

[ˈfjuːtaɪl] *a*

- беспользньй, тщетный
 futile attempt - тщетная попытка
 futile undertaking - бесполезная затея
- несерьёзный; пустячный; пустой; поверхностный
 futile play [book] - пустая пьеса [книга]
 futile person - пустой человек
 don't waste time by asking futile questions - не тратьте время на ненужные вопросы

futile

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

fu·tile *BrE* [ˈfjuːtɑːl] *NAme* [ˈfjuːtɪl] *adjective*

having no purpose because there is no chance of success

Syn: ↑pointless

- a **futile attempt/exercise/gesture**
- Their efforts to revive him were futile.
- It would be futile to** protest.
- My appeal proved futile.

Derived Words ↑futilely ▪ ↑futility

Word Origin:

mid 16th cent.: from Latin **futilis** 'leaky, futile', apparently from **fundere** 'pour'.

Example Bank:

- She could see the utter futility of trying to protest.
- This demonstrates the futility of resisting temptation.

Example Bank:

- Their attempts were impressive but ultimately futile.
- an utterly futile struggle for justice
- It was a futile gesture as the real damage had already been done.
- It would be futile to protest.
- She made one last futile effort to unlock the door.
- She wrapped her arms around her in a futile attempt to keep warm.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

fu·tile /ˈfjuːtɑːl \$ -tɪ/ *BrE* *AmE* *adjective*

[**Date:** 1500-1600; **Language:** Latin; **Origin:** *futilis* 'that pours out easily, useless']

actions that are futile are useless because they have no chance of being successful **SYN** pointless **OPP** worthwhile

a futile attempt/effort

- a futile attempt to save the paintings from the flames
- My efforts to go back to sleep proved futile.

it is futile to do something

- It was futile to continue the negotiations.

—futility /ˈfjuːtɪləti/ *BrE* /ˈfjuːtɪləti/ *AmE* **noun** [uncountable]:

- This sums up Owen's thoughts on the futility of war.

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- pointless** not likely to have a useful result: She knew it would be pointless to argue with him. | The meeting was a pointless exercise.
- futile** completely pointless because there is no chance at all of being successful: She shut the door in a futile attempt to keep the smell out. | Their efforts proved futile (=did not have any success).
- useless** not useful or effective in any way: I knew it was useless to try to explain to him what had happened. | The map we had been given was useless.
- hopeless** having no hope of being successful or effective: It was a hopeless task. | He was jumping up and down in a hopeless attempt to keep warm.
- be a waste of time/money/effort** to be not worth the time, money etc that you use because you do not achieve anything: The whole process was a complete waste of time. | The scheme was a waste of money.

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