

**hollow****1. ['hɒləv] n**

1. пустота, полость
2. углубление, впадина; выемка; яма; рытвина  
wave hollow - подошва волны
3. низина; лощина, ложбина  
the village lay in a hollow of the hills - село находилось в лощине между холмами
4. 1) дупло
- 2) пещера
- 3) *pl горн.* старые брошенные выработки
5. *поэт.* глухой час ночи, середина зимы *и т. п.*

**2. ['hɒləv] а**

1. пустой; полый, пустотелый  
hollow ball - полый шар  
hollow tree - дуплистое дерево  
hollow tooth - зуб с дуплом /с полостью/  
hollow concrete - *спец.* пустотелый бетон  
hollow sound - *мед.* желобоватый зонд
2. впалый, ввалившийся  
hollow cheeks - впалые щёки  
hollow eyes - ввалившиеся глаза  
hollow temples - запавшие виски  
hollow faces - изнурённые /худые/ лица
3. вогнутый; вдавленный  
hollow spots - выбоины (*на дороге*)  
hollow back roll - кувырок назад прогнувшись (*гимнастика*)  
hollow surface - вогнутая поверхность
4. голодный; тощий  
to feel hollow - проголодаться
5. 1) глухой (о звуке)  
hollow roar - глухой гул
- 2) загробный (о голосе); ≅ как из бочки
6. 1) пустой, несерьёзный  
hollow words [promises, threats] - пустые слова [обещания, угрозы]  
hollow joys and pleasures - пустые /преходящие/ радости и наслаждения  
hollow reasoning - поверхностное рассуждение  
hollow victory - ненужная /бесплодная/ победа  
hollow peace - непрочный мир
- 2) неискренний, ложный  
hollow heart - лживое сердце; коварный человек  
hollow praise - неискренняя похвала  
hollow sympathy - показное сочувствие  
hollow friends - друзья до первой беды  
their accusations sounded /rang/ hollow - их обвинения звучали неубедительно /фальшиво/  
◇ hollow sea - *мор.* высокие крутые волны  
hollow square - *воен. ист.* каре

**3. ['hɒləv] adv разг.**

- полностью, целиком, до конца (*амер. тж.* all hollow)  
◇ to beat (all) hollow - а) разбить наголову /в пух и (в) прах/; б) превзойти, затмить, перецеголять; победить с большим счётом (*в спортивных состязаниях*)

**4. ['hɒləv] v (часто hollow out)**

1. выдалбливать; делать (в чём-л.) полость, яму, углубление; выкапывать  
he hollowed out a tree for a boat - он выдолбил лодку из дерева
2. 1) делать впалым, вогнутым; выгибать, сгибать  
hollowing a hand against one's ear - приложив руку к уху, чтобы лучше слышать  
banks hollowed out by rushing waters - берега, подмытые стремительным потоком  
to hollow out the back - выгнуть спину (*гимнастика*)
- 2) становиться пустым, полым
- 3) становиться впалым, вогнутым  
her cheeks hollowed as she sucked in her breath - когда она втянула в себя воздух, её щёки запали

**hollow**

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**hol·low** [**hollow hollows hollowed hollowing**] **adjective, noun, verb** *BrE* ['hɒləʊ]" *NAMe* ['hɑːləʊ]"**adjective**

1. having a hole or empty space inside
  - a hollow ball/centre/tube
  - The tree trunk was hollow inside.
  - Her stomach felt hollow with fear.

2. (of parts of the face) sinking deeply into the face
    - **hollow eyes/cheeks**
    - hollow-eyed from lack of sleep
  3. **usually before noun** (of sounds) making a low sound like that made by an empty object when it is hit
    - a hollow groan
  4. **usually before noun** not sincere
    - **hollow promises/threats**
    - a hollow laugh
    - Their appeals for an end to the violence had a **hollow ring** .
  5. **usually before noun** without real value
    - to win a **hollow victory**
- see ring true/hollow/false at ↑ring<sup>2</sup> v.

Word Origin:

Old English holh 'cave'; obscurely related to ↑hole.

Example Bank:

- His expressions of support rang rather hollow.
- I felt hollow from lack of food.
- I tapped the tin and it sounded hollow.
- She gave a slightly hollow laugh.
- His promise rang hollow.
- I've had enough of their hollow promises.
- Their appeal for an end to the violence had a hollow ring to it.
- a hollow ball/centre/tube/tree
- hollow eyes/cheeks

Derived Words ↑hollowly ▪ ↑hollowness

Derived ↑hollow something out

**noun**

1. **an area that is lower than the surface around it, especially on the ground**
  - muddy hollows
  - The wheelbarrow got stuck in a hollow.
  - The village lay secluded in a hollow of the hills (= a small valley) .
  - She noticed the slight hollows under his cheekbones.
2. **a hole or a confined space in sth**
  - The squirrel disappeared into a hollow at the base of the tree.

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Example Bank:

- Snow lay in dark hollows.
- a hollow in the ground
- the hollow of her throat
- All but one of the ponds are empty, their sites marked only by muddy hollows.
- She suddenly felt a hollow in her stomach, and longed for a friendly face.

**verb usually passive ~ sth**

to make a flat surface curve in

- The stairs have been hollowed by centuries of use.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	hollow
	BrE / 'hɒləʊ/
	NAmE / 'hɑ:ləʊ/
he / she / it	hollows
	BrE / 'hɒləʊz/
	NAmE / 'hɑ:ləʊz/
past simple, past participle	hollowed
	BrE / 'hɒləʊd/
	NAmE / 'hɑ:ləʊd/
-ing form	hollowing
	BrE / 'hɒləʊɪŋ/
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[Language: Old English; Origin: holh 'hole, hollow place]

1. **EMPTY INSIDE** having an empty space inside:

" a hollow tree

2. **hollow eyes/cheeks etc** eyes etc where the skin sinks inwards:

" He was short and thin, with hollow eyes.

3. **SOUND** a hollow sound is low and clear like the sound made when you hit something empty:

" There was a hollow thump as the cars collided.

4. **NO VALUE** words, events, or people that are hollow have no real worth or value:" They won, but it was a hollow victory." Even as he spoke, Ivan was well aware of the hollow ring to his words.5. **hollow laugh/voice etc** a hollow laugh or voice makes a weak sound and is without emotion—**hollowly** *adverb*:

" Sam laughed hollowly.

—**hollowness** *noun* [uncountable]

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**THESAURUS**■ **with nothing in it or on it**

- **empty** used about something that has nothing inside: an empty can of hair spray | The fridge is almost empty.
- **blank** used about a computer screen or a piece of paper that has no writing or pictures on it, or a CD, DVD etc with nothing recorded on it: a blank sheet of paper | He stared at the blank screen for a few minutes. | a blank tape
- **bare** used about a room or cupboard that has very little in it: His room was bare except for a bed and a wardrobe.
- **hollow** used about something that has an empty space inside: a hollow tree | The suitcase had a hollow bottom.

II. **hollow**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>u</sup> *AmE* <sup>u</sup> *noun* [countable]a place in something that is at a slightly lower level than its surface **SYN dip**:

" Make a slight hollow in the middle of each cake.

III. **hollow**<sup>3</sup> *BrE* <sup>u</sup> *AmE* <sup>u</sup> *verb* [transitive usually passive]

to make the surface of something curve inwards:

" The steps were hollowed by centuries of use.

**hollow something** ↔ **out** *phrasal verb*

to make a hole or empty space by removing the inside part of something

**hollow**

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