

1. [dʌl] a

1. тупой, бестолковый, тупоумный
dull brain /intelligence/ - тупоумие
dull curiosity - тупое любопытство
dull with drinking - отупевший от пьянства
dull with old age - плохо соображающий от старости
to be dull at mathematics - туго соображать по математике
it was dull to have brought him here - было глупо привозить его сюда
2. неповоротливый, тяжёлый, медлительный, вялый
dull style of the team - неизобретательный стиль игры (этой) команды
3. подавленный, печальный, хмурый, невесёлый
dull mood - невесёлое настроение
I feel dull - у меня плохое настроение
4. 1) унылый, печальный, приводящий в уныние; безрадостный
dull landscape - унылый пейзаж
2) хмурый, пасмурный (о погоде и т. п.)
dull day - пасмурный день
5. 1) скучный, наводящий скуку; монотонный
dull book [occupation] - скучная книга [-ое занятие]
a thoroughly dull evening - убийственно скучный вечер
it is deadly dull here - здесь страшная скукота; ≅ жить здесь - скука смертная
- 2) невкусный, пресный
the hospital food is pretty dull - в больнице готовят невкусно
6. 1) тупой, неотточенный
dull razor - тупая бритва
2) *tex.* засалившийся (о шлифовальном круге)
7. 1) тусклый, неяркий; блёклый, матовый
dull light - тусклый свет
dull colour - неяркий цвет
dull mirror - тусклое зеркало
paper with a dull finish - несатинированная бумага
the fire is getting dull - огонь /костёр/ угасает
- 2) притупленный, приглушённый; неясный, смутный:
dull sound [blow] - глухой звук [удар]
- 3) тупой (о боли)
8. 1) слабый, плохой, неясный
dull hearing - глуховатость
dull sight - слабое зрение
dull of hearing /of ear/ - тугой на ухо
dull of eye - подслеповатый
dull sense of touch - притуплённое осязание
- 2) безжизненный, бесчувственный, тусклый (о взгляде)
- 3) нечувствительный
dull to grief - безразличный к горю
9. вялый (о торговле и т. п.); бездеятельный
dull season - мёртвый сезон
business is dull - произошёл спад деловой активности
10. не имеющий спроса, неходкий (о товаре)
11. *горн.* плохо проветриваемый (о руднике)

2. [dʌl] v

1. делать тупым, вялым; утомлять
2. затуплять, делать тупым (нож и т. п.)
3. притуплять; уменьшать
to dull smb.'s senses [pain] - притуплять чьи-л. чувства [боль]
to dull the edge of appetite [of pleasure] - испортить аппетит [удовольствие]
to dull the edge of hunger - заглушить голод
sorrow is dulled with the passage of time - со временем горе притупляется
time dulls the memory of the war - со временем память о войне стирается
4. 1) делать смутным, неясным; делать тусклым, блёклым
2) наводить мат, делать матовым, матировать
3) тускнеть; становиться матовым
the varnish dulls - лак тускнеет
5. *редк.* хмуриться, делаться пасмурным (о погоде)

dull

dull [dull dulls dulled dulling duller dullest] adjective, verb BrE [dʌl] ⁴ NAmE

[dʌl]

adjective (dull-er, dull-est)

BORING

1. not interesting or exciting

Syn: †dreary

- Life in a small town could be deadly dull.
- The countryside was flat, dull and uninteresting.
- The first half of the game was pretty dull.
- There's **never a dull moment** when John's around.

LIGHT/COLOURS

2. not bright or shiny

- a dull grey colour
- dull, lifeless hair
- Her eyes were dull.

WEATHER

3. not bright, with a lot of clouds

Syn: †overcast

- It was a dull, grey day.

SOUNDS

4. not clear or loud

- The gates shut behind him with a dull thud.

PAIN

5. not very severe, but continuous

- a **dull ache/pain**

PERSON

6. slow in understanding

Syn: †stupid

- a dull pupil

TRADE

7. (especially NAmE) not busy; slow

- Don't sell into a dull market.

more at all work and no play (makes Jack a dull boy) **at** †work_n.

Word Origin:

Old English *dol* 'stupid', of Germanic origin; related to Dutch *dol* 'crazy' and German *toll* 'mad, fantastic, wonderful'.

Thesaurus:

dull *adj.*

- She found her job very dull.

boring • • **tedious** • • **uninteresting** • • **dry** • • **repetitive** • • **monotonous** •

Opp: interesting

dull/boring/tedious/repetitive/monotonous **jobs/work**

a dull/boring/tedious/dry **subject/book**

a dull/boring/uninteresting **place**

Synonyms:

boring

dull • tedious

These words all describe a subject, activity, person or place that is not interesting or exciting.

boring • not interesting; making you feel tired and impatient: ▪ He's such a boring man! ◇▪ She found her job very boring.

dull • not interesting or exciting: ▪ Life in a small town could be deadly dull.

tedious • lasting or taking too long and not interesting, so that you feel bored and impatient: ▪ The journey soon became tedious.

to be boring/dull/tedious **for sb**

boring/dull/tedious **subjects/books**

boring/dull/tedious **jobs/work/games**

a boring/dull **place/man/woman/person**

deadly boring/dull

Example Bank:

- The long lectures made the afternoon dull.
- The movie was long and deadly dull.
- The work gets a bit dull at times.
- He is the author of several dull novels.
- Her eyes were dull with dark shadows beneath them.

- The blood stained the grass a dull red colour.
- The fire died down to a dull glow.
- The town seemed deserted in the dull afternoon light.
- There's never a dull moment when John's around.
- We've had a dull start to the season.

Idiom: ↑dull as ditchwater

Derived Words ↑dullness ▪ ↑dully

verb

PAIN

1. **transitive, intransitive ~ (sth)** (of pain or an emotion) to become or be made weaker or less severe
 - The tablets they gave him dulled the pain for a while.

PERSON

2. **transitive ~ sb** to make a person slower or less lively
 - He felt dulled and stupid with sleep.

COLOURS/SOUNDS

3. **intransitive, transitive** to become or to make sth less bright, clean or sharp
 - His eyes dulled and he slumped to the ground.
 - ~ **sth** The endless rain seemed to dull all sound.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	dull
	BrE /dʌl/
	NAme /dʌl/
he / she / it	dulls
	BrE /dʌlɪz/
	NAme /dʌlɪz/
past simple, past participle	dulled
	BrE /dʌld/
	NAme /dʌld/
-ing form	dulling
	BrE /dʌlɪŋ/
	NAme /dʌlɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- The heat dulled my enjoyment of the journey.

See also: ↑dull as dishwater

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I. **dull**¹ **S3** /dʌl/ BrE " AmE " adjective (comparative **duller**, superlative **dullest**)

[Language: Old English; Origin: dol]

1. **BORING** not interesting or exciting:

- Life is never dull when Elizabeth is here.
- a dull movie
- It sounded pretty dull to me.
- The weekly meeting tends to be deadly dull (=very dull).
- Last week we had a hurricane. Never a dull moment running a hotel in the Caribbean (=it's always interesting or exciting).

REGISTER

In everyday English, people usually say **bori** rather than **dull**:

- a long, bori film

2. **COLOUR/LIGHT** not bright or shiny:

- The bird is dull brown and gray in colour.
- Her eyes were dull with dark shadows beneath them.
- the dull afternoon light

3. **WEATHER** not bright and with lots of clouds:

- Outside the weather was hazy and dull.
- a dull sky

4. **PAIN** a dull pain is not severe but does not stop **OPP sharp**:

- a dull ache in her lower back
- The pain was dull but persistent.

5. **SOUND** not clear or loud:

- The gates shut with a dull thud.

6. **KNIFE/BLADE** not sharp **SYN blunt**

7. **NOT INTELLIGENT** *old-fashioned* not able to think quickly or understand things easily **SYN stupid**:

If you don't understand then you're duller than I thought.

8. **TRADE** if business on the Stock Exchange is dull, few people are buying and selling **OPP brisk**

—**dully** *adverb*:

" 'Well Michael?' he said dully.

" Her stomach ached dully.

—**dullness** *noun* [uncountable]

II. **dull**² *BrE* " *AmE* " *verb*

1. [transitive] to make something become less sharp or clear:

" He drank some alcohol to dull the pain.

" Her fear and anxiety dulled her mind.

2. [intransitive and transitive] to become less bright or loud, or to make something become less bright or loud:

" His eyes dulled a little.

" The constant rain dulled all sound.

dull

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