

**vacuum**

1. ['vækju(ə)m] *n* (*pl vacua, vacuums* ['vækju(ə)mz])
  1. *физ.* вакуум; разрежённое пространство, безвоздушное пространство  
Torricellian vacuum - торричеллиева пустота
  2. пробел, пустота  
to live in a vacuum - жить изолированно  
to fill the vacuum - заполнить пустоту, восполнить пробел  
his death left a vacuum in her life - с его смертью её жизнь опустела  
nature abhors a vacuum - природа не терпит пустоты
  3. *разг.* вакуумный прибор (*пылесос и др.*)
2. ['vækju(ə)m] *v разг.*
  - 1) чистить пылесосом, пылесосить
  - 2) пользоваться вакуумным прибором

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**vac·uum** [vacuum vacuums vacuumed vacuuming] *noun, verb* BrE ['vækjuəm] NAmE ['vækjuəm]

**noun**

1. a space that is completely empty of all substances, including all air or other gas
  - a vacuum pump (= one that creates a ↑vacuum)
  - **vacuum-packed** foods (= in a package from which most of the air has been removed)
2. **usually singular** a situation in which sb/sth is missing or lacking
  - His resignation has created a vacuum which cannot easily be filled.
3. **usually singular** the act of cleaning sth with a ↑vacuum cleaner
  - to give a room a quick vacuum

Word Origin:

mid 16th cent.: modern Latin, neuter of Latin **vacuus** 'empty'.

Example Bank:

- Other gases rush in to fill the vacuum.
- The machine then creates a vacuum.
- The writer criticized the moral vacuum in society.

Idiom: ↑in a vacuum

**verb transitive, intransitive ~ (sth)**

to clean sth using a ↑vacuum cleaner

**Syn:** ↑hoover

- Have you vacuumed the stairs?

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	vacuum
	BrE / 'vækjuəm/
	NAmE / 'vækjuəm/
he / she / it	vacuums
	BrE / 'vækjuənz/
	NAmE / 'vækjuənz/
past simple, past participle	vacuumed
	BrE / 'vækjuəmd/
	NAmE / 'vækjuəmd/
-ing form	vacuuming
	BrE / 'vækjuəmɪŋ/
	NAmE / 'vækjuəmɪŋ/

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[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Latin; Origin: **vacuus**; ⇒ ↑**vacuous**]

1. [countable] a space that is completely empty of all gas, especially one from which all the air has been taken away
2. [countable] a vacuum cleaner
3. [singular] a situation in which someone or something is missing or lacking  
**create/leave a vacuum (in something)**  
" Her husband's death left a vacuum in her life.  
**power/political/moral etc vacuum**  
" the political vacuum caused by the ban on Communist Party activity
4. **in a vacuum** existing completely separately from other people or things and having no connection with them:  
" The process of learning a language does not take place in a vacuum.

## COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 3)

### ■ verbs

- **create a vacuum** His sudden departure created a vacuum at the head of the company.
- **leave a vacuum** The disappearance of religious beliefs has left a vacuum in many people's lives.
- **fill a vacuum** What political ideas have filled the vacuum left by the fall of communism?

### ■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + vacuum

- **a power vacuum** The leader's sudden death created a power vacuum.
- **a political vacuum** Military leaders stepped in to fill the political vacuum.
- **a moral vacuum** (=a *lack of moral standards*) Many children are growing up in a moral vacuum.
- **a policy vacuum** There is a policy vacuum on climate change.

II. **vacuum** <sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>1</sup> *AmE* <sup>1</sup> *verb* [intransitive and transitive]



to clean using a vacuum cleaner

## vacuum

Freakuency Pack

12500 **6339**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **3604**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **3k** **VACUUM** <sup>6046</sup>

vacuum <sup>5332</sup>

vacuums <sup>189</sup>

vacuumed <sup>201</sup>

vacuuming <sup>324</sup>

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

<sup>3177</sup> **7035**<sup>5040</sup> *nn1*

<sup>170</sup> **55422**<sup>184</sup> *vvi*

<sup>94</sup> **74722**<sup>103</sup> *vv0*

<sup>5</sup> **387752**<sup>5</sup> *nnu*