

faint**1. [feɪnt] n**

обморок

a dead faint - глубокий обморок, полная потеря сознания

to be in a faint - быть в обмороке

to fall down in a faint - падать в обморок

2. [feɪnt] a**1. 1) слабый, ослабевший**

his breathing became fainter - его дыхание становилось слабее

my heart felt faint within me - у меня сердце замерло

he was faint with hunger and cold - он совсем ослабел от голода и холода

2) испытывающий слабость, головокружение и т. п.

to feel faint - чувствовать дурноту /слабость/

2. слабый, тусклый; неотчётливый неясный

a faint tinge of pink - розоватый оттенок

faint colour - тусклый /бледный/ цвет

faint sound - слабый /неясный/ звук

faint odour - неуловимый запах

faint resemblance - слабое сходство

to have a faint idea of smth. - иметь смутное представление о чём-л.

to have not the faintest idea of smth. - не иметь ни малейшего представления о чём-л.

faint traces of smth. - еле заметные следы чего-л.

a faint show of resistance - ≅ сопротивление только для вида

faint efforts - слабые усилия

not the faintest hope - ни малейшей надежды

not the faintest chance - никакой возможности

faint reflections - смутные воспоминания

3. арх. робкий

faint heart never won fair lady - ≅ робость мешает успеху

4. арх., амер. расслабляющий, угнетающий

the faint atmosphere of a tropical port - духота тропического порта

3. [feɪnt] v**1. ослабевать (от усталости, голода и т. п.)****2. падать в обморок, терять сознание (тж. faint away)****3. поэт. терять мужество, падать духом****4. редк. тускнеть, бледнеть (о красках и т. п.)****faint**

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faint [faɪnt] **faints** **fainted** **fainting** **fainter** **faintest** adjective, verb, noun BrE [feɪnt]

NAme [feɪnt]

adjective (faint·er, faint·est)

1. that cannot be clearly seen, heard or smelt

• a faint glow/glimmer/light

• a faint smell of perfume

• We saw the faint outline of the mountain through the mist.

• We could hear their voices growing fainter as they walked down the road.

• His breathing became faint.

2. very small; possible but unlikely**Syn:** †slight

• There is still a faint hope that she may be cured.

• They don't have the faintest chance of winning.

3. not enthusiastic

• a faint show of resistance

• a faint smile

4. not before noun feeling weak and tired and likely to become unconscious

• She suddenly felt faint.

• The walkers were faint from hunger.

more at damn sb/sth with faint praise **at** †damn v.Word Origin:

Middle English (in the sense 'feigned', also 'feeble, cowardly', surviving in †faint-hearted): from Old French faint, past participle of faindre, from Latin fingere 'mould, contrive'. Compare with †feint.

Thesaurus:**faint** adj.**1.**

• There was a faint glimmer of light from her window.

dim • • **weak** • • **soft** • |literary **thin** •**Opp:** bright

faint/dim/weak/soft/thin **light**

a faint/dim/soft **glow**

a faint/dim **outline**

Dim, faint or weak ? **Dim** describes light in a room or place when it is not bright enough to see clearly; **faint** describes a particular point of light that is hard to see; **weak** usually describes sunlight that is not bright.

2.

• Their voices grew fainter as they walked down the road.

quiet • • **soft** • • **muffled** • • **inaudible** • |written **dull** •

a/an faint/quiet/soft/muffled/inaudible **voice**

a faint/quiet/soft/muffled/dull **sound**

a faint/soft/muffled/dull **noise/thud/thump**

3. **not before noun**

• The walkers were faint from hunger.

light-headed • • **dizzy** •

faint/light-headed/dizzy **from/with** sth

feel faint/light-headed/dizzy

Faint or light-headed ? People usually feel **faint** from weakness, pain or fear, they feel **light-headed** from weakness, alcohol or happiness.

Example Bank:

- I can't make out the number— it's very faint.
- I was beginning to feel a little faint.
- I was faint with hunger.
- The whispers grew fainter and fainter, then stopped altogether.
- The faint glow of a match shone through the doorway.
- There was a faint glimmer of light from her window.
- What he saw made him feel faint with fear.

Idiom: ↑**not have the faintest**

Derived Word ↑**faintly**

verb intransitive

to become unconscious when not enough blood is going to your brain, usually because of the heat, a shock, etc.

Syn: ↑**pass out**

- to faint from hunger
- Suddenly the woman in front of me fainted.
- I'm nearly fainting with the heat in here.
- (informal) I almost fainted (= I was very surprised) when she told me.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	faint
	BrE /feɪnt/
	NAme /feɪnt/
he / she /it	faints
	BrE /feɪnts/
	NAme /feɪnts/
past simple, past participle	fainted
	BrE /feɪntɪd/
	NAme /feɪntɪd/
-ing form	fainting
	BrE /feɪntɪŋ/
	NAme /feɪntɪŋ/

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Thesaurus:

faint verb I

• I almost fainted from lack of air.

pass out • • **collapse** • |informal **drop** •

faint/pass out/collapse/drop **from** exhaustion/hunger/loss of blood/teh heat, etc.

Faint or pass out? People **faint** because not enough blood is going to the brain. They can **pass out** for this reason, or because they have been hit on the head or because they are drunk.

Example Bank:

- He was so pale she thought he was going to faint.
- He would faint at the sight of blood.
- She almost fainted with shock.
- She fainted from lack of air.
- Almost fainting from lack of air, she could only answer in choked gasps.

- I almost fainted when she told me.
- She thought she would faint from sheer happiness.

noun singular

the state of becoming unconscious

- He fell to the ground in a dead faint.

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I. **faint**¹ /feɪnt/ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ *adjective*

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: *faindre, feindre 'to pretend'*; ⇒ †feign]

1. difficult to see, hear, smell etc:

- She gave a faint smile.
- a very faint noise
- the faint light of dawn

2. a faint hope/possibility/chance etc a very small or slight hope etc:

- a faint hope that they might be alive

3. not have the faintest idea to not know anything at all about something:

- I don't have the faintest idea what you're talking about.

4. feeling weak and as if you are about to become unconscious because you are very ill, tired, or hungry:

- The heat made him feel quite faint.

faint with

- I was faint with hunger.

—faintly *adverb*:

- Everyone looked faintly surprised.
- The sun shone faintly through the clouds.

—faintness *noun* [uncountable]

⇒ damn somebody/something with faint praise at †damn⁴(6)

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THESAURUS

■ a quiet sound or voice

- **quiet** not making a loud sound: I heard a quiet voice behind me. | a car with a quiet engine
- **low** quiet – especially because you do not want people to hear or be disturbed: Doug was on the phone, speaking in a low voice. | I turned the volume down low.
- **soft** quiet and pleasant to listen to: Soft music was playing in the background. | His voice was soft and gentle.
- **silent** not making any sound at all: a silent prayer | silent laughter | The machines were virtually silent.
- **hushed** deliberately quiet because you do not want people to hear – used about people's voices: They were talking about money in hushed tones. | The doctor's voice was hushed and urgent.
- **faint** quiet and difficult to hear because it comes from a long way away: The men went ahead and their voices got fainter and fainter. | the faint sound of bells
- **muffled** difficult to hear, for example because the sound comes from another room or someone's mouth is covered by something: Muffled voices were coming from downstairs. | the muffled sound of someone crying
- **dull** [only before noun] a dull sound is not loud – used especially about the sound of something hitting another thing: He hit the ground with a dull thud.
- **inaudible** too quiet to hear: The sound is inaudible to the human ear. | Her answer came in an almost inaudible whisper.

II. **faint**² BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ *verb* [intransitive]

1. to suddenly become unconscious for a short time **SYN** pass out:

- Several fans fainted in the blazing heat.

2. I nearly/almost fainted *spoken* used to say that you were very surprised by something:

- I nearly fainted when they told me the price.

III. **faint**³ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ *noun* [singular]

an act of becoming unconscious

in a (dead) faint

- She fell down in a faint.

faint

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