

**stale**

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**1. [steɪl] a**

1. 1) несвежий, чёрствый

stale bread - чёрствый хлеб

2) затхлый

stale air - спёртый воздух

stale water - затхлая /гнилая/ вода

stale meat - мясо с душком

the smell of stale tobacco - ≅ пахнет пепельницей

stale tobacco smoke - застоявшийся табачный дым

to smell stale - пахнуть затхлостью

2. избитый, затасканный, утративший новизну

stale compliment - пошлый комплимент

stale plot - банальный сюжет

stale news - устаревшие новости

stale joke - старый анекдот; ≅ анекдот с бородой

3. выдохшийся; переутомившийся

to go stale - *спорт.* перетренироваться утратить спортивную форму

his mind got stale with too much studying - он отупел от чрезмерных занятий

this writer's talent has gone stale - он выдохся как писатель

he has gone stale on the job and needs a vacation - он выдохся на работе и нуждается в отпуске

4. 1) *юр.* потерявший законную силу, устаревший2) *ком.* простроченный

stale claim - не заявленное вовремя притязание

stale cheque [debt] - просроченный чек [долг]

**2. [steɪl] v**

1. 1) утрачивать свежесть, новизну, устаревать; изнашиваться

2) затаскивать, лишать новизны, свежести

2. становиться безвкусным, выдыхаться (*о воде, пиве и т. п.*)

II

[steɪl] n

моча (*скота*)

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[steɪl] v *шахм.*

1) делать пат

2) подвергаться пату

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**stale** [stale stales staled staling] BrE [steɪl] <sup>m</sup> NAmE [steɪl] <sup>m</sup> adjective1. (*of food, especially bread and cake*) no longer fresh and therefore unpleasant to eat2. (*of air, smoke, etc.*) no longer fresh; smelling unpleasant

• stale cigarette smoke

• stale sweat

3. something that is stale has been said or done too many times before and is no longer interesting or exciting

• stale jokes

• Their marriage had **gone stale** .

4. a person who is stale has done the same thing for too long and so is unable to do it well or produce any new ideas

• After ten years in the job, she felt stale and needed a change.

• The cast is changed regularly to stop the actors from getting stale.

Derived Word ↑stalenessWord Origin:Middle English (describing beer in the sense 'clear from long standing, strong'): probably from Anglo-Norman French and Old French, from *estaler* 'to halt'; compare with the verb ↑stall.Example Bank:

• The atmosphere was stale with cigarette smoke.

• The room smelled musty and stale.

• This bread's going stale.

• Of course I've heard. That's stale news.

• The room smelt of stale sweat.

• The routine of married life had gone stale on them.

• There was one piece of stale chocolate cake left in the tin.

• What had seemed fresh and exciting at first was now stale and predictable.

• What made the work so stale and uninteresting?

**stale**/steɪl/ *BrE* <sup>1</sup> *AmE* <sup>1</sup> *adjective*[Date: 1200-1300; Origin: Probably from Old French *estale* 'standing still, settled', from *estal* 'standing place']1. bread or cake that is stale is no longer fresh or good to eat **OPP** fresh:" French bread goes stale (=becomes *stale*) very quickly.

" stale cake

2. air that is stale is not fresh or pleasant **OPP** fresh:

" the smell of stale smoke

3. not interesting or exciting any more:

" stale jokes

" Other marriages might go stale, but not theirs.

4. if you get stale, you have no new ideas, interest, or energy, because you have been doing the same thing for too long:

" If you stay in the job for more than ten years, you get stale.

" He was becoming stale and running out of ideas.

—**staleness** *noun* [uncountable]**stale**

Frequency Pack

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