

**darkness**[ˈdɑːknɪs] *n*

1. темнота; мрак; ночь
2. 1) тёмный цвет, тёмный фон  
2) смуглость
3. мрачность  
the darkness of despair - мрачное отчаяние; безысходность отчаяния
4. слепота
5. 1) темнота; невежество  
2) тьма (*особ. библич.*)  
the powers of darkness - силы тьмы  
the deeds of darkness - тёмные дела
6. секретность, тайна
7. неясность, загадочность, смутность  
the darkness of a subject - неясность темы
8. *воен.* затемнение
9. *косм.* тень (Земли)  
◇ pitch darkness - тьма крошечная  
Egyptian darkness - тьма египетская

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**dark-ness** [darkness darknesses] *BrE* ['dɑːknəʃ] *NAme* ['dɑːrkneʃ] *noun***uncountable**

1. the state of being dark, without any light
  - After a few minutes our eyes got used to the darkness.
  - The house was plunged into **total darkness** when the electricity was cut off.
  - The sun went down and **darkness fell** (= it became night) .
  - There is an extra hour of darkness on winter mornings.
  - Parking is not allowed during the **hours of darkness** .
  - Her face was **in darkness** .
  - They managed to escape **under cover of darkness** .
2. the quality or state of being dark in colour
  - It depends on the darkness of your skin.
3. (*literary*) **evil**
  - the forces of darkness

Thesaurus:**darkness** *noun U*

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**the dark** • • **blackness** • • **shadows** • | **literary gloom** •**Opp: light****in/into/out of/through** (the) darkness/dark/blackness/shadows/gloom**peer into** (the) darkness/dark/blackness/shadows/gloomyour **eyes adjust to/become accustomed to** the darkness/dark/gloomExample Bank:

- Her eyes seemed to glow in the darkness.
- It was becoming impossible to see the map in the gathering darkness.
- The bombing took place during the hours of darkness.
- The building was in darkness.
- The car disappeared into the darkness.
- The electricity failed and the house was plunged into darkness.
- The room was swallowed by darkness.
- The valley lay in darkness.
- They moved about under cover of darkness.
- They moved from place to place under cover of darkness.
- We arrived at the town just as darkness fell.
- We waited for the darkness to lift.
- the inky darkness of the tunnel
- Her face was in darkness.
- In the west the sun went down and darkness fell.
- Parking is not allowed during the hours of darkness.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**dark-ness** **W3** /'dɑːknəs, 'dɑːknəʃ/ 'dɑːrk- *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [uncountable][**Word Family**: **adjective**: ↑dark, darkened, darkening; **noun**: ↑dark, ↑darkness; **verb**: ↑darken; **adverb**: ↑darkly]

1. when there is no light:

the long hours of darkness during winter

**in darkness**

The lamp suddenly went out, leaving us in darkness.

**total/pitch/complete darkness**

- " The room was in total darkness.
- " We lit our campfire as darkness fell (=it became night).
- " He stared out the window at the gathering darkness (=the night slowly coming).

**2. evil or the devil:**

- " His smooth manner covered a heart of darkness.

**the forces/powers of darkness** (=the devil or evil people)

**3. the dark quality of a colour:**

- " the darkness of the lenses

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**COLLOCATIONS**

**■ adjectives**

- **complete/total darkness** It was late and all the houses in the village were in total darkness.
- **pitch darkness** (=complete darkness) We ended up coming down the mountain in pitch darkness.
- **deep/thick darkness** *literary*: All around her was the deep darkness of a winter night.
- **gathering/growing darkness** *literary* (=night that is slowly coming) The garden was almost invisible now in the gathering darkness.

**■ verbs**

- **darkness falls/comes** (also **darkness descends** *literary*) As darkness fell, rescue workers had to give up the search.
- **darkness closes in** *literary* (=it becomes darker outside) The rain turned to snow and darkness closed in.
- **be plunged into darkness** (=be suddenly in darkness because the lights go out) Suddenly the electricity went off and we were plunged into darkness.

**■ phrases**

- **the hours of darkness** (=the night) Desert animals come out during the hours of darkness when its cool.
- **under cover of darkness** (=when darkness makes you less likely to be seen) The attack was planned to take place under cover of darkness.

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