



• a pepper mill

see also ↑run-of-the-mill ↑treadmill

more at (all) grist to the/sb's mill at ↑grist

Word Origin:

Old English mylen, based on late Latin **molinum**, from Latin **mola** 'grindstone, mill', from **molere** 'to grind'.

Synonyms:

**factory**

plant • mill • works • yard • workshop • foundry

These are all words for buildings or places where things are made or where industrial processes take place.

**factory** • a building or group of buildings where goods are made: ▪ a chocolate/cigarette/clothing factory

**plant** • a factory or place where power is produced or an industrial process takes place: ▪ a nuclear power plant ◊▪ a manufacturing plant

**mill** • a factory that produces a particular type of material: ▪ a cotton/paper/textile/woollen mill

**works** • (often in compounds) a place where things are made or an industrial process takes place: ▪ a brickworks ◊▪ a steelworks ◊▪ Raw materials were carried to the works by barge.

**yard** • (usually in compounds) an area of land used for building sth: ▪ a shipyard

**workshop** • a room or building in which things are made or repaired using tools or machinery: ▪ a car repair workshop

**foundry** • a factory where metal or glass is melted and made into different shapes or objects: ▪ an iron foundry

a **car/chemical/munitions** factory/plant

an **engineering** plant/works

to **manage/run** a factory/plant/mill/works/yard/workshop/foundry

to **work in/at** a factory/plant/mill/yard/workshop/foundry

factory/mill/foundry **owners/managers/workers**

Example Bank:

- The mill can be seen grinding wheat.
- The mill has been converted into apartments.
- The river was harnessed to drive many mills.
- a northern mill town
- a cotton/paper/textile/woollen mill

Idioms: ↑go through the mill ▪ ↑put somebody through the mill

Derived ↑mill around

**verb often passive ~ sth**

to crush or ↑grind sth in a ↑mill

see also ↑milling

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	mill
	BrE /mɪl/
	NAme /mɪl/
he / she / it	mills
	BrE /mɪlz/
	NAme /mɪlz/
past simple, past participle	milled
	BrE /mɪld/
	NAme /mɪld/
-ing form	milling
	BrE /mɪlɪŋ/
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See also: ↑mill about

**mill**

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1. **mill** <sup>1</sup> /mɪl/ BrE <sup>2</sup> AmE <sup>3</sup> noun [countable]

[Sense 1-5: Language: Old English; Origin: mylen, from Late Latin molina, from Latin mola 'mill, millstone']

[Sense 6: Date: 1700-1800; Language: Latin; Origin: mille 'thousand']

[Sense 7: Date: 1900-2000; Origin: million]

1. **GRAIN** a building containing a large machine for crushing grain into flour

2. **COTTON/CLOTH/STEEL** a factory that produces materials such as cotton, cloth, or steel

cotton/steel/paper etc mill

▪ an old Victorian cotton mill

3. **coffee/pepper mill** a small machine for crushing coffee or pepper

4. **go through the mill** to go through a time when you experience a lot of difficulties and problems:

He's really been through the mill recently.

5. **put somebody through the mill** to make someone answer a lot of difficult questions or do a lot of difficult things in order to test them:

" It was a three-day course and they really put us through the mill.

6. **MONEY** *American English* a unit of money equal to 1/10 of a cent, used in setting taxes and for other financial purposes

7. **MILLION** *spoken* a million:

" Are you saying they paid a quarter of a mill for that house?

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## THESAURUS

- **factory** a building or group of buildings in which goods are produced in large quantities, using machines: She works in a chocolate factory. | a clothing factory
- **plant** a large factory where cars, chemicals, or energy is produced: Local residents are protesting about the new nuclear power plant. | a car plant | a nuclear power plant
- **facility** a factory. **Facility** is often used instead of **factory** in business English: The new production facility is one of the most up-to-date in the area.
- **works** used in the following compounds to describe a factory that produces a particular thing: a steelworks/ironworks/brickworks/a chemical/cement works/a printing works
- **mill** a factory that produces paper, cotton, or cloth: a paper mill | The textile mill has been converted into luxury flats.
- **shipyard** a place where ships are built or repaired: The vessel was built in the Kobe shipyard.
- **foundry** a factory where metal is made into things using ↑moulds: Mandela's statue was cast here in a local foundry.
- **sweatshop** *disapproving* a small factory where people work hard in bad conditions for very little money: The company was fined for selling goods produced in sweatshops.

II. **mill** <sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>1</sup> *AmE* <sup>1</sup> *verb* [transitive]

1. to crush grain, pepper etc in a mill:

" All our flours are milled using traditional methods.

" Add some freshly milled black pepper.

2. to press, roll, or shape metal in a machine

**mill around/about (something)** *phrasal verb informal*

if a lot of people mill around, they move around a place in different directions without any particular purpose:

" Crowds of students were milling around in the street.

" There were a lot of people milling around the entrance.

## mill

Frequency Pack

12500 **2668**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **3067**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **2k** **MILL** 15046

mill 4305

mills 5051

miller 3993

milled 502

millers 140

milling 1055

millings 0

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

2242 **8046**<sup>4177</sup> *nn1*

92 **74732**<sup>103</sup> *vv0*

15 **182905**<sup>19</sup> *np1*

6 **347615**<sup>6</sup> *nnu*