

1. [dreɪn] n

1. 1) вытекание; истечение; отток

drain from a leaky tap - утечка воды из неисправного крана

2) постоянное истощение; постоянная утечка; расход

drain of money - утечка капиталов

drain on the resources - истощение ресурсов

the upkeep of two houses was too great a drain on my purse - жизнь на два дома совершенно истощила мой кошелек

/потребовалачересчур больших трат/

it's a great drain on my health - это подрывает моё здоровье

3) потребление

current [power] drain - потреблениетока [мощности]

2. 1) дренаж, осушка, дренирование

2) дренаж; дренажная канава, дрена

3) водосток, водоотвод

4) канализационная труба

the drains of a house - канализация /канализационная система/ дома

5) *мед.* дренажная трубка3. *разг.* рюмочка; глоток

leave me a drain - оставь мне глоточек

4. *pl*

1) осадок, остатки, опивки

2) *диал.* пивная гуща

◇ brain drain - «утечка мозгов» (*выезд учёных из страны*)

to go down the drain - а) ≅ провалиться сквозь землю; исчезнуть, провалиться; б) становиться всё хуже

to laugh like a drain - хохотать до упаду

down the drain - без пользы, без толку

that's five years' work down the drain - работали пять лет - и всё впустую, труд пяти лет - коту под хвост

to throw money down the drain - бросать деньги на ветер

2. [dreɪn] v

1. 1) отводить, откачивать, выпускать (воду)

to drain water from a tank - выпустить воду из бака /из резервуара/

2) истощать, опустошать; высасывать, выкачивать

to drain a country of its wealth, to drain the wealth of a country - выкачивать из страны её богатства

to drain one's purse - опустошить кошелек

to drain smb. of his strength - истощать чьи-л. силы

to drain smb. dry - выжать из кого-л. всё до последней копейки; разорить, пустить по миру кого-л.

to be drained of its contents - быть выхолощенным (*о произведении искусства и т. п.*)

black economy drains more than a billion dollars from the treasury - подпольная /теневая/ экономика /чёрный рынок/ отвлекает более миллиарда долларов из государственной казны

3) вытекать, утекать, стекать (*тж.* drain away)

the water will soon drain (away) - вода скоро вытечет

his life was slowly draining away - *образн.* жизнь медленно покидала его

the strength in his arms drained away - сила уходила из его рук

4) *эл.* отводить ток

2. 1) дренировать, осушать

to drain the land - дренировать почву

the river drains the whole countryside - река собирает воды всего (этого) района

2) *мед.* дренировать

to drain an abscess - дренировать абсцесс

3. стекать в реку; сбрасывать воды

to drain into the river - сбрасывать воды в реку (*о притоке*)

4. 1) фильтровать

2) сочиться; просачиваться

5. оборудовать канализацией, проводить канализацию

well [badly] drained - с хорошей [плохой] системой канализации

6. пить, осушать, выпивать до дна (*тж.* to drain dry, to drain to the dregs)

to drain a pint of wine - (единым духом) осушить пинту вина

to drain the cup of sorrow to the dregs - *образн.* испить чашу страданий до дна

7. 1) сушить (*посуду*)2) сушиться (*о посуде*)8. отжимать (*бельё в стиральной машине*)

to set the switch to drain - поставить /переключить/ (стиральную) машину на отжим, включить отжим

drain

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drain [drain drains drained draining] **verb** **noun** *BrE* [dreɪn] ^o *NAmE* [dreɪn] ^o

verb**1. transitive, intransitive ~ (sth)** to make sth empty or dry by removing all the liquid from it; to become empty or dry in this way

- Drain and rinse the pasta.

- The marshes have been drained.
 - You will need to drain the central heating system before you replace the radiator.
 - The swimming pool drains very slowly.
 - Leave the dishes to drain.
- 2. transitive, intransitive** to make liquid flow away from sth; to flow away
 - ~ **sth (from/out of sth)** We had to drain the oil out of the engine.
 - ~ **sth away/off** Drain off the excess fat from the meat.
 - ~ **away/off** She pulled out the plug and the water drained away.
 - (figurative) My anger slowly drained away.
 - ~ **into sth** The river drains into a lake.
 - ~ **from/out of sth** All the colour drained from his face when I told him the news
 - ~ **of sth** His face drained of colour.
 - 3. transitive** ~ **sth** to empty a cup or glass by drinking everything in it
 - In one gulp, he drained the glass.
 - She quickly drained the last of her drink.
 - 4. transitive** to make sb/sth weaker, poorer, etc. by using up their/its strength, money, etc
 - ~ **sb/sth** My mother's hospital expenses were slowly draining my income.
 - an exhausting and draining experience
 - ~ **sb/sth of sth** I felt drained of energy.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	drain
	BrE /dreɪn/
	NAmE /dreɪn/
he / she /it	drains
	BrE /dreɪnz/
	NAmE /dreɪnz/
past simple, past participle	drained
	BrE /dreɪnd/
	NAmE /dreɪnd/
-ing form	draining
	BrE /d्रेɪnɪŋ/
	NAmE /d्रेɪnɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English drēahnian, drēhnian 'strain (liquid)', of Germanic origin; related to †dry.

Collocations:

Cooking

Preparing

- prepare** a dish/a meal/a menu/dinner/the fish
- weigh out** 100g/4oz of sugar/the ingredients
- wash/rinse** the lettuce/spinach/watercress
- chop/slice/dice** the carrots/onions/potatoes
- peel** the carrots/onion/potatoes/garlic/orange
- grate** a carrot/the cheese/some nutmeg
- remove /discard** the bones/seeds/skin
- blend/combine/mix (together)** the flour and water/all the ingredients
- beat/whisk** the cream/eggs/egg whites
- knead/shape/roll (out)** the dough

Cooking

- heat** the oil in a frying pan
- preheat /heat** the oven/(BrE) the grill/(NAmE) the broiler
- bring to** (BrE) the boil/(NAmE) a boil
- stir** constantly/gently with a wooden spoon
- reduce** the heat
- simmer** gently for 20 minutes/until reduced by half
- melt** the butter/chocolate/cheese/sugar
- brown** the meat for 8-20 minutes
- drain** the pasta/the water from the pot/in a colander
- mash** the potatoes/banana/avocado

Ways of cooking

- cook** food/fish/meat/rice/pasta/a Persian dish
- bake** (a loaf of) bread/a cake/(especially NAmE) cookies/(BrE) biscuits/a pie/potatoes/fish/scones/muffins
- boil** cabbage/potatoes/an egg/water
- fry/deep-fry/stir-fry** the chicken/vegetables
- grill** meat/steak/chicken/sausages/a hot dog
- roast** potatoes/peppers/meat/chicken/lamb
- sauté** garlic/mushrooms/onions/potatoes/vegetables
- steam** rice/vegetables/spinach/asparagus/dumplings
- toast** bread/nuts

microwave food/popcorn/(BrE) a ready meal

Serving

serve in a glass/on a bed of rice/with potatoes

arrange the slices on a plate/in a layer

carve the meat/lamb/chicken/turkey

dress/toss a salad

dress with/drizzle with olive oil/vinaigrette

top with a slice of lemon/a scoop of ice cream/whipped cream/syrup

garnish with a sprig of parsley/fresh basil leaves/lemon wedges/a slice of lime/a twist of orange

sprinkle with salt/sugar/herbs/parsley/freshly ground black pepper

Example Bank:

- All the blood drained from her face.
- Her energy seemed to drain out of her.
- His face was drained of colour.
- His voice was utterly drained of emotion.
- I drained off all the excess water.
- I felt the courage draining out of me.
- Remove the artichokes, drain thoroughly and allow to cool.
- Sue felt exhausted and emotionally drained.
- The blood drains out of the body.
- The country's coal reserves are being drained away.
- The surgeon drains out any excess fluid.
- The water has all drained away.
- The water quickly drained away down the sink.
- well-drained soil
- All the colour drained from his face when I told him the news.
- It was an exhausting and draining experience.
- My mother's hospital expenses were slowly draining away my income.
- The experience left her emotionally drained.
- Then the water drains out, leaving a film of wet mud.
- We had to drain the oil out of the tank.
- You will need to turn off the water and drain the tank.

Idiom: ↑down the drain

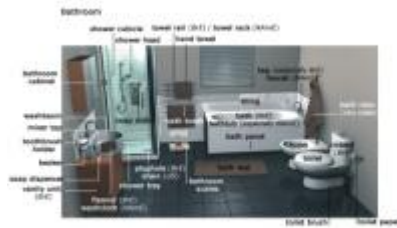
noun

1. **countable** a pipe that carries away dirty water or other liquid waste

- We had to call in a plumber to unblock the drain.
- The drains (= the system of pipes) date from the beginning of the century.

2. **countable** (BrE) (US **grate**, 'sewer grate') a frame of metal bars over the opening to a **drain** in the ground

3. (US) (BrE **plug-hole**) **countable** a hole in a bath/ ↑bathtub, ↑sink, etc. where the water flows away and into which a plug fits



4. **singular** a ~ **on sb/sth** a thing that uses a lot of the time, money, etc. that could be used for sth else

- Military spending is a huge drain on the country's resources.

see also ↑brain drain

more at laugh like a drain at ↑laugh v.

Word Origin:

Old English drēahnian, drēhnian 'strain (liquid)', of Germanic origin; related to ↑dry.

Thesaurus:

drain noun C

- The drain is blocked.

sewer • • **gutter** •

an **open** drain/sewer

a drain/gutter is **blocked**

a drain/sewer/gutter **runs** down/along sth

Example Bank:

- They were busy laying the drains for the new houses.

- a bottle of drain cleaner
- scientists joining the brain drain
- The drains date from the beginning of the last century.

See also: ↑down the plughole ▪ ↑grate ▪ ↑plughole ▪ ↑sewer grate

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I. **drain**¹ /dreɪn/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb*

[Language: Old English; Origin: dreahnian]

1. LIQUID

a) [transitive] to make the water or liquid in something flow away:

ˈ The swimming pool is drained and cleaned every winter.

drain something from something

ˈ Brad drained all the oil from the engine.

ˈ Can you drain the spaghetti, please (=pour away the water from the pan)?

b) [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] if liquid drains away, it flows away

drain away/off/from

ˈ I watched the bath water drain away.

c) [intransitive] if something drains, the liquid that is in it or on it flows away and it becomes dry:

ˈ Open ditches drain very efficiently.

ˈ She washed up and left the dishes to drain.

well-drained/poorly-drained soil (=soil from which water flows away quickly or slowly)

ˈ This plant needs rich, well-drained soil.

2. **MAKE SOMEBODY TIRED** [transitive] to make someone feel very tired and without any energy:

ˈ Working with children all day really drains you.

3. **USE TOO MUCH** [transitive] to use too much of something, especially money, so that there is not enough left:

ˈ Huge imports were draining the country's currency reserves.

4. **the colour/blood drains from sb's face/cheeks** used to say that someone's face becomes very pale, because they are frightened or shocked:

ˈ When the verdict was read out, all the colour drained from Zelda's cheeks.

5. **drain a glass/cup etc** *written* to drink all the liquid in a glass, cup etc:

ˈ Hannah drained her mug in one gulp.

drain away *phrasal verb*

if something drains away, it is reduced until there is none left:

ˈ I watched the light drain away.

anger/confidence/tension/hope etc drains away

ˈ Sally felt her anger drain away.

drain something ↔ off *phrasal verb*

to make water or a liquid flow off something, leaving it dry:

ˈ After cooking the meat, drain off the excess fat.

II. **drain**² *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun* [countable]

1. *especially British English* a pipe that carries water or waste liquids away:

ˈ The flood was caused by a blocked drain.

ˈ There's a problem with the drains.

2. *British English* the frame of metal bars over a drain where water etc can flow into it **SYN grate** *American English*

3. *American English* the hole in the bottom of a bath or ↑sink that water flows out through **SYN plughole** *British English*

4. **a drain on something** something that continuously uses a lot of time, money etc:

ˈ The war was an enormous drain on the country's resources.

5. **down the drain** *informal*

a) if time, effort, or money goes down the drain, it is wasted or produces no results:

ˈ Well that's it. 18 months' work down the drain.

b) if an organization, country etc goes down the drain, it becomes worse or fails:

ˈ That's why this country's going down the drain!

⇒ ↑brain drain, ⇒ laugh like a drain at ↑laugh¹(1)

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