

- brittle**
1. ['brɪtl] *n*
ореховые леденцы в форме плиток
 2. ['brɪtl] *a*
 1. хрупкий, ломкий
 2. раздражённый, нервный
brittle tone - раздражённый тон
brittle temper - нервность, раздражительность
 3. сдержанный, прохладный, недружелюбный
 4. неустойчивый, нестабильный
the brittle tribute of his praise - его робкая похвала
 5. *ycm.* смертный

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brittle
brit·tle *BrE* ['brɪtl] ^m *NAmE* ['brɪtl] ^m *adjective*

1. hard but easily broken
 - **brittle bones/nails**
 - The paint was brittle with age.
2. a brittle mood or state of mind is one that appears to be happy or strong but is actually nervous and easily damaged
 - a brittle temperament
3. (*of a sound*) hard and sharp in an unpleasant way
 - a brittle laugh
 - 'Not at all,' she said in a brittle voice, avoiding his eye.

Derived Word ↑ [brittleness](#)

Word Origin:

[**brittle brittleness**] late Middle English, ultimately of Germanic origin and related to Old English brēotan 'break up'.

Example Bank:

- She had thin, brittle, permed hair.

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brittle /'brɪtl/ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m *adjective*

[**Date:** 1300-1400; **Language:** Old English; **Origin:** gebryttan 'to break into pieces']

1. hard but easily broken:
 - The branches were dry and brittle.
 - Joanna was diagnosed as having brittle bones.
2. a situation, relationship, or feeling that is brittle is easily damaged or destroyed:
 - He spoke with the brittle confidence of someone who, underneath, was very worried.
3. showing no warm feelings:
 - a brittle laugh
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THESAURUS

- **fragile** easily broken or damaged: The documents are old and very fragile. | a fragile glass case | The seventeenth century wall hangings are extremely fragile.
- **delicate** easily damaged – used especially about things that are made from thin material and look attractive: a delicate gold necklace | The plant has delicate blue flowers. | delicate fabrics
- **brittle** brittle hair, nails, bones etc have a hard surface, but they break easily, especially because they are not in good condition: As you get older, your bones become more brittle. | a special shampoo for dry and brittle hair
- **breakable** breakable objects must be handled carefully because they will break easily: Put breakable objects out of the reach of children. | breakable ornaments
- **flimsy** made of thin material that tears easily, or badly-made and likely to break easily: a flimsy cotton shirt | a flimsy wooden table
- **frail** *especially literary* not strong and therefore easy to break, damage, or hurt: The young trees are frail and need to be protected from the wind. | a frail little fishing boat | a frail old lady

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