

demon

[ˈdi:mən] *n*

1. демон; искунитель; сатана; дьявол
 malignant demon - злой дух
 avenging demon - дух отмщения
 regular demon - **разг.** сущий дьявол
 the demon of jealousy - бес ревности [*см. тж.* 3]
 to drive out /to exorcise/ demons - изгонять бесов
 to call forth demons - вызывать духов /нечистую силу/
 possessed with demons - одержимый, бесноватый
2. 1) дух, добрый гений
 he's the demon of these woods - он добрый гений этих лесов
 2) гений, источник вдохновения
3. **разг.** энергичный *или* напористый человек
 demon driver - лихач
 demon lover - страстный /неутомимый/ любовник
 the little demon of a child - чертёнок, бесёнок, дьяволёнок
 he is a demon of jealousy - он безумно /дьявольски/ ревнив [*см. тж.* 1]
 he is a demon of accuracy - он - сама точность
 he is a demon for work - он работает как чёрт, у него всё в руках горит
 he is a demon at tennis - он здорово играет в теннис
4. **усил.** энергия, азарт, напористость
 ◇ the demon drink - алкоголь

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demon [demon demons] *BrE* [ˈdiːməŋ] *NAme* [ˈdiːməŋ] **noun**

1. an evil spirit
 - demons torturing the sinners in Hell
 2. (informal) a person who does sth very well or with a lot of energy
 - He skis like a demon.
 - He's a demon: he gets up early, he works out, he goes home early, he studies, he works out again...
 3. something that causes a person to worry and makes them unhappy
 - the demons of jealousy
- ↓ [idiom](#) ↑ [demon drink](#)

Word Origin:

Middle English: from medieval Latin, from Latin *daemon*, from Greek *daimōn* 'deity, genius'; in sense 1 also from Latin *daemonium* 'lesser or evil spirit', from Greek *daemonion*, diminutive of *daimōn*.

Example Bank:

- He is plagued by demons which go back to his traumatic childhood.
- She's had to battle her personal demons throughout her adult life.
- The people believed the girl was possessed by demons.
- an ancient ritual to exorcise demons
- tales of travellers attacked by evil demons

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deˌmɒn /ˈdiːməŋ *BrE* *AmE* **noun** [countable]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Late Latin; Origin: *daemon* 'evil spirit', from Greek *daimon*]

1. an evil ↑spirit or force:
 - He was speeding down the motorway as if pursued by a demon.
2. [usually plural] something that makes you anxious and causes you problems:
 - She struggled with her husband's demons of addiction and alcoholism.
3. someone who is very good at something – often used humorously:
 - a demon cook
4. **the demon drink** *British English* alcoholic drink – often used humorously
 ⇒ ↑*daemon*

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