

# sap

I

1. [sæp] *n*
  1. 1) сок (*растений*); живица  
to watch the sap rising in the trees - наблюдать за тем, как оживают деревья
  - 2) живительные, жизненные силы; энергия, сила; жизнеспособность  
the sap of youth - силы юности  
a sterile idea without the sap of life - бесплодная /мёртвая/ мысль  
to lack sap - быть нежизнеспособным; быть лишённым энергии
2. *поэт.* живительная влага, кровь
3. *спец.* заболонь
4. *сл.* еда, жратва

II

1. [sæp] *n*
  - 1) *воен.* сапа  
underground sap - подземная сапа  
to drive a sap - вести сапу  
sap work - сапные работы
  - 2) *редк.* подрыв, подкоп  
the sap of prejudices - пагубное влияние предрассудков
2. [sæp] *v*
  1. 1) *воен.* вести сапы; производить сапные работы; подрывать, подкапывать  
walls [cliffs] are sapped by the stream - вода подтачивает стены [склады]
  - 2) истощать, ослаблять, подрывать, изматывать  
to sap smb.'s health [smb.'s strength] - подорвать чьё-л. здоровье [чьи-л. силы]  
to sap the adversary's stamina - *спорт.* выматывать противника
  2. 1) продвигаться вперёд, подходить по траншеям
  - 2) подкрадываться незаметно  
to sap one's way - незаметно продвигаться

III

1. [sæp] *n* *школ. жарг.*
  1. зубрила
  2. зубрёжка; утомительная однообразная, скучная работа  
it is such a sap, it is too much a sap - скучнейшее /утомительное/ занятие
2. [sæp] *v* *школ. жарг.*  
зубрить, корпеть  
to sap at a job - корпеть над работой

IV

[sæp] *n* *разг.*  
простофиля, простак, дурак; размазня  
am I a sap! - ну и простофиля же я!

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**sap** [səp saps sapped sapping] *noun, verb* *BrE* [sæp] <sup>m</sup> *NAmE* [sæp] <sup>m</sup>  
*noun*

1. **uncountable** the liquid in a plant or tree that carries food to all its parts
  - Maple syrup is made from sap extracted from the sugar maple tree.
2. **countable** (*informal, especially NAmE*) a stupid person that you can easily trick, or treat unfairly
  - The poor sap never knew what was going on behind his back.

## Word Origin:

*n. sense 1* and *v.* Old English sǣp Germanic sap 'undermine'

*n. sense 2* early 19th cent. sapskull 'person with a head like sapwood' ↑sap 'sapwood' ↑skull

*verb* (-pp-)

to make sth/sb weaker; to destroy sth gradually

- ~ **sth** The hot sun sapped our energy.
- ~ **sb (of sth)** Years of failure have sapped him of his confidence.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	sap
	BrE /sæp/
	NAme /sæp/
he / she / it	saps
	BrE /sæps/
	NAme /sæps/
past simple, past participle	sapped
	BrE /sæpt/
	NAme /sæpt/
-ing form	sapping
	BrE /sæpɪŋ/
	NAme /sæpɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- The fever slowly sapped her strength.

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[Language: Old English; Origin: *sæp*]

1. [uncountable] the watery substance that carries food through a plant

2. [countable] *informal* a stupid person who is easy to deceive or treat badly

II. **sap**<sup>2</sup> BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup> verb (past tense and past participle **sapped**, present participle **sapping**) [transitive]

to make something weaker or destroy it, especially someone's strength or their determination to do something **SYN** **weaken**

**sap sb's strength/courage/energy**

Her long illness was gradually sapping Charlotte's strength.

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