

**foolish**['fu:lɪʃ] *a*

1. глупый, безрассудный; взбалмошный  
how foolish of you! - как глупо (с вашей стороны)!  
it was a foolish thing to say - глупо было говорить это
2. дурацкий, нелепый  
to look foolish - выглядеть нелепо, оказаться в глупом положении  
foolish hope - тщетная надежда  
to feel foolish - неловко себя чувствовать, почувствовать себя в глупом положении
3. слабоумный

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**fool-ish** [foolish foolishly foolishness] *BrE* ['fu:lɪʃ] *AmE* ['fu:lɪʃ] *adjective*

1. (of actions or behaviour) not showing good sense or judgement

**Syn:** †silly, **Syn:** †stupid

- She's just a vain, foolish woman.
- I was foolish enough to believe what Jeff told me.
- The accident was my fault— **it would be foolish** to pretend otherwise.
- How could she have been so foolish as to fall in love with him?
- a foolish idea/dream/mistake
- It was a very foolish thing to do.

2. not usually before noun made to feel or look silly and embarrassed

**Syn:** †silly, **Syn:** †stupid

- I felt foolish and a failure.
- He's afraid of looking foolish in front of his friends.

Derived Words †foolishly ▪ †foolishnessExample Bank:

- It's foolish of me, I know, but I never thought he'd lie to me.
- She spoke as though to a child who had asked a foolish question.
- She's just a vain, foolish woman.

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1. a foolish action, remark etc is stupid and shows that someone is not thinking sensibly **SYN** silly:

- I've never heard anything so foolish in all my life.
- It would be foolish to ignore his advice.

**be foolish enough to do something**

- I was foolish enough to believe him.

**REGISTER**In everyday English, people usually say **silly** or **stupid** rather than **foolish**:

- It was a **silly** thing to say.
- I felt a bit **stupid** when she said no.

2. a foolish person behaves in a silly way or looks silly **SYN** stupid:

- I was young and foolish at the time.
- a foolish grin

**look/feel foolish**

- He'd been made to look foolish.

**—foolishly** *adverb*:

- She foolishly agreed to go with them.

**—foolishness** *noun* [uncountable]

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- **stupid** showing a total lack of good sense or good judgment. **Stupid** sounds very strong and is often used when you are annoyed or strongly criticizing someone's behaviour: I wish you'd stop asking stupid questions. | It was stupid of me to leave the door unlocked. | Well, if you're stupid enough to skate on the lake, you deserve to fall in.
- **silly** doing or saying things that are not sensible or serious, and that may make you feel embarrassed later. **Silly** sounds much gentler than **stupid**: a silly mistake | Don't be so silly! There's nothing wrong with you. | I think you're silly to worry so much about your hair.
- **daft** *informal* not sensible, often in a way that is also amusing: Is this another of your daft ideas? | Don't be daft! Of course you're not too old to go clubbing.
- **dumb** *informal especially American English* stupid: a dumb question | He was dumb enough to believe her. | Oh, I just did the dumbest thing back there, I forgot my purse.
- **foolish** stupid. **Foolish** sounds rather formal and is used mainly in written English. The usual words to use in everyday English are **silly** or **stupid**: It was a foolish thing to say. | They did not want to look foolish. | It was all a foolish dream. | I think the board of directors made a foolish choice that it will later regret.
- **unwise** *formal* done without thinking carefully enough about the possible disadvantages that may result: She knew the marriage was unwise. | an unwise choice of words | It would be very unwise to speculate.

- **brave** *British English often humorous* used when you think that what someone is planning or suggesting is certain to fail, but you do not want to say directly that they are behaving in a stupid way: The leader of the opposition described it as 'a brave decision.' | I think he's being very brave.

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