

wit

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[wit] *n*1. *часто pl* ум, разум

quick [slow] wits - сообразительность[несообразительность]

dull wits - тупоумие, тупость

to be out of one's wits - обезуметь, утратить способность соображать

are you out of your wits? - да вы в своём уме?

to bring /to drive/ to one's wit s' end - сводить с ума, выводить из терпения

to be at one's wits' end - стать в тупик, не знать, что делать; ≅ ума не приложу

to have the wit to do smth. - сообразить сделать что-л

he had the wit to call the doctor - у него хватило сообразительности вызвать врача

to keep one's wits about one - не растеряться, не потерять головы

to have one's wits about one - а) быть начеку; б) быть пройдохой /ловкачом/

he has all his wits about him - ≅ его не проведёшь

to set one's wit to a problem - ломать голову над задачей

2. остроумие, остроумие

3. остряк, остроумный человек

◇ to live by one's wits - изворачиваться, всеми правдами и неправдами добывать средства к жизни; жить на сомнительные доходы

II

[wit] *v* (wist; 1-е и 3-е л. ед. ч. наст. вр. wot) *арх.*

1. знать, ведать

let wit - да будет известно

God wot - бог ведаёт

2. узнать

◇ to wit - то есть, а именно

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▪ **1. wit** [wit wits] *BrE* [wit] [ⓘ] *NAmE* [wit] [ⓘ] **noun****1. uncountable, singular** the ability to say or write things that are both clever and amusing• to have a **quick/sharp/dry/ready wit**

• a woman of wit and intelligence

• a book full of the **wit and wisdom** of his 30 years in politics**2. countable** a person who has the ability to say or write things that are both clever and amusing

• a well-known wit and raconteur

3. wits plural your ability to think quickly and clearly and to make good decisions

• He needed all his wits to find his way out.

• The game was a long **battle of wits** .• Kate paused and **gathered her wits** .• a chance to **pit your wits against** (= compete with, using your intelligence) our quiz champion**4. -witted** (in adjectives) having the type of intelligence mentioned

• a quick-witted group of students

5. uncountable ~ to do sth the intelligence or good sense to know what is the right thing to do

• At least you had the wit to ask for help.

• It should not be **beyond the wit of man** to resolve this dispute.**see also** ↑witless**more at** live by your wits **at** ↑live ¹**Idioms:** ↑at your wits' end ▪ ↑have your wits about you ▪ ↑scared out of your witsWord Origin:Old English wit(t), gewit(t), denoting the mind as the seat of consciousness, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **weet** and German **Witz**, also to wit in the archaic sense 'have knowledge'.Word Family:**wit** **noun****witty** **adjective****witticism** **noun****outwit** **verb**Example Bank:

- He had a dry wit.
- He has plenty of wit and imagination.
- I hope he has the wit to take the key with him.
- I hope you had the wits to apologize.
- I was scared out of my wits!
- I'm at my wits' end trying to cope with his moods.
- Living alone in the country had dulled his wits.
- She couldn't seem to gather her wits and tell us what had happened.

- She had to use all her native wit to convince the police.
- The game allows you to match wits with a computer criminal.
- The latest news has scared the wits out of investors.
- The strike developed into a battle of wits between management and workers.
- They do tough interviews so you'll need to have your wits about you.
- He was blessed with great charm and a quick wit.
- I wanted to bowl him over with my sparkling wit.
- It shouldn't be beyond the wit of man to solve this issue.
- You'd think they'd have the wit to ask for help.

▪ **II. to 'wit idiom**

(old-fashioned, formal) you use to wit when you are about to be more exact about sth that you have just referred to

- Pilot error, to wit failure to follow procedures, was the cause of the accident.

Main entry: ↑wit_{idiom}

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wit /wɪt/ BrE " AmE " noun

[Language: Old English; Origin: 'knowledge, intelligence']

1. **AMUSING** [uncountable] the ability to say things that are clever and amusing:

" a woman of great wit and charm

quick/dry/sharp etc wit

" His sharp wit had them all smiling.

2. **AMUSING PERSON** [countable] someone who is able to say clever and amusing things

3. **wits** [plural] your ability to think quickly and make the right decisions:

" Alone and penniless, I was forced to live on my wits.

keep/have your wits about you (=be ready to think quickly and do what is necessary in a difficult situation)

4. **frighten/scare/terrify somebody out of their wits** *informal* to frighten someone very much:

" I was terrified out of my wits at the very idea.

5. **gather/collect/recover etc your wits** to make yourself think about what you are going to do next after you have been surprised by something:

" I felt helpless, but tried to gather my wits.

6. **pit your wits against somebody** to compete against someone in a test of knowledge or intelligence

7. **be at your wits' end** to be very upset and not know what to do, because you have tried everything possible to solve a problem

8. **have the wit to do something** *formal* to be clever enough to know the right thing to do:

" Thankfully, Reid had the wit to see what was wrong with the plan.

9. **not be beyond the wit of somebody** *formal* not be too difficult for someone to do:

" It's surely not beyond the wit of man to come up with a solution.

10. **to wit** *old use formal* used to introduce additional information which makes it clear exactly who or what you are talking about

SYN namely :

" This does not stop me giving you a little treat. To wit, an invitation to dine at Brown's.

⇒ **battle of wits** at ↑battle¹(5), ⇒ ↑half-wit, ⇒ **live by your wits** at ↑live¹(15), ⇒ ↑outwit, ↑quick-witted, ↑witty

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