

flimsy

1. [ˈflɪmzi] *n*
 1. *разг.* тонкая бумага, папиросная бумага (*для копий*)
 - 2) копия заказа, счёта; дубликат кассового чека *и т. п.*
 2. *разг.* номер газеты
 3. *уст.* дубликат телеграфного сообщения
 4. *pl амер. разг.* тонкое женское бельё
 5. банкнот, «бумажка»
 6. *сл.* телеграмма радиграмма

2. [ˈflɪmzi] *a*
 1. хрупкий, непрочный
flimsy furniture - лёгкая /хрупкая/ мебель
 2. неосновательный
flimsy argument - неубедительный аргумент
flimsy excuse - слабое оправдание

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flimsy [flimsy flimsies flimsier flimsiest] *BrE* [ˈflɪmzi] [Ⓜ] *NAmE* [ˈflɪmzi] [Ⓜ]

adjective (flim·sier, flim·si·est)

1. badly made and not strong enough for the purpose for which it is used

Syn: ↑trickety

- a flimsy table

2. (*of material*) thin and easily torn

- a flimsy piece of paper/fabric/plastic

3. difficult to believe

Syn: ↑feeble

- a **flimsy excuse/explanation**

- The evidence against him is pretty flimsy.

- He keeps calling on the flimsiest of pretexts.

Derived Words ↑flimsily ▪ ↑flimsiness

Word Origin:

early 18th cent.: probably from ↑flimflam.

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flim [sy /ˈflɪmzi/ *BrE* [Ⓜ] *AmE* [Ⓜ] *adjective*

[**Date:** 1700-1800; **Origin:** Probably from ⇒ ↑film¹ 'very thin layer']

1. flimsy cloth or clothing is light and thin:

- a flimsy cotton dress

2. something that is flimsy is not strong or well-made, and will break easily:

- a flimsy wooden building

3. a flimsy agreement is weak and can easily be damaged or broken:

- a flimsy alliance between the two tribal groups

4. a flimsy argument or excuse does not seem very likely and people do not believe it **OPP convincing:**

- The evidence against him is extremely flimsy.

- a flimsy excuse

—flimsily *adverb*

—flimsiness *noun* [uncountable]

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