

**vegetable**

1. [ˈvedʒ(ɪ)təb(ə)] *n*

1. овощ  
green vegetables - зелень; овощи
2. растение; растительный организм
3. *воен. жарг.* «овощ» (о мине)
4. *разг.*
  - 1) человек, полностью зависящий от помощи других (*из-за несчастного случая или умственной отсталости*)
  - 2) человек без духовных интересов
5. *разг.*
  - 1) кретин
  - 2) маразматик
  - 3) вялый человек

2. [ˈvedʒ(ɪ)təb(ə)] *a*

1. растительный
2. овощной
3. *разг.* скучный, бесцветный, вялый, пассивный; монотонный  
vegetable existence - растительная жизнь, лишённая духовных интересов; прозябание

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**vege-table** [vegetable vegetables] *BrE* [ˈvedʒtəb] *AmE* [ˈvedʒtəb] *noun*



1. (*also informal veg-gie especially in NAmE*) a plant or part of a plant that is eaten as food. Potatoes, ↑beans and onions are all **vegetables**

- **green vegetables** (= for example ↑cabbage)
- **root vegetables** (= for example ↑carrots)
- a salad of raw vegetables
- a **vegetable garden/patch/plot**
- vegetable matter (= plants in general)

**compare** ↑animal, ↑fruit, ↑mineral

2. (*BrE also cab-bage*) a person who is physically alive but not capable of much mental or physical activity, for example because of an accident or illness

- Severe brain damage turned him into a vegetable.

3. a person who has a boring life

- Since losing my job I've been a vegetable.

See also: ↑cabbage = ↑veggie

Word Origin:

late Middle English (in the sense 'growing as a plant'): from Old French, or from late Latin *vegetabilis* 'animating', from Latin *vegetare* from *vegetus* 'active', from *vegere* 'be active'. The current sense dates from the late 16th cent.

Example Bank:

- The children don't eat enough green vegetables.
- They grow all their own vegetables.
- a salad of crisp, raw vegetables

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

1. **vege |ta| ble** <sup>1 S3 W3</sup> /ˈvedʒtəbəl/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable]

[*Date:* 1300-1400; *Language:* Medieval Latin; *Origin:* *vegetabilis* 'growing'; from *vegetare* 'to grow'; from Latin *vegere* 'to cause to act, excite']

1. a plant that is eaten raw or cooked, such as a ↑cabbage, a ↑carrot, or ↑peas:

- fresh fruit and vegetables
- organic methods of growing vegetables
- vegetable soup
- a neat vegetable garden
- Vitamin A is found in liver and green vegetables.

**salad vegetables** (=vegetables such as ↑lettuce or ↑tomatoes eaten raw)

**GRAMMAR**

**Vegetable** is a countable noun, not an uncountable noun:

- They grew their own vegetables (NOT their own vegetable).

2. *not polite* an offensive word for someone who is alive but who cannot talk or move because their brain is damaged

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## COLLOCATIONS

### ■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + vegetable

- **fresh** Fresh vegetables taste best immediately after they've been picked.
- **raw** Some vegetables are better eaten raw.
- **organic** (=grown without using chemicals) Most supermarkets sell organic fruit and vegetables.
- **tinned/canned** Do canned vegetables have as many vitamins as fresh ones?
- **frozen** packets of frozen vegetables
- **green vegetables** Eat plenty of green vegetables.
- **leafy vegetables** Leafy vegetables contain iron, which is good for the blood.
- **root vegetables** (=vegetables whose roots you eat, such as carrots) Excellent soups can be made from root vegetables.
- **a salad vegetable** (=a vegetable that is eaten raw in a salad) You can buy ready-prepared salad vegetables.
- **baby vegetables** (=vegetables that have not grown to their full size) Baby vegetables, especially carrots and corn, appeal to youngsters.

### ■ vegetable + NOUN

- **vegetable soup** I think I'll have the vegetable soup.
- **vegetable stock** (=a liquid in which vegetables have been cooked) Gently cook the mushrooms and onions in the vegetable stock.
- **vegetable oil** She uses vegetable oil instead of lard.
- **a vegetable garden/patch/plot** Anna was digging in the vegetable garden.

### ■ verbs

- **grow vegetables** If we had a garden, we could grow our own vegetables.

II. **vegetable** <sup>2</sup> BrE <sup>1</sup> AmE <sup>1</sup> adjective [only before noun]

*formal* relating to plants in general, rather than animals or things that are not living ⇒ **mineral** :  
decomposing vegetable matter

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