

**solitary**1. ['sɒlɪt(ə)rɪ] *n*

1. 1) отшельник, пустынный
- 2) человек, любящий уединение, анахорет
2. одиночное заключение
3. *разг.* кит-одиночка

2. ['sɒlɪt(ə)rɪ] *a*

1. 1) одиночный, отдельный, обособленный  
solitary confinement /imprisonment/ - одиночное заключение  
solitary horseman - одинокий всадник  
solitary house - одиноко стоящий дом  
solitary task - задание для одного; отдельное задание  
to take a solitary walk - гулять в одиночестве
- 2) *зоол.* живущий обособленно (*не стадом, роем, стаей и т. п.*)  
solitary ant [bee, wasp] - муравей-отшельник [пчела-отшельница оса-отшельница]
- 3) *бот.* растущий отдельно (*не группами гроздьями и т. п.*); единичный, раздельный
2. одинокий, отшельнический, уединённый  
to be of a solitary disposition [nature] - иметь склонность к уединению, любить одиночество  
to lead a solitary life - жить в уединении, чуждаться общества  
now when all the guests have gone we feel quite solitary - теперь, когда все гости ушли, нам стало как-то одиноко
3. заброшенный, уединённый, безлюдный  
solitary place - безлюдное /унылое/ место  
solitary village - деревня на отшибе  
solitary moor - унылая /мрачная/ болотистая местность
4. единственный, единичный; исключительный  
solitary case - исключительный случай  
solitary example [instance] - единичный /единственный/ пример [случай]  
solitary survivor - единственный оставшийся в живых  
solitary case of measles - единичное заболевание корью  
by far not a solitary one - далеко не единственный

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**solitary** [solitary solitary] adjective, noun BrE ['sɒlətri] <sup>ˈ</sup> NAmE ['sɑːləteri] <sup>ˈ</sup>

## adjective

1. **usually before noun** done alone; without other people
  - She enjoys long solitary walks.
  - He led a solitary life.
2. (*of a person or an animal*) enjoying being alone; frequently spending time alone
  - He was a solitary child.
  - Tigers are solitary animals.
3. (*of a person, thing or place*) alone, with no other people or things around  
**Syn:** †single
  - a solitary farm
  - A solitary light burned dimly in the hall.
4. **usually before noun** (especially in negative sentences and questions) only one  
**Syn:** †single
  - There was not a solitary shred of evidence (= none at all).

Word Origin:Middle English: from Latin *solitarius*, from *solus* 'alone'.Thesaurus:**solitary** *adj.*

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**introverted** • • **reclusive** • • **withdrawn** • • **unsociable** • |usually disapproving **antisocial** •**Opp:** gregariousa solitary/reclusive **figure/man****feel** unsociable/antisocial**Which word?** **Solitary** and **introverted** describe sb's character; **reclusive** and **withdrawn** describe sb's behaviour. **Unsociable** and **antisocial** also describe behaviour, often a temporary state

- Why are you being so unsociable/antisocial when we've got guests?

Derived Word †solitarinessnoun (pl. **solitaries**)

1. **uncountable** (informal) = †solitary confinement
2. **countable** (formal) a person who chooses to live alone

**solitary**I. **solitary**<sup>1</sup> /'sɒlətəri, 'sɒlɪtəri \$ 'sɒlətəri/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *adjective*[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Latin; Origin: *solitarius*, from *solitas* 'solitude', from *solus*; ⇨ †*sole*<sup>1</sup>]1. [only before noun] used to emphasize that there is only one of something **SYN** *single*:

- the solitary goal of the match
- The benches were empty except for a single solitary figure.

## 2. doing something without anyone else with you:

- a long, solitary walk

3. spending a lot of time alone, usually because you like being alone **OPP** *sociable*:

- a solitary man
- Pandas are solitary creatures.
- He led a rather solitary existence.

4. **not a solitary word/thing etc** used to emphasize that there is not even one:

- He followed her round without a solitary word.

—**solitarily** *adverb*—**solitariness** *noun* [uncountable]II. **solitary**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *noun* (plural **solitaries**)1. [uncountable] *informal* solitary confinement:

- He spent two weeks in solitary.

2. [countable] *British English literary* someone who lives completely alone **SYN** *hermit***solitary**12500 **8660**<sup>MCW</sup>15000 **5082**<sup>COCA</sup>RANGE: **7k SOLITARY** <sup>3011</sup>solitary <sup>2987</sup>solitarily <sup>10</sup>solitariness <sup>14</sup>

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