

# plumb

1. [plʌm] *n*
  1. 1) отвес  
off plumb, out of plumb - неперпендикулярный, наклонный
  - 2) вертикальное положение; вертикальность  
to take the plumb of a wall - проверить вертикальность кладки (стены)
  2. лот, грузило
2. [plʌm] *a*
  1. вертикальный, отвесный  
to keep smth. plumb - удерживать что-л. в вертикальном положении
  2. **эмоц.-усил.** явный, абсолютный  
plumb nonsense [foolishness] - явная бессмыслица [глупость]
3. [plʌm] *adv*
  1. вертикально, перпендикулярно
  2. 1) точно, как раз  
plumb above [below] smth. - прямо над [под] чем-л.  
he can hit plumb centre - он может попасть точно в центр
  - 2) **эмоц.-усил.** совершенно, окончательно, совсем  
plumb pleasant - очень приятно  
plumb crazy - абсолютно ненормальный  
to pay smb.'s tickets plumb through - оплатить полностью чей-л. проезд  
get plumb out of here! - убирайтесь отсюда немедленно!
4. [plʌm] *v*
  1. ставить по отвесу; устанавливать вертикально
  2. измерять глубину, бросать лот
  3. проникать (в тайну и т. п.)  
to plumb the depths of a mystery - проникнуть в тайну  
to have plumbed the depth of shame - испытать всю глубину позора
  4. **разг.**
    - 1) проводить канализацию, водопровод
    - 2) работать водопроводчиком
    5. опечатывать свинцовой печатью
    6. закладывать свинчатку
    7. **амер. разг.** напориться совершить непоправимую ошибку

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**plumb** [plʌm plʌmbs plumbed plumbing] **verb, adverb** BrE [plʌm] <sup>1</sup> NAmE

[plʌm] <sup>1</sup>  
**verb ~ sth** (literary)

to try to understand or succeed in understanding sth mysterious

**Syn:** †fathom

- She spent her life plumbing the mysteries of the human psyche.
- He had clearly plumbed the general sense of the message.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	plumb
	BrE /plʌm/
	NAmE /plʌm/
he / she / it	plumbs
	BrE /plʌmz/
	NAmE /plʌmz/
past simple, past participle	plumbed
	BrE /plʌmd/
	NAmE /plʌmd/
-ing form	plumbing
	BrE /plʌmɪŋ/
	NAmE /plʌmɪŋ/

Word Origin:

**v.** and **adv.** Middle English 'sounding lead' Old French Latin **plumbum** 'lead'  
late 19th cent. 'work as a plumber' †plumber

Idiom: †plumb the depths of something

Derived †plumb something in

## adverb

1. (used before prepositions) **exactly**
  - He was standing plumb in the middle of the road.
2. (old-fashioned, NAmE, informal) **completely**
  - He's plumb crazy.

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I. **plumb**<sup>1</sup> /plʌm/ BrE " AmE " verb [transitive]

[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: plumb 'metal weight on a plumb line' (13-21 centuries), from Old French plomb 'lead', from Latin plumbum]

1. **plumb the depths (of despair/misery/bad taste etc)** to feel an unpleasant emotion in a very extreme way, or to behave in a way that is extremely unpleasant or morally bad:

" When his wife left him, Matt plumbed the very depths of despair.

" That night they plumbed the depths of treachery and horror, and murdered the king as he slept.

2. to succeed in understanding something completely **SYN fathom**:

" Psychologists try to plumb the deepest mysteries of the human psyche.

**plumb something** ↔in phrasal verb

to connect a piece of equipment such as a washing machine to the water supply

II. **plumb**<sup>2</sup> BrE " AmE " adverb

1. [always + adverb/preposition] **informal** exactly:

" The bullet hit him plumb between the eyes.

2. **American English informal** completely – often used humorously:

" The whole idea sounds plumb crazy to me.

III. **plumb**<sup>3</sup> BrE " AmE " adjective **technical**

1. exactly upright or level

2. **out of plumb** not exactly upright or level

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15000 **4586**<sup>COCA</sup>

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COCA 500k Unlemmatized

<sup>111</sup>**61626**<sup>150</sup> *jj*

<sup>116</sup>**69508**<sup>118</sup> *vvi*

<sup>89</sup>**71567**<sup>112</sup> *rr*

<sup>41</sup>**89688**<sup>73</sup> *np1*

<sup>52</sup>**106423**<sup>52</sup> *vv0*

<sup>43</sup>**109974**<sup>49</sup> *nn1*