

dither

1. **[ˈdɪðə]** *n*
 1. *разг.* смятение; крайнее возбуждение
to be all of a dither - быть в состоянии крайнего возбуждения
 2. *диал.* дрожь, дрожание
to have the dithers - дрожать с головы до пят
2. **[ˈdɪθə]** *v*
 1. *разг.*
 - 1) находиться в крайнем возбуждении
 - 2) приводить в смятение, в возбуждение
 2. *диал.* дрожать, трепетать

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dither **[dɪðər dɪðərs dɪðəd dɪðərɪŋ]** *verb, noun* *BrE* **[ˈdɪðə(r)]** *AmE*

[ˈdɪðə]
verb intransitive

to hesitate about what to do because you are unable to decide

- Stop dithering and get on with it.
- ~ **over sth** She was dithering over what to wear.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	dither
	BrE / ˈdɪðə(r) /
	NA.mE / ˈdɪðər /
he / she / it	dithers
	BrE / ˈdɪðəz /
	NA.mE / ˈdɪðəz /
past simple, past participle	dithered
	BrE / ˈdɪðəd /
	NA.mE / ˈdɪðəd /
-ing form	dithering
	BrE / ˈdɪðərɪŋ /
	NA.mE / ˈdɪðərɪŋ /

Word Origin:

mid 17th cent. (in the dialect sense ‘tremble, quiver’): variant of dialect didder.

noun singular (informal)

1. a state of not being able to decide what you should do
 - I'm **in a dither** about who to invite.
2. a state of excitement or worry
 - Don't get yourself **in a dither** over everything.

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dɪðər /ˈdɪðə \$ -ər/ *BrE* *AmE* *verb* [intransitive]

[Date: 1600-1700; Origin: didder ‘to shake’ (14-19 centuries)]

to keep being unable to make a final decision about something

dither over/about/between

He accused the government of dithering over the deal.

Stop dithering, girl, and get on with it!

—**ditherer** *noun* [countable]

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