

rumour**1. [ˈru:mə] n**

слух, молва, толки

rumour has it that ... - ходят слухи, что ...

the rumour runs that ... - молва гласит, что ...

there's a rumour - говорят

2. [ˈru:mə] v

распространять слухи

to stop the wrong story being rumoured abroad - предотвратить повсеместное распространение ошибочной версии события

it is rumoured that ... - ходят слухи, что ...

he is rumoured to be ... - говорят, что он ...

someone rumoured it that John is leaving - кто-то пустил слух, что Джон уходит /уезжает/

rumour

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ru·mour [rumour rumours rumoured rumouring] (especially US **rumor**) **noun**,verb *BrE* [ˈru:mə(j)]^u *NAmE* [ˈru:məɹ]^u**noun** countable, uncountable

a piece of information, or a story, that people talk about, but that may not be true

- to **start/spread a rumour**
- ~ **(of sth)** There are widespread rumours of job losses.
- ~ **(about sth)** Some malicious rumours are circulating about his past.
- ~ **(that...)** I heard a rumour that they are getting married.
- Many of the stories are based on rumour.
- **Rumour has it** (= people say) that he was murdered.
- I thought she was leaving the company, but perhaps it may be just a rumour.

Word Origin:late Middle English: from Old French **rumur**, from Latin **rumor** 'noise'.Thesaurus:**rumour** (BrE) (AmE **rumor**) **noun** C, U

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report • • **talk** • • **hearsay** • |informal **dirt** • |sometimes disapproving **scandal** • • **gossip** •rumours/reports/talk/hearsay/dirt/scandal/gossip **about** sb/sthrumours/reports/talk **of** sth happening**spread** rumours/reports/gossip**hear/believe** rumours/reports/talk/gossip**deny/confirm** rumours/reportsExample Bank:

- His lengthy absence from work fuelled rumours that he might have been sacked.
- His lengthy absence will fuel rumours that he has been fired.
- Rumour has it that he was sacked from his last job.
- Rumours about an impending divorce were rife.
- The Chief Executive issued a statement to quash rumours of financial problems.
- The Washington rumour mill suggests the money changed hands illegally.
- The actor confirmed rumours that he will be leaving the series.
- The manager resigned suddenly amidst rumours of misconduct.
- The rumour quickly swept the town.
- There is no truth in the rumour that she is about to resign.
- There were persistent rumours of drug taking among staff.
- rumours surrounding the closure of the hospital
- Rumour has it that he was murdered.

Derived Word ↑rumoured**verb** **be rumoured**

to be reported as a rumour and possibly not true

- **it is rumoured that... It's widely rumoured that** she's getting promoted.
- ~ **to be/have sth** He was rumoured to be involved in the crime.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	rumour
	BrE / 'ru:me(r)/
	NAme / 'ru:me(r)/
he / she /it	rumours
	BrE / 'ru:me(r)/
	NAme / 'ru:me(r)/
past simple, past participle	rumoured
-ing form	rumouring
	BrE / 'ru:me(r)ɪŋ/
	NAme / 'ru:me(r)ɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- It is widely rumoured that she is considering a divorce.

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rumour BrE * AmE * *British English, rumor American English* /'ru:mə\$-ər/ *noun*

[uncountable and countable]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: rumour, from Latin rumor]

1. information or a story that is passed from one person to another and which may or may not be true

rumour about/of

- * I've heard all sorts of rumours about him and his secretary.

rumour that

- * There's an unsubstantiated rumour that Eddie is bankrupt.

2. **the rumour mill** the people, considered as a group, who discuss something and pass rumours to each other:

- * His name has come up in the rumour mill as a possible director for the project.

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- **a rumour spreads** A rumour spread that he had been killed.
- **a rumour goes around** (*also a rumour circulates formal*) (=a rumour is passed among people) There are a lot of rumors going around that they're going to sell the company. | Not long afterwards, ugly rumours began to circulate.
- **rumour has it** (=it is being said) Rumour has it that they plan to get married.
- **rumours fly around** (=are talked about by a lot of people) There were wild rumours flying around the office on Wednesday.
- **hear a rumour** I heard a rumour that she was leaving.
- **spread a rumour** Someone has been spreading rumours about us.
- **deny a rumour** He is denying rumors that he plans to drop out of the race.
- **confirm a rumour** (=say that it is true) The actor's agent would not confirm the rumour.

■ adjectives

- **false/unfounded** He says that the rumours are completely unfounded. | False rumors began to spread that troops were massing on the border.
- **rumours are rife** (=are talked about by a lot of people) Rumours were rife that the band had refused to play.
- **a widespread rumour** The arrests followed widespread rumours of police corruption.
- **a persistent rumour** (=one that keeps being repeated for a long time) Despite persistent rumours of an affair, his wife stood by him.
- **a strong rumour** (=a rumour that is likely to be true) There is a strong rumour that the government is planning to drop the idea.
- **a wild rumour** (=one that is completely untrue) It has been a week of wild rumour and exaggeration.
- **a malicious rumour** (=a false one that someone spreads to make trouble) The claims were dismissed by the government as 'malicious rumours'.
- **an ugly/nasty rumour** (=a rumour about something bad) Ugly rumours persisted that there had been a cover-up.
- **an unsubstantiated rumour** (=one that has not been proved to be true) These are only unsubstantiated rumours.
- **a scurrilous rumour formal** (=a damaging and false rumour) Journalists spread scurrilous rumours about the school.
- **wild rumours** (=rumours that are not likely to be true) This led to wild rumours of American involvement in the attack.

■ COMMON ERRORS

- ▶ Do not say '*a rumour spreads out*'. Say **a rumour spreads**.

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THESAURUS

- **rumour** *British English, rumor American English* *noun* [uncountable and countable] information or a story that is passed from one person to another and which may or may not be true: The band denied the rumours that they may be splitting up. | The truth finally came out after months of rumour. | I've heard rumours about a ghost in the building.
- **speculation** *noun* [uncountable] a situation in which a lot of people are talking about something that is happening, especially something that is happening in politics or public life, and trying to guess what the truth is: There was a great deal of speculation about a possible merger involving Belgium's largest banks. | The report fuelled speculation (=caused more speculation) that he

was about to resign. | His future as a player has been the subject of intense speculation.

- **gossip** *noun* [uncountable] things that people say about what they think has happened in other people's private lives, which is usually not true : She tells me all the latest gossip from the office. | The magazine was full of gossip about celebrities. | You shouldn't believe every piece of gossip you hear.
- **talk** *noun* [uncountable] something that people talk about a lot but which is not official: The government has dismissed talk of a military strike on the country. | There's been a lot of talk of him resigning.
- **hearsay** *noun* [uncountable] something that you have heard from someone else, but cannot prove whether it is true or untrue – often used in legal contexts: All the accounts were based on hearsay rather than eye-witness reports. | hearsay evidence

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