

petty1. ['peti] *n* *уст.*

1. отхожее место
2. ученик младших классов

2. ['peti] *a*

1. мелкий, незначительный, маловажный

petty cash - деньги на мелкие расходы; мелкие суммы; мелкие статьи (*прихода, расхода*)

petty reforms - несущественные реформы

petty expenses - мелкие расходы

petty annoyances - мелкие неприятности «булавочные уколы»

petty larceny - *юр.* мелкая кража

petty offence - *юр.* мелкие правонарушения

petty sessions - *юр.* «малые сессии» (*коллегия из двух или более мировых судей, рассматривающая в суммарном порядке дела о мелких преступлениях*)

2. небольшой, мелкий

petty farmer - мелкий фермер

petty warfare - малая война

petty bourgeois - мелкий буржуа

petty bourgeoisie - мелкая буржуазия

3. мелочный, узкий, ограниченный

petty animosities - мелкая вражда

petty minds - узколобые люди

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petty [petty pettier pettiest] *BrE* ['peti] ^m *NAmE* ['peti] ^e **adjective** (usually disapproving)

1. usually before noun small and unimportant

Syn: ↑minor

- petty squabbles

- **petty crime/theft** (= that is not very serious)

- a **petty criminal/thief**

- a **petty bureaucrat/official** (= who does not have much power or authority, although they might pretend to)

2. caring too much about small and unimportant matters, especially when this is unkind to other people

Syn: ↑small-minded

- How could you be so petty?

Derived Word ↑pettiness

Word Origin:

late Middle English (in the sense 'small in size'): from a phonetic spelling of the pronunciation of French **petit** 'small'.

Example Bank:

- He made his children's lives a misery with all his petty rules.
- I don't want to hear any more about your petty squabbles.
- Some of the prison officers were petty tyrants.
- The removal of petty restrictions has made life easier.
- There are plenty of petty bureaucrats who would report you for that.
- When these people run out of money, they often turn to petty crime.
- a petty criminal/thief/tyrant
- petty crime/theft/corruption/tyranny
- petty squabbles/jealousies/feuds

petty

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pet ty /'peti/ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^e **adjective**

[**Date:** 1300-1400; **Language:** Old French; **Origin:** peti 'small']

1. a petty problem, detail etc is small and unimportant **SYN trivial**:

- petty squabbles

- petty restrictions

2. unkind and caring too much about small unimportant things:

- How can she be so petty?

- petty jealousy and spitefulness

3. **petty crime** a crime that is not serious, for example stealing things that are not very valuable4. **petty criminal/thief etc** a criminal whose crimes are not very serious

5. a petty official is not important – used especially when they use their power as if they were important:

- Some petty bureaucrat wanted all the documents in triplicate.

—**pettiness** *noun* [uncountable]:

- the pettiness of Hollywood

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