

damp**1. [dæmp] n**

- сырость, влажность
evening damp - вечерняя сырость
- уныние, подавленное настроение; угнетённое состояние
to cast a damp over the company - привести компанию в уныние
to cast a damp over a holiday - омрачить праздник
to strike a damp into smb.'s heart - повергнуть кого-л. в уныние
to cast a damp upon trade - привести к застою в торговле
- редк.* выпивка
to give oneself a damp - пропустить рюмочку /стаканчик/
- уст.* туман, дымка
- уст.* слабость
- горн.* рудничный газ (*тж.* black damp, fire damp, suffocating damp)

2. [dæmp] a

- влажный, сырой; волглый; запотевший, отпотевший (*о предмете*)
damp bed [sheets] - отсыревшая постель [влажные простыни]
damp linen - влажное бельё
damp summer - сырое лето
damp weather - промозглая погода
damp room - сырая комната
damp tobacco - сырой /отсыревший/ табак
damp fingers - влажные пальцы
it was damp and cool in the street - на улице было сыро и прохладно
- уст.* туманный; заполненный туманом
◇ damp squib - а) неудавшаяся шутка; б) неудавшееся развлечение
to go off like a damp squib - не удался, обмануть ожидания; ≅ с треском провалиться

3. [dæmp] v

- смачивать, увлажнять
the dew damped the path - дорожка была влажной от росы
- ослаблять; останавливать; притуплять; глушить, тушить
to damp a fire - глушить пламя
to damp one's appetite - а) заглушать чувство голода; б) портить аппетит
to damp trade [production] - приводить к застою в торговле [в производстве]
to damp the agitation - унимать /умерять/ волнение, успокаивать
- обескураживать, расхолаживать
to damp smb. /smb.'s spirits/ - обескураживать кого-л.
to damp smb.'s ardour - расхолаживать кого-л., охладить /умерить/ чей-л. пыл
to damp smb.'s hopes - омрачить чьи-л. надежды
damped by their indifference - подавленный /обескураженный/ их равнодушием
- (*тж.* damp down)
1) спускать жар (*в печи*); (за)тушить (*топку*)
2) останавливать домну
- физ.*
1) уменьшать амплитуду колебаний
2) заглушать (*звук*)
3) успокаивать (*стрелку прибора*)
- тех.* демпфировать; амортизировать
◇ to damp oneself - пропустить рюмочку /стаканчик/

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damp [damp damps damped damping damper dampest] adjective, noun, verbBrE [dæmp] ⁴ NAmE [dæmp] ⁴

adjective (damp·er, damp·est)

slightly wet, often in a way that is unpleasant

- The cottage was cold and damp.
- It feels damp in here.
- damp clothes
- Wipe the surface with a damp cloth.

Word Origin:

Middle English (in the noun sense 'noxious inhalation'): of West Germanic origin; related to a Middle Low German word meaning vapour, steam, smoke.

Thesaurus:**damp** adj. (sometimes disapproving)

- The cottage was cold and damp.

wet • |often approving moist • |usually disapproving soggy •

damp/wet/moist with sth

damp/wet/moist/soggy **ground**
damp/wet/moist **earth/soil**

Synonyms:

wet

moist • damp • soaked • drenched • saturated

These words all describe things covered with or full of liquid, especially water.

wet • covered with or full of liquid, especially water: ▪ The car had skidded on the wet road. ◇ ▪ You'll get wet ▪ (= in the rain) ▪ if you go out now.

moist • slightly wet, often in a way that is pleasant or useful: ▪ a lovely rich moist cake

damp • slightly wet, often in a way that is unpleasant: ▪ The cottage was cold and damp.

soaked • (rather informal) very wet: ▪ You're soaked through! ▪ (= completely wet)

drenched • very wet: ▪ We were caught in the storm and came home drenched to the skin.

soaked or drenched?

Both of these words can be used with **with** or **in**: ▪ soaked/drenched with/in sweat/blood . **Soaked** but not usually **drenched** can also be used before a noun: ▪ their soaked clothes ◇ their drenched clothes

saturated • very wet: ▪ The ground is completely saturated: it would be pointless to plant anything.

wet/moist/damp/soaked/drenched/saturated **with** sth

soaked/drenched **in** sth

sb's **coat/shirt/shoes/clothes/hair** is/are wet/damp/soaked/drenched

wet/moist/damp/saturated **ground/earth**

to **get** wet/moist/damp/soaked/drenched/saturated

Example Bank:

- Our clothes had got a bit damp.
- The rain had made the walls damp.
- The room smelled damp.
- We took off our damp clothes.

Idiom: ↑damp squib

Derived Word ↑damply

Derived ↑damp down something ▪ ↑damp something down

noun uncountable (BrE)

the state of being **damp**; areas on a wall, etc. that are **damp**

- The old house smells of damp.
- Those marks above the window look like damp to me.

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Example Bank:

- The house had got woodworm and rising damp.
- The surveyor found damp in the kitchen.
- One wall of my house is affected by rising damp.
- The house smells of damp.

verb ~ sth

= ↑dampen

- She damped a towel and wrapped it round his leg.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	damp
	BrE /dæmp/
	NAme /dæmp/
he / she / it	damps
	BrE /dæmps/
	NAme /dæmps/
past simple, past participle	damped
	BrE /dæmpt/
	NAme /dæmpt/
-ing form	damping
	BrE /dæmpɪŋ/
	NAme /dæmpɪŋ/

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dampI. **damp**¹ /dæmp/ *BrE*[Ⓜ] *AmE*[Ⓜ] *adjective*

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Middle Low German]

1. slightly wet, often in an unpleasant way:

▪ Wipe the leather with a damp cloth.

▪ a cold, damp day

2. **damp squib** *British English informal* something that is intended to be exciting, effective etc, but which is disappointing—**dampness** *noun* [uncountable]—**damply** *adverb*

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THESAURUS■ **things**▪ **damp** slightly wet: Iron the shirt while it is still damp. | a damp cloth▪ **moist** slightly wet, especially when this is pleasant or how something should be: a moist chocolate cake | The cream helps to keep your skin moist. | Make sure that the soil is moist.▪ **clammy** slightly wet and sticky, in an unpleasant way – used especially about someone's skin: His hands were cold and clammy.■ **air/weather**▪ **damp** slightly wet, especially in a cold unpleasant way: It was a cold damp morning.▪ **humid** hot and damp in an unpleasant way: Florida can be very humid in the summer.▪ **muggy** warm and damp and making you feel uncomfortable: This muggy weather gives me a headache.▪ **dank** dank air is cold and damp and smells unpleasant – used especially about the air inside a room: The dank air smelled of stale sweat.II. **damp**² *BrE*[Ⓜ] *AmE*[Ⓜ] *noun* [uncountable] *British English*

water in walls or in the air that causes things to be slightly wet:

▪ Damp had stained the walls.

III. **damp**³ *BrE*[Ⓜ] *AmE*[Ⓜ] *verb* [transitive]

to dampen something

damp something ↔ **down** *phrasal verb*

to make a fire burn more slowly, often by covering it with ↑ash

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