

donkey

[ˈdɒŋki] *n*

1. **зоол.** осёл (*Equus asinus*)
 donkey driver - погонщик ослов
 donkey load - ослиная ноша
 to ride a donkey - ехать на осле
2. (Donkey) **амер.** Осёл (*неофициальная эмблема демократической партии*)
3. = donkey-engine
4. **бран.** осёл, дурак
 ◇ donkey's years - долгие годы /-ое время/
 donkey work - ишачий труд, большая и неблагодарная работа
 he wants someone to do the donkey work - ему нужен «белый негр»
 to win the donkey race - прийти последним
 he would talk the hind leg off a donkey - он переговорит кого хочешь; у него язык хорошо подвешен

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don·key [donkey donkeys] *BrE* [ˈdɒŋki] ^m *NAmE* [ˈdɒŋki] ^m *NAmE* [ˈdɑŋki] ^m

noun

an animal of the horse family, with short legs and long ears. People ride **donkeys** or use them to carry heavy loads.

more at talk the hind leg off a donkey **at** [↑]talk *v.*

[↓] **idiom** [↑]donkey's years

Word Origin:

late 18th cent. (originally pronounced to rhyme with monkey): perhaps from [↑]dun, or from the name Duncan.

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[Date: 1700-1800; Origin: Perhaps from dun (=gray-brown) + -key (as in monkey)]



1. **[countable]** a grey or brown animal like a horse, but smaller and with long ears

2. **donkey's years** *British English spoken* a very long time

for donkey's years

^m I 'vɒd this jacket for donkey's years.

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