

mutter

1. ['mʌtə] = *muttering*
2. ['mʌtə] *v*
 1. 1) *бормотать*
to mutter to oneself - бормотать про себя
to mutter threats (at smb.) - пробормотать угрозы (в чей-л. адрес)
 - 2) *говорить тихо, невнятно*
to mutter smth. in one's sleep - бормотать что-то во сне
 - 3) *говорить по секрету*
to mutter in smb.'s ear - шептать кому-л. на ухо
2. (against, at) *ворчать, брюзжать*
to mutter at /against/ smb. - ворчать на кого-л.
3. *глухо грохотать*
thunder muttered among the hills - в горах глухо грохотал гром

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

mut-ter [mutter mutters muttered muttering] *verb, noun* BrE ['mʌtə(r)] ^u NAmE

['mʌtər]

verb

1. *transitive, intransitive* to speak or say sth in a quiet voice that is difficult to hear, especially because you are annoyed about sth
 - + **speech** 'How dare she,' he muttered under his breath.
 - ~ **(sth) (to sb/yourself) (about sth)** She just sat there muttering to herself.
 - I muttered something about needing to get back to work.
 - ~ **that...** He muttered that he was sorry.
2. *intransitive, transitive ~ (about sth) | ~ that...* to complain about sth, without saying publicly what you think

Syn: ↑grumble

- Workers continued to mutter about the management.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	mutter
	BrE / 'mʌtə(r) /
	NAmE / 'mʌtər /
he / she / it	mutters
	BrE / 'mʌtəz /
	NAmE / 'mʌtərz /
past simple, past participle	muttered
	BrE / 'mʌtəd /
	NAmE / 'mʌtərd /
-ing form	muttering
	BrE / 'mʌtərɪŋ /
	NAmE / 'mʌtərɪŋ /

Word Origin:

late Middle English: imitative; compare with German dialect *muttern*.

Example Bank:

- 'I don't need a drink,' she muttered through clenched teeth.
- A number of non-British visitors were heard to mutter that it would not have happened in Frankfurt.
- He was muttering incoherently to himself.
- Helen began muttering darkly about hospitals.
- She heard him mutter an oath under his breath.
- She muttered something about the incompetence of the office staff.
- 'How dare she?' he muttered under his breath.

noun usually singular

a quiet sound or words that are difficult to hear

- the soft mutter of voices

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- She gave a low mutter of apology.

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mut-ter /'mʌtə \$ -ər/ BrE ^u AmE ^u *verb*

[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: Probably from the sound]

1. [*intransitive and transitive*] to speak in a low voice, especially because you are annoyed about something, or you do not want people to hear you
mutter to yourself

" 'I never want to come here again,' he muttered to himself.
" Elsie muttered something I couldn't catch and walked off.
" 'He's such an unpleasant man,' Alyssia muttered under her breath.

mutter about

" What are you two muttering about?

2. **[intransitive]** to complain about something or express doubts about it, but without saying clearly and openly what you think

mutter about

" Some senators muttered darkly about the threat to national security.

—**mutter** *noun* [singular]:

" His voice subsided to a mutter.

—**muttering** *noun* [uncountable and countable]:

" The mutterings about his leadership continued to grow.
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■ different ways of saying something

- **whisper** to say something very quietly, using your breath rather than your full voice: 'Don't wake the baby,' Jenny whispered.
- **mumble** to say something quietly without pronouncing the words clearly: He mumbled his thanks.
- **mutter** to say something quietly, especially when you are annoyed but do not want someone to hear you complaining: 'This is ridiculous,' he muttered under his breath. | She muttered something about having to go home early.
- **murmur** to say something in a soft slow gentle voice: She stroked his hair and murmured, 'Don't worry. You'll be all right.'
- **growl** to say something in a low angry voice: 'As I was saying,' Lewis growled, 'it needs to be finished today.'
- **snarl** to say something in a nasty angry way: 'Get out of my way!' he snarled.
- **exclaim** to say something suddenly and loudly: 'How beautiful!' she exclaimed.
- **blurt out** to suddenly say something without thinking, especially something embarrassing or secret: It was partly nervousness that had made him blurt out the question.
- **stammer/stutter** to speak with a lot of pauses and repeated sounds, because you have a speech problem, or because you are nervous or excited: 'I'll, I'll only be a m-moment,' he stammered.

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