

**germ**

- [dʒɜ:m] *n*
  - микроб; бактерия  
free from germs - обезвреженный, продезинфицированный  
full of germs - заражённый, изобилующий микробами
  - 1) зародыш, эмбрион  
in germ - в зародыше, в зачаточном состоянии [см. тж. 3)]
  - 2) *бот.* плодовая почка
  - 3) зачаток; зарождение; происхождение  
in germ - в зачаточном состоянии [см. тж. 1)]  
the germ of life [war] - зарождение /происхождение/ жизни [войны]  
it was just the germ of an idea - мысль пока только зародилась
- [dʒɜ:m] *v*  
давать ростки, развиваться

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**germ** [germ germs] *BrE* [dʒɜːm] *AmE* [dʒɜːrm] *noun*

- countable, usually plural** a very small living thing that can cause infection and disease
  - Disinfectant kills germs.
  - Dirty hands can be a breeding ground for germs.
- singular ~ of sth** an early stage of the development of sth
  - Here was the germ of a brilliant idea.
  - The germ of the town was a single house near the river.
- countable (biology)** the part of a plant or an animal that can develop into a new one  
**see also** ↑wheatgerm

Word Origin:

late Middle English (in sense 3): via Old French from Latin *germen* 'seed, sprout'. Sense 1 dates from the late 19th cent.

Example Bank:

- Cracks and scratches in work surfaces can harbour germs.
- The epidemic was caused by a deadly germ.
- The epidemic was caused by a particularly virulent flu germ.
- They used bleach to kill any germs in the sink and drain.
- The germ is the embryo of the new plant.

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[Date: 1400-1500; Language: French; Origin: germe, from Latin *germen* 'seed, bud, germ', from *gignere*; ⇒ ↑genital]

- a very small living thing that can make you ill ⇒ ↑bacteria:  
Put disinfectant down the toilet to kill any germs.
- the germ of an idea/theory/feeling etc** the early stage of an idea, feeling etc that may develop into something bigger and more important:  
The germ of a story began to form in his mind.
- technical** the part of a plant or animal that can develop into a new plant or animal:  
germ cells containing DNA  
⇒ ↑wheatgerm, ↑germ warfare

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