

**twilight****1. ['twailaɪt] n**

## 1. 1) сумерки

evening twilight - вечерние сумерки

## 2) сумрак, полумрак

the twilight of an avenue - сумрак аллеи

morning twilight - утренний полумрак, рассвет; ≅ чуть свет

2. 1) неточность представления *или* понятия; неясность (чего-л.)

the twilight of the situation - неясность положения

to work in the twilight - работать наугад /на ощупь, вслепую, впотьмах/

## 2) далёкое прошлое, о котором мало что известно

Homer lived in the twilight of history - Гомер жил в далёкое от нас время

## 3. период упадка, заката

the twilight of the Roman Empire - упадок Римской империи

twilight of the gods - *миф.* гибель богов

in the twilight of this life - на закате жизни

**2. ['twailaɪt] a**

## 1. 1) сумеречный

twilight hour - время сумерек

## 2) проявляющийся в сумерках

twilight vision - *мед.* сумеречное зрение

## 2. сумеречный; неясный; оторванный от реальности

twilight state - сумеречное состояние

twilight thoughts - неясные мысли

## 3. неопределённый промежуточный

twilight zone - промежуточная /переходная/ область

twilight zone between state and federal functions - промежуточная область между функциями центральных и федеральных органов власти

the twilight zone between sleeping and waking - полусонное /полудремотное/ состояние; состояние между сном и

бодрствованием

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**twi·light** [**twilight** **twilights**] **noun, adjective** BrE ['twailaɪt] <sup>m</sup> NAmE ['twailaɪt] <sup>m</sup>**noun uncountable****1.** the faint light or the period of time at the end of the day after the sun has gone down• It was hard to see him clearly **in the twilight** .• We went for a walk along the beach **at twilight** .**2. the ~ (of sth)** the final stage of sth when it becomes weaker or less important than it was

• the twilight years (= the last years of your life)

Word Origin:late Middle English: from Old English *twi-* 'two' (used in an obscure sense in this compound) + the noun **↑light**.Example Bank:

- She stared into the gathering twilight.
- She walked away into the thickening twilight.
- They gazed up at the twilight sky .
- a forgotten man who spent his twilight years alone
- in the twilight hour before dawn
- the twilight zone between living and merely existing
- It was hard to see him clearly in the thickening twilight.
- These animals are most active during the hours of twilight around dawn and dusk.
- We went for a walk along the beach at twilight.

**adjective only before noun****1. (formal)** used to describe a state in which things are strange and mysterious, or where things are kept secret and do not seem to be part of the real world• the **twilight world of** the occult• They lived in the **twilight zone** on the fringes of society .• The dissidents lived in a **twilight world** of hushed voices and secret meetings.**2.** used to describe a situation or area of thought that is not clearly definedWord Origin:late Middle English: from Old English *twi-* 'two' (used in an obscure sense in this compound) + the noun **↑light**.**twilight**

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1. [uncountable] the small amount of light in the sky as the day ends

in the twilight

" The end of the cigarette glowed in the twilight.

2. [uncountable] the time when day is just starting to become night **SYN dusk**

at twilight

" romantic walks along the beach at twilight

3. [singular] the period just before the end of the most active part of someone's life

twilight of

" in the twilight of her acting career

" Depression in the twilight years (=the last years of your life) is usually related to illness.

4. **twilight world** *literary* a strange situation involving mystery, dishonesty etc

twilight world of

" the twilight world of espionage

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