

weed

I

1. [wi:d] n

- 1. 1) сорная трава, сорняк
weed burner - *с.-х.* огневой культиватор
weed control - *с.-х.* борьба с сорняками
- 2) водоросль
- 2. (the weed)
- 1) табак (*тж.* Indian weed, soothing weed)
- 2) сигареты
- 3) *амер. сл.* марихуана (*тж.* weed tea)
- 3. *разг.*
- 1) хилый человек; тощий и долговязый парень, «жердь»
- 2) кляча
- 4. что-л. нежелательное отвратительное
◇ ill weeds grow apace - *посл.* дурная трава в рост идёт

2. [wi:d] v

- 1. полоть; пропалывать; выпалывать, выдёргивать сорняки (*тж.* weed away, weed out)
to weed the garden - пропалывать сад
- 2. 1) очищать, избавлять
to weed a library - изъять из библиотеки ненужные книги
- 2) избавляться
- 3) *спец.* выбраковывать
- 3. *амер. сл.* очистить чей-л. карман, вытащить (*бумажник*; *тж.* weed off)
to weed a purse - вытащить деньги из сумки
to weed to smb. - давать деньги кому-л. (*особ.* друзьям); раскошелиться

II

[wi:d] n

- 1. *pl* траур, траурная одежда
widow's weeds - вдовый траур
- 2. траурная повязка, креп на рукаве
- 3. *pl амер. сл.* броский мужской костюм

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weed [weed weeds weeded weeding] **noun, verb** *BrE* [wiːd] *NAmE* [wiːd]

noun

- 1. **countable** a wild plant growing where it is not wanted, especially among crops or garden plants
• The yard was overgrown with weeds.
- 2. **uncountable** any wild plant without flowers that grows in water and forms a green floating mass
- 3. **the weed singular (humorous)** ↑tobacco or cigarettes
• I wish I could give up the weed (= stop smoking).
- 4. **uncountable (informal)** the drug ↑cannabis
- 5. **countable (BrE, informal, disapproving)** a person with a weak character or body
• Don't be such a weed!

Word Origin:

Old English wēod (noun), wēodian (verb), of unknown origin; related to Dutch **wieden** (verb).

Example Bank:

- Routine maintenance of the garden consists of keeping weeds under control.
- There were weeds pushing up through the gravel

Derived ↑weed somebody out

verb transitive, intransitive ~ (sth)

to take out ↑weeds from the ground
• I've been weeding the flower beds.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	weed
	<i>BrE</i> /wi:d/
	<i>NAmE</i> /wi:d/
he / she / it	weeds
	<i>BrE</i> /wi:dz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /wi:dz/
past simple, past participle	weeded
	<i>BrE</i> /wi:'di:d/
	<i>NAmE</i> /wi:'di:d/
-ing form	weeding
	<i>BrE</i> /wi:'di:ŋ/
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I. **weed** ¹ /wiːd/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun*

[Language: Old English; Origin: weod]

1. **[countable]** a wild plant growing where it is not wanted that prevents crops or garden flowers from growing properly:
the constant battle against weeds
2. **[uncountable]** a plant without flowers that grows on water in a large green floating mass ⇒ **seaweed**
3. **[countable]** *British English informal* someone who is weak:
Nigel's such a weed, isn't he?
4. **like weeds** in large numbers:
Cars clogged the roads like weeds.
5. **the weed** *informal* cigarettes or tobacco
6. **[uncountable]** *old-fashioned* ↑cannabis
7. **(widow's) weeds** *old use* black clothes worn by a woman whose husband has died

THESAURUS

- **plant** a living thing that has leaves and roots and grows in earth, especially one that is smaller than a tree: Don't forget to water the plants. | Plants grow towards the sun. | Botanists examined plant species from around the world.
- **herb** a small plant that is used to improve the taste of food, or to make medicine: Sprinkle the dish with chopped fresh herbs. | medicinal herbs (=used as medicine) | The shop sells an interesting range of herbs and spices.
- **weed** a wild plant growing where it is not wanted that prevents crops or garden flowers from growing properly: She was pulling up weeds in her garden. | Herbicides can be used to prevent and control weeds.
- **bulb** a root shaped like a ball that grows into a flower or plant: She planted hundreds of daffodil bulbs.
- **shrub** a small bush with several woody stems: flowering shrubs | Rosemary is an evergreen shrub.

II. **weed** ² *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb* [intransitive and transitive]

to remove unwanted plants from a garden or other place

—**weeding** *noun* [uncountable]

weed somebody/something ↔ **out** *phrasal verb*

to get rid of people or things that are not very good:

The research will help governments to weed out ineffective aid schemes.

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