешение свободной продажи алкогольных напитков, «мокрый»

- wet state [town] - штат [город], где разрешена продажа алкогольных напитков
wet candidate - кандидат, обязавшийся отстаивать свободу торговли алкогольными напитками
wet canteen - военно-торговый магазин, продающий напитки

6. 1) **разг.** пьяный, подвыпивший2) **сл.** пьянствующий, страдающий запоями7. **сл.** глупый, несуразный

- to talk wet - говорить ерунду
you're all wet - это совсем не так, ≅ попал пальцем в небо
the explanation is wet - это объяснение не выдерживает критики

8. **спец.** мокрый (о процессе)9. **мед.** мокнущий

- wet pleurisy - экссудативный плеврит
◇ wet cup - **мед.** кровососная банка
wet wash - а) бельё, получаемое из прачечной в невысушенном виде; б) стирка (в отличие от химчистки)
wet ship - **мор.** «мокрое» судно (подверженное сильному заливанию волной)
wet fish - а) солёная рыба; б) свежая рыба
wet specimens - **спец.** заспиртованные/хранящиеся в банках со спиртом/ препараты, образцы **и т. п.**
wet sock - **амер. сл.** а) нудная личность; б) вялое рукопожатие
wet smack - **амер. сл.** скучный тип, зануда
wet behind the ears - **сл.** неопытный, незрелый, «зелёный»; ≅ молоко на губах не обсохло
to come with a wet sail - ≅ лететь/нестись/ на всех парусах, идти семимильными шагами

3. [wet] *v* (wet, wetted [-{wet}ɪd])

1. мочить, смачивать, увлажнять

- to wet with water - облить/смочить/ водой
don't wet your feet - не промочите ноги
to wet one's bed - **эвф.** страдать ночным недержанием мочи

2. промокнуть

- to wet the skin - промокнуть до нитки

3. **разг.** (в)спрыснуть

- to wet a bargain - (в)спрыснуть сделку
to wet one's whistle - **шутл.** выпить, промочить горло
to wet the other eye - выпить вторую рюмку

4. заливать водой (тлеющие углы **и т. п.**; **обыкн.** wet down)

5. (обыкн. wet out)

1) размачивать

2) промывать

wet

wet [wet wetter wettest] adjective, verb, noun BrE [wet] ^ˈ NAmE [wet] ^ˈ

adjective (wet-ter, wet-test)

1. covered with or containing liquid, especially water

- wet clothes
- wet grass
- You'll **get wet** (= in the rain) if you go out now.
- Try not to get your shoes wet.
- His face was wet with tears.
- We were all **soaking wet** (= extremely wet) .
- Her hair was still **dripping wet** .
- My shirt was **wet through** (= completely wet) .

2. (of weather, etc.) with rain

- a wet day
- a wet climate
- **It's wet** outside.
- It's going to be wet tomorrow.
- It was the wettest October for many years.
- The weather will be wet and windy in the south.

3. (of paint, ink, etc.) not yet dry

- Keep off! Wet paint.

4. if a child or its [↑]nappy is wet, its [↑]nappy is full of [↑]urine

5. (BrE) (of a person) (informal, disapproving) lacking a strong character

Syn: [↑]feeble **Syn:** [↑]wimpish

- 'Don't be so wet,' she laughed.

more at get your feet wet **at** [↑]foot _{n.}

Word Origin:

Old English wæt (adjective and noun), wætan (verb); related to [↑]water.

Synonyms:

wet

moist • damp • soaked • drenched • saturated

These words all describe things covered with or full of liquid, especially water.

wet • covered with or full of liquid, especially water: ▪ The car had skidded on the wet road. ◇ ▪ You'll get wet ▪ (= in the rain) ▪ if you go out now.

moist • slightly wet, often in a way that is pleasant or useful: ▪ a lovely rich moist cake

damp • slightly wet, often in a way that is unpleasant: ▪ The cottage was cold and damp.

soaked • (rather informal) very wet: ▪ You're soaked through! ▪ (= completely wet)

drenched • very wet: ▪ We were caught in the storm and came home drenched to the skin.

soaked or drenched?

Both of these words can be used with **with** or **in**: ▪ soaked/drenched with/in sweat/blood . **Soaked** but not usually **drenched** can also be used before a noun: ▪ their soaked clothes ◇ their drenched clothes

saturated • very wet: ▪ The ground is completely saturated: it would be pointless to plant anything.

wet/moist/damp/soaked/drenched/saturated **with** sth

soaked/drenched **in** sth

sb's **coat/shirt/shoes/clothes/hair** is/are wet/damp/soaked/drenched

wet/moist/damp/saturated **ground/earth**

to **get** wet/moist/damp/soaked/drenched/saturated

Example Bank:

- It's still a little wet outside.
- Mind you don't get your feet wet.
- The grass was wet with dew.
- The weather may turn wet later on in the week.
- We got soaking wet just going from the car to the house.
- We were wet through and cold.
- permanently wet conditions
- Her hair was still dripping wet.
- My shirt was wet through.
- The car had skidded in the wet road.
- We were all soaking wet.
- What's the best thing to do with young children on a wet day?
- You'll get wet if you go out now.

Idioms: [↑]all wet ▪ [↑]wet behind the ears ▪ [↑]wet the bed ▪ [↑]wet your pants ▪ [↑]wet yourself

verb (wet·ting, wet, wet or wet·ting, wet·ted, wet·ted)~ sth

to make sth wet

- Wet the brush slightly before putting it in the paint.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	wet
	BrE /wet/
	NAmE /wet/
he / she / it	wets
	BrE /wets/
	NAmE /wets/
past simple, past participle	wet
	BrE /wet/
	NAmE /wet/wetted
	BrE /wetɪd/
	NAmE /wetɪd/
-ing form	wetting
	BrE /wetɪŋ/
	NAmE /wetɪŋ/

Word Origin:

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Example Bank:

- Wet the towel slightly with warm water.
- Wet your hair thoroughly before applying the shampoo.
- He wet his finger to test the wind.

noun

1. the wet singular wet weather; rain

- Come in out of the wet.

2. uncountable liquid, especially water

- The dog shook the wet from its coat.
- I could feel the wet of her tears.

3. countable (BrE, disapproving) a conservative politician who supports ↑moderate policies rather than extreme ones

- Tory wets

4. countable (BrE, informal, disapproving) a person who lacks a strong character

Syn: ↑wimp

- Don't be such a wet!

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Culture:

In the context of politics the word **wet** was used by Margaret Thatcher in the 1980s to insult the members of her own party who did not agree with some of her more **right-wing** policies. Later, moderate members of the ↑ConservativeParty began to refer to themselves as wets.

Example Bank:

- Materials such as cement and plaster must be stored out of the wet.
- We faced a long, cold walk home in the dark and the wet.

wet

I. **wet**¹ **S2 W3** /wet/ BrE^u AmE^u adjective (comparative **wetter**, superlative **wettest**)

[Language: Old English; Origin: wæƿt]



1. WATER/LIQUID covered in or full of water or another liquid **OPP** dry:

I've washed your shirt but it's still wet.

wet grass

get (something) wet

Take an umbrella or you'll get wet.

wet with

His face was wet with sweat.

The man in the boat was wet through (=completely wet).

soaking/dripping/sopping wet (=very wet)

The towel was soaking wet.

2. WEATHER rainy:

There's more wet weather on the way.

It's very wet outside.

the wettest summer on record

3. PAINT/INK ETC not yet dry:

The paint's still wet.

4. PERSON *British English informal* someone who is wet does not have a strong character, or is not willing to do something that you think they should do – used to show disapproval:

Don't be so wet! Just tell them you don't want to go.

5. BABY if a child or its nappy is wet, the nappy is full of urine

6. somebody is all wet *American English informal* someone is completely wrong

7. be wet behind the ears *informal* very young and without much experience of life

—wetly *adverb*

—wetness *noun* [uncountable]

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COLLOCATIONS

adverbs

- soaking/sopping/wringing wet (=very wet) His suit was soaking wet.
- dripping wet (=so wet that water is dripping off) She was dripping wet.
- wet through (=with every part very wet) It never stopped raining and our clothes were wet through.

verbs

- get wet We both got very wet when we tried to give the dog a bath.
- get something wet I didn't want to get my feet wet.

phrases

- cold and wet I was too cold and wet to keep going.
- wet and muddy His boots were wet and muddy.

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THESAURUS

- wet covered in water or another liquid: I've just washed my hair and it's still wet. | You'd better change out of those wet clothes.
- damp slightly wet: Wipe the surfaces with a damp cloth. | The sheets are still a little damp. | The grass was still too damp to sit on.
- moist slightly wet, especially in a pleasant way – used about soil, food, or about someone's skin or eyes: It's important to keep the soil moist. | a delicious moist chocolate cake | Her eyes became moist (=she was almost crying).
- clammy feeling slightly wet, cold, and sticky – used about someone's skin, especially when they are nervous or ill: He had clammy hands. | Ruby was feverish and clammy with sweat.
- soggy unpleasantly wet and soft – used especially about food or the ground: a bowl of soggy rice | It had been raining hard and the ground was soggy underfoot.
- humid/muggy used when the weather is hot but the air feels wet in a way that makes you uncomfortable: Summers in Tokyo are hot and humid. | a hot muggy day | the humid heat of a tropical forest

very wet

- soaked [not before noun] very wet all the way through – used especially about people and their clothes: It absolutely poured with rain and we got soaked. | His shirt was soaked with blood.
- drenched [not before noun] very wet – used about a person or area after a lot of rain or water has fallen on them: Everyone got drenched when a huge wave hit the boat. | The garden was completely drenched after the rain.
- saturated extremely wet, and unable to take in any more water or liquid: His bandage was saturated with blood. | The floods were the result of heavy rainfall on already saturated soil.
- waterlogged /'wɔ:təlɒgd/ used about ground that has water on its surface because it is so wet that it cannot take in any more: The game was cancelled because the field was waterlogged.
- sodden *British English* very wet with water – used about clothes and the ground. **Sodden** is less common than **soaked**: The ground was still sodden. | He took off his sodden shirt.

II. wet² *BrE* *AmE* verb (past tense and past participle **wet or **wetted**, present participle **wetting**) [transitive]**

1. to make something wet:

Wet your hair and apply the shampoo.

2. to make yourself, your clothes, or your bed wet because you pass water from your body by accident

wet yourself

I nearly wet myself I was so scared.

Sam's wet his bed again.

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THESAURUS

- wet to put water or another liquid onto something to make it wet. In spoken English, people will often use **get something wet** rather than **wet**: He wet the washcloth and washed Tom's face.

- **splash** to make someone or something wet by making a lot of small drops of water fall onto them: The kids were playing around in the pool, splashing each other. | I accidentally splashed soup onto my shirt.
- **soak** to put something in water for a long time or to make something very wet – use this especially when something is put into water or the water comes up from underneath to make it wet: Soak the beans overnight before cooking. | The rain had come in through the bottom of our tent and completely soaked our clothes.
- **drench** to make someone or something extremely wet with a large amount of water – use this especially when water is poured or falls on something: He drenched us all with the hose. | Her shirt was drenched in sweat.
- **saturate** *formal* to completely cover or fill something with liquid, so that it is wet all the way through: Heavy rains had saturated the ground.
- **flood** to cover an area of land with a large amount of water: Farmers flood the fields in order to grow rice.
- **moisten** to make something slightly wet by putting a small amount of water or another liquid on it, especially to stop it from getting too dry: Add just enough water to moisten the cake mixture. | Tom paused and moistened his lips.
- **dampen** to make something slightly wet by putting a little water on it: Rain came in through the window, dampening the curtains

III. **wet**³ *BrE* *AmE* *noun*

1. **the wet** the rain

in the wet

" The path is steep and dangerous in the wet.

2. [countable] *British English* a politician who belongs to the ↑*conservative* party, and who supports very ↑*moderate* ideas – used to show disapproval:

" Tory wets

3. [countable] *British English informal* someone who does not have a strong character, or is not willing to do something that you think they should do – used to show disapproval:

" Go on! Don't be such a wet!

wet

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