

## hum

I

1. [hʌm] *n*
  - 1) жужжание  
the hum of bees - жужжание пчёл
  - 2) гудение, гул; глухой шум; рокот, рокотание  
the hum of traffic - гул /глухой шум/ уличного движения  
the hum of industry - немолчный гул заводов
  - 3) нестройный шум, ропот  
the hum of conversation - нестройный шум голосов
2. 1) мурлыканье, напевание
- 2) хмыканье  
to give a hum of approbation [of disapproval] - одобрительно [неодобрительно] хмыкнуть
3. *радио* фон, помехи  
mains hum - помехи в сети
2. [hʌm] *v*
  - 1) жужжать
  - 2) рокотать, гудеть  
the street hums all the time - с улицы несётся немолчный гул  
my head hums - у меня гудит голова  
the room hummed with voices - в комнате стоял гул голосов
  2. 1) хмыкать, гмыкать
  - 2) мямлить, запинаться, мекать  
to hum and ha(w) - а) мямлить, запинаться, мекать; б) колебаться, не решаться
  3. напевать, петь без слов, мурлыкать; петь с закрытым ртом  
to hum a tune - мурлыкать песенку  
to hum smth. in a low tone - мурлыкать что-л. себе под нос  
to hum smb. to sleep - убаюкивать кого-л.
  4. *разг.* быть деятельным, развивать бурную деятельность  
things are humming - жизнь кипит /бьёт/ ключом  
he makes things hum - у него работа кипит
3. [hʌm] *int*  
хм!, гм! (*выражает сомнение, недовольство, нерешительность и т. п.*)

II

1. [hʌm] *n сл.*  
вонь, скверный запах
2. [hʌm] *v сл.*  
вонять, скверно пахнуть

II

1. [hʌm] *n разг.*  
обман, надувательство, розыгрыш
2. [hʌm] *v разг.*  
надувать, разыгрывать

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hum [hum hums hummed humming] *verb noun BrE* [hʌm] <sup>ⓘ</sup> *NAmE* [hʌm] <sup>ⓘ</sup>*verb* (-mm-)

1. *intransitive, transitive* to sing a tune with your lips closed
  - She was humming softly to herself.
  - He began to hum along with the music.
  - ~ **sth** What's that tune you're humming?
2. *intransitive* to make a low continuous sound
  - The computers were humming away.
  - The overheadwires hummed with power.
3. *intransitive* to be full of activity
  - The streets were beginning to hum with life.
  - The whole room was humming now.
  - Things were beginning to hum.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	hum
	BrE /hʌm/
	NAmE /hʌm/
he / she / it	hums
	BrE /hʌmz/
	NAmE /hʌmz/
past simple, past participle	hummed
	BrE /hʌmd/
	NAmE /hʌmd/
-ing form	humming
	BrE /hʌmɪŋ/
	NAmE /hʌmɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: imitative.

Collocations:

**Music**

*Listening*

**listen to/enjoy/love/be into** music/classical music/jazz/pop/hip-hop, etc.

**listen to** the radio/an MP3 player/a CD

**put on/play** a CD/a song/some music

**turn down/up** the music/radio/volume/bass

**go to** a concert/festival/gig/performance/recital

**copy/burn/rip** music/a CD/a DVD

**download** music/an album/a song/a demo/a video

*Playing*

**play** a musical instrument/the piano/percussion/a note/a riff/the melody/a concerto/a duet/by ear

**sing** an anthem/a ballad/a solo/an aria/the blues/in a choir/soprano/alto/tenor/bass/out of tune

**hum** a tune/a theme tune/a lullaby

**accompany** a singer/choir

**strum** a chord/guitar

*Performing*

**form/start/get together/join/quit/leave** a band

**give** a performance/concert/recital

**do** a concert/recital/gig

**play** a concert/gig/festival/venue

**perform** (BrE) at/in a concert/(especially NAmE) a concert

**appear** at a festival/live

**go on/embark on** a (world) tour

*Recording*

**write/compose** music/a ballad/a melody/a tune/a song/a theme song/an opera/a symphony

**land/get/sign** a record deal

**be signed to/be dropped by** a record company

**record/release/put out** an album/a single/a CD

**be top of/top** the charts

**get to/go straight to/go straight in at/enter** the charts at number one

Example Bank:

- He began to hum, somewhat tunelessly.
- I was humming along with the music.
- What's that tune you're humming?

Idiom: ↑hum and haw

**noun singular ~ (of sth)**

a low continuous sound

- the **hum of bees/traffic/voices**
- The room filled with the hum of conversation.

Word Origin:

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Example Bank:

- the background hum of the air-conditioning

See also: ↑hem and haw

**hum**<sup>1</sup> /hʌm/ *BrE* <sup>1</sup> *AmE* <sup>1</sup> *verb* (past tense and past participle **hummed**, present participle **humming**)

[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: From the sound]

1. **[intransitive and transitive]** to sing a tune by making a continuous sound with your lips closed

**hum to yourself**

Tony was humming to himself as he drove along.

He began to hum a tune.

2. **[intransitive]** to make a low continuous sound:

Machines hummed on the factory floor.

3. **[intransitive]** if a place hums, it is full of activity – use this to show approval ⇒ **busy**:

By nine o'clock, the restaurant was humming.

**hum with**

The streets were humming with life.

4. **hum and haw** *British English* to take a long time deciding what to say or do ⇒ **hesitate SYN hem and haw** *American English*

II. **hum**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>2</sup> *AmE* <sup>2</sup> *noun* [singular]

1. a low continuous sound

**hum of**

the distant hum of traffic

2. **hum of excitement /approval etc** the sound of people talking because they are excited etc

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## THESAURUS

### ■ a quiet sound

▪ **hum** a quiet low continuous sound, especially from electrical equipment, traffic, an engine, or people's conversation: The only sound was the faint hum of the air-conditioning unit. | He could hear the hum of distant traffic.

▪ **rustle** a continuous quiet sound from papers, leaves, or clothes when they rub together: She heard the rustle of dried leaves behind her. | the rustle of silk dresses

▪ **murmur** a quiet low continuous sound, especially from people's voices that are far away: The murmur of voices died away. | They spoke in a low murmur.

▪ **rumble** a series of long low sounds, especially from big guns, traffic, or **thunder**: I heard a rumble of thunder. | the low rumble of a train approaching

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283 **42490**<sup>301</sup> *vvi*

216 **48112**<sup>239</sup> *vv0*

79 **77896**<sup>95</sup> *uh*