

peculiar**1. [pɪˈkjuːliə] n**

- 1) личная неограниченная, исключительная собственность
- 2) особая привилегия
2. прозвище членов евангелической секты в Оксфорде

2. [pɪˈkjuːliə] a

1. специфический, особенный, своеобразный
of peculiar interest - представляющий особый /специфический/ интерес
2. 1) принадлежащий, присущий *или* свойственный определённому лицу, предмету *и т. п.*
that gait is peculiar to him - его типичная походка, характерная для него походка
the condor is peculiar to the Andes - кондор водится только в Андах
privileges peculiar to military men - привилегии, которыми пользуются только военные
- 2) личный, собственный, индивидуальный
my own peculiar property - моё личное имущество
for my own peculiar reasons - по сугубо личным причинам
3. 1) странный, эксцентричный, необычный
peculiar girl - странная девушка
well, that's peculiar! - (вот это) странно!
he has peculiar ways - он со странностями, у него свои причуды
to be a little peculiar - иметь некоторые странности
to be peculiar in one's dress - одеваться оригинально /необычно/
this food has a peculiar taste - у этой пищи странный вкус
- 2) *астр.* пекулярный, аномальный по характеристикам
4. *разг.* больной
to feel peculiar - плохо себя чувствовать
◇ Peculiar People - *рел.* «избранный народ»

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pe·cu·liar [**peculiar** **peculiars**] *BrE* [pɪˈkjuːliə(ɹ)]^ˈ *NAmE* [pɪˈkjuːliə]^ˈ **adjective**

1. (*BrE* or *rather formal*, *NAmE*) strange or unusual, especially in a way that is unpleasant or worrying

Syn: †odd

- a peculiar smell/taste
- There was something peculiar in the way he smiled.
- I had a peculiar feeling we'd met before.
- Her behaviour was a peculiar mixture of the sophisticated and the childlike.
- He died in very peculiar circumstances.
- **For some peculiar reason**, she refused to come inside.
- The peculiar thing was that no one mentioned her disappearance.
- They behaved in a very peculiar way.

compare †odd

2. ~ (**to sb/sth**) belonging or relating to one particular place, situation, person, etc, and not to others

- a humour that is peculiar to American sitcoms
- a species of bird peculiar to Asia
- He has his own peculiar style which you'll soon get used to.
- the family's peculiar importance in the affair
- the peculiar properties of mercury

3. (*BrE*, *informal*) slightly ill/sick

- I don't think I'll eat anything— I'm feeling a bit peculiar.

see funny peculiar **at** †funnyWord Origin:

late Middle English (in the sense 'particular'): from Latin **peculiaris** 'of private property', from **peculium** 'property', from **pecu** 'cattle' (cattle being private property). The sense 'strange' dates from the early 17th cent.

Example Bank:

- I find her attitude a bit peculiar, to say the least.
- The meat tasted rather peculiar.
- These problems are by no means peculiar to this country.
- the smell that is peculiar to hospitals
- Each house had its own peculiar smell.
- Every case presents its own peculiar problems.
- For some peculiar reason, she refused to come inside.
- He waved in a way entirely peculiar to himself.
- I had a peculiar feeling we'd met before.
- It's got a peculiar taste.
- The species is peculiar to China.
- We shall concentrate on environmental features that are peculiar to the tropics.

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pe **cu** **li** **ar** /pɪ'kjuːliə -ər/ **BrE** " **AmE** " **adjective**

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Latin; Origin: peculiaris 'of private property, special', from peculium 'private property', from pecu 'cattle']

1. strange, unfamiliar, or a little surprising:

- " There was a peculiar smell in the kitchen.
- " Something peculiar is going on.
- " It seems very peculiar that no one noticed Kay had gone.

2. **be peculiar to somebody/something** if something is peculiar to a particular person, place, or situation, it is a feature that only belongs to that person or only exists in that place or situation:

- " The problem of racism is not peculiar to this country.

3. behaving in a strange and slightly crazy way:

- " He's been a little peculiar lately.
- " She's a very peculiar child.

4. **feel peculiar/come over all peculiar** *British English informal* to feel slightly ill

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- **strange** unusual or surprising, especially in a way that is difficult to understand, or that is a little frightening: What's that strange noise downstairs? | That's strange – I'm sure I left my keys on the table. | a strange old man
- **funny/odd** *especially spoken* a little strange and making you feel slightly surprised or worried: There's a funny smell in the kitchen. | It's odd that you can't remember him at all.
- **curious** *especially written* strange, especially in an interesting way. **Curious** is a little more formal than **strange**: a curious fact | There's something rather curious about small-town America. | She remembered curious little details.
- **mysterious** strange – used about something that people know little about and are unable to explain or understand: He had disappeared in mysterious circumstances. | There were reports of mysterious lights in the sky.
- **eccentric** strange in a way that seems slightly crazy and amusing – used about people and their behaviour: He lived completely alone and had some slightly eccentric habits. | an eccentric old lady
- **peculiar** slightly strange, and different from what you would normally expect – used especially when this is either amusing or worrying: She sometimes wears rather peculiar clothes. | He had a peculiar expression on his face.

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