

dwarf

1. [dwa:f] *n*
 1. карлик
 2. карlikовое животное *или* растение
 3. *фольк.* гном
 4. *астр.* карлик, карликовая звезда
white dwarf - белый карлик
2. [dwa:f] *a*
карликовый; малорослый
dwarf star - *астр.* карликовая звезда
3. [dwa:f] *v*
 1. 1) мешать росту; останавливать развитие
 - 2) останавливаться в росте; задерживаться в развитии
 2. подчёркивать малые размеры *или* незначительность (*чего-л.*) по контрасту; затмевать
the big steamer dwarfed our little boat - рядом с большим пароходом наша лодка казалась совсем крошечной
he dwarfs other writers - по сравнению с ним другие писатели кажутся пигмеями
I felt completely dwarfed by my surroundings - ≅ я чувствовал себя совершенно потерянным среди этих громад

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dwarf [dwarf dwarfs dwarves] *noun, adjective, verb* *BrE* [dwa:f] *NAmE* [dwa:f]

noun (pl. **dwarfs** or **dwarves** *BrE* [dwa:vz] ; *NAmE* [dwa:vz])

1. (in stories) a creature like a small man, who has magic powers and who is usually described as living and working under the ground, especially working with metal
2. (sometimes offensive) an extremely small person, who will never grow to a normal size because of a physical problem; a person suffering from **dwarfism** There is no other word that is generally considered more acceptable.

Word Origin:

Old English dweorg, dweorh, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **dwerg** and German **Zwerg**.

adjective only before noun (of a plant or an animal)

much smaller than the normal size

- dwarf conifers

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verb ~ sth

to make sth seem small or unimportant compared with sth else

- The old houses were dwarfed by the huge new tower blocks.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	dwarf
	<i>BrE</i> /dwa:f/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dwa:rf/
he / she / it	dwarfs
	<i>BrE</i> /dwa:fs/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dwa:rfs/
past simple, past participle	dwarfed
	<i>BrE</i> /dwa:ft/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dwa:ft/
-ing form	dwarfing
	<i>BrE</i> /dwa:fiŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dwa:rfiŋ/

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I. **dwarf**¹ /dwa:f \$ dwa:f/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun* (plural **dwarfs** or **dwarves**) [countable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: dweorg]

1. an imaginary creature that looks like a small man:
Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.
2. a person who is a dwarf has not continued to grow to the normal height because of a medical condition. Many people think that this use is offensive.

⇒ **white dwarf**

II. **dwarf**² *BrE* *AmE* *adjective* [only before noun]

a dwarf plant or animal is much smaller than the usual size:

- a dwarf conifer

III. **dwarf**³ *BrE* ⁴ *AmE* ⁵ *verb* [transitive usually passive]
to be so big that other things are made to seem very small:
" The cathedral is dwarfed by the surrounding skyscrapers.

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RANGE: **5k** **DWARF** 4549

dwarf 2382

dwarfed 651

dwarfing 129

dwarfs 983

dwarves 297

dwarfish 42

dwarfism 65

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152 **60272**¹⁵⁶ *vvi*

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