

seed

I

1. [si:d] *n*
 1. 1) семя, зерно; семечко
seeds of an apple - яблочные семечки
pomegranate seed - зёрнышко граната
 - 2) **собир.** семена
disease-treated seed - **с.-х.** протравленные/обеззараженные/ семена
to be kept for /as/ seed - быть оставленным на семена
to keep onions for seed - хранить лук на семена
going to seed - **с.-х.** пущенный на семена; годный на семена [**см. тж.** ◇]
seed potato - семенной картофель
seed stock - семенной фонд
seed year - **с.-х.** семенной год; год, урожайный на семена
seed farming - семенное хозяйство, семеноводство
seed certification - **с.-х.** апробация семян, семенной контроль
flowers raised from seed - цветы, выращенные из семян
 2. **спец.** сперма
 3. **тк. pl** посев, засеянная земля, земля под посевом
 4. **возвыш.** потомство; нисходящее поколение, племя
the seed of Abraham - **библ.** семя Авраамова
to raise up seed - иметь потомство
and all those of his seed - и всё его племя
 5. источник, начало
the seeds of war - семена войны
the seeds of decay [of disease, of enmity] - причины разрушения [болезни, вражды]
to (im)plant in smb. the seeds of love [of hate] - заронить в чью-л. душу семена любви [ненависти]
to sow the seeds of strife /of discord/ - сеять раздор
to sow the good seed - **книжн.** сеять добро
 6. **хим.** затравочный кристалл
 7. **редк.** зерно (корм для птицы)
◇ to go /to run/ to seed - а) пойти в семена; стать несъедобным (об огурце **и т. п.**); б) прийти в упадок; состариться, опуститься
she's beginning to run to seed - она сильно сдала
he has run to seed - он обрюзг

2. [si:d] *v*
 1. 1) давать семена, обсеменяться
 - 2) идти в семя, в семена
 2. ронять семена
 3. сеять, засевать семенами
to seed a field with barley - засевать поле ячменём
 4. очищать (фрукты, овощи) от семян, зёрнышек, семечек
 5. **метеор.** создавать, вызывать искусственно
to seed hurricanes experimentally - экспериментально создавать ураганы

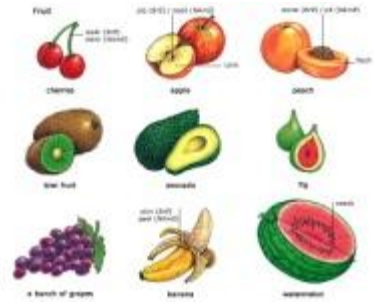
II

1. [si:d] *n спорт.*
 - 1) отобранный для (финального) соревнования игрок
 - 2) «посеянный» игрок (**в теннисе**)
Jones is number three seed this year - в этом году Джоунз выступает под №3
2. [si:d] *v спорт.*
 - 1) отбирать более сильных участников соревнования
competitors seeded in the draw - участники соревнования, отобранные по жеребьёвке
to seed the draw - рассеивать сильнейших игроков (команд) при жеребьёвке
 - 2) посеять (игроков; теннис)

seed

seed [seed seeds seeded seeding] noun, verb **BrE** [siːd] **NAmE** [siːd]

noun



OF PLANTS/FRUIT

1. **countable, uncountable** the small hard part produced by a plant, from which a new plant can grow

- a packet of wild flower seeds
- sesame seeds
- **Sow the seeds** outdoors in spring.
- These vegetables can be **grown from seed**.
- **seed potatoes** (= used for planting)

see also ↑birdseed

2. **countable** (NAmE) = ↑pip (2)

BEGINNING

3. **countable, usually plural** ~ (of sth) the beginning of a feeling or a development which continues to grow
- the seeds of rebellion
 - This **planted the seeds of** doubt in my mind.

IN TENNIS

4. **countable** (especially in ↑tennis) one of the best players in a competition. The **seeds** are given a position in a list to try and make sure that they do not play each other in the early parts of the competition
- The top seed won comfortably.
 - the number one seed

OF A MAN

5. **uncountable** (old-fashioned or humorous) ↑semen
6. **uncountable** (literary) all the people who are the children, grandchildren, etc. of one man
- more at** sow the seeds of sth **at** ↑sow *v.*

Word Origin:

Old English sæd, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **zaad**, German **Saat**, also to ↑sow ¹.

Collocations:

The living world

Animals

animals **mate/breed/reproduce/feed** (on sth)
 fish/amphibians **swim/spawn** (= lay eggs)
 birds **fly/migrate/nest/sing**
 insects **crawl/fly/bite/sting**
 insects/bees/locusts **swarm**
 bees **collect/gather** nectar/pollen
 spiders **spin/weave** a web
 snakes/lizards **shed their skins**
 bears/hedgehogs/frogs **hibernate**
 insect larvae **grow/develop/pupate**
 an egg/a chick/a larva **hatches**
attract/find/choose a mate
produce/release eggs/sperm
lay/fertilize/incubate/hatch eggs
 inhabit a forest/a reef/the coast
mark/enter/defend (a) territory
stalk/hunt/capture/catch/kill prey

Plants and fungi

trees/plants **grow/bloom/blossom/flower**
 a seed **germinates/sprouts**
 leaves/buds/roots/shoots **appear/develop/form**
 flower buds **swell/open**
 a fungus **grows/spreads/colonizes** sth
pollinate/fertilize a flower/plant
produce/release/spread/disperse pollen/seeds/spores
produce/bear fruit
develop/grow/form roots/shoots/leaves
provide/supply/absorb/extract/release nutrients
perform/increase/reduce photosynthesis

Bacteria and viruses

bacteria/microbes/viruses **grow/spread/multiply**
 bacteria/microbes **live/thrive** in/on sth
 bacteria/microbes/viruses **evolve/colonize** sth/cause disease
 bacteria **break** sth down/convert sth (into sth)
 a virus **enters/invades** sth/the body
 a virus **mutates/evolves/replicates** (itself)
 be **infected with/contaminated with/exposed to** a new strain of a virus/drug-resistant bacteria
contain/carry/harbour (especially US) harbor bacteria/a virus
kill/destroy/eliminate harmful/deadly bacteria

Example Bank:

- Cutting weeds before they go to seed will greatly reduce future weed problems.
- Each fruit usually contains a single seed.
- He argued that capitalism contained the seeds of its own destruction.
- Most seeds are spread by the wind.
- Peel the peppers and remove the seeds.
- She grew all the broccoli plants from seed.
- She was the top seed at the US Open this year.
- The catalogue has hundreds of different varieties of seeds.
- The plant will set seed in June.
- This tree produces very hard seeds.
- Venus Williams was the top seed at Wimbledon this year.
- the transformation of Tracy from good girl to bad seed
- I bought some seeds to plant in the garden.
- She hesitated, not wishing to sow the seeds of rebellion.
- Sow the seeds outdoors in spring.
- Those vegetables can be grown from seed.
- You can buy seed potatoes from garden centres or by mail order.
- apple/orange seeds
- coriander/cumin/mustard/poppy/pumpkin/sesame/sunflower seeds

Idiom: **↑go to seed**

verb

OF A PLANT

1. **intransitive** to produce seeds
2. **transitive ~ itself** to produce other plants using its own seeds

AREA OF GROUND

3. **transitive, usually passive ~ sth (with sth)** to plant seeds in an area of ground
 - a newly seeded lawn

IN TENNIS

4. **transitive, usually passive ~ sb** to make sb a **↑seed** in a competition
 - He has been seeded 14th at Wimbledon next week.

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we /they	seed
	BrE /sɪːd/
	NAme /sɪːd/
he / she /it	seeds
	BrE /sɪːdz/
	NAme /sɪːdz/
past simple, past participle	seeded
	BrE /sɪːdɪd/
	NAme /sɪːdɪd/
-ing form	seeding
	BrE /sɪːdɪŋ/
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[Language: Old English; Origin: sæd]

1. PLANTS

a) **[uncountable and countable]** a small hard object produced by plants, from which a new plant of the same kind grows:
a packet of sunflower seeds

plant/sow seeds (=put them in the soil)

Sow the seeds one inch deep in the soil.

grow something from seed

We grew all our tomatoes from seed.

b) **[uncountable]** a quantity of seeds:

Some of the poorest farmers don't have enough money to buy seed.

2.



IN FRUIT [countable] *American English* one of the small hard objects in a fruit such as an apple or orange, from which new fruit trees grow **SYN pip** *British English*

3. **seeds of something** *written* something that makes a new situation start to grow and develop
seeds of change/victory

* The seeds of change in Eastern Europe were beginning to emerge.

seeds of doubt/disaster/destruction etc (=something which makes a bad feeling or situation develop)

* Something Lucy said began to sow seeds of doubt in his mind.

4. **go/run to seed**

a) if a plant or vegetable goes or runs to seed, it starts producing flowers and seeds as well as leaves

b) if someone or something goes or runs to seed, they become less attractive or good, especially because they are getting old and have not been properly looked after:

* The old central bus station is going to seed.

5. **number one/two/three etc seed** [countable] a player or team in a competition that is given a particular position, according to how likely they are to win:

* He's been top seed for the past two years.

6. **SEX** [uncountable] *biblical* ↑**semen** or ↑**sperm** – often used humorously

7. **FAMILY** [uncountable] *biblical* the group of people who have a particular person as their father, grandfather etc, especially when they form a particular race

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

▪ **plant/sow seeds** (=put them in the soil) Sow the seeds in trays or pots.

▪ **grow something from seed** (=grow a plant from a seed rather than buying it as a small plant) You can grow most vegetables from seed.

▪ **seeds germinate** (=start to grow) The seeds should start to germinate after a few days.

■ NOUN + seed

▪ **flower/sunflower/tomato etc seeds** I bought a packet of poppy seeds.

▪ **grass seed** You can sprinkle grass seed over any gaps in the lawn.

II. **seed**² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *verb*

1. [transitive] to remove seeds from fruit or vegetables:

* Add one lime, seeded and sliced.

2. [transitive usually passive] to give a player or team in a competition a particular position, according to how likely they are to win:

* Sharapova was seeded fifth at Wimbledon.

3. [transitive usually passive] to plant seeds in the ground:

* a newly seeded lawn

4. [intransitive] to produce seeds

5. **seed itself** if a tree or plant seeds itself, it produces a new plant using its own seeds

seed

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RANGE: **3k** **SEED** ²⁴⁰⁰⁵

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