

# silhouette

## 1. [ˌsɪluːˈet] *n*

- 1) *иск.* силуэт
- 2) силуэт, очертания
  - silhouette target - фигурная мишень
  - silhouette shooting - *спорт.* стрельба по силуэтам
  - the silhouette of an airplane - силуэт /очертания/ самолёта
  - shown in silhouette - ≅ силуэтное изображение
  - this year's silhouette of ladies' fashions - модный (в этом сезоне) силуэт дамской одежды

## 2. [ˌsɪluːˈet] *v*

- 1) *обыкн. р. р.* изображать в виде силуэта
- 2) вырисовываться
  - to be silhouetted against a light background [the sky] - вырисовываться на светлом фоне [на фоне неба]

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**sil·hou·ette** [**silhouette** **silhouettes** **silhouetted** **silhouetting**] **noun, verb** *BrE*

[ˌsɪluːˈet] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* [ˌsɪluːˈet] <sup>ˈ</sup>

**noun**

1. **countable, uncountable** the dark outline or shape of a person or an object that you see against a light background
  - the silhouette of chimneys and towers
  - The mountains stood out **in silhouette** .
  - The trees were black silhouettes against the pale sky .
2. **countable** the shape of a person's body or of an object
  - The dress is fitted to give you a flattering silhouette .
3. **countable** a picture that shows sb/sth as a black shape against a light background, especially one that shows the side view of a person's face

### Word Origin:

late 18th cent.: named (although the reason remains obscure) after Étienne de Silhouette (1709–67), French author and politician.

### Example Bank:

- I could see its black silhouette against the evening sky .
- The mountains stood out in silhouette .
- Through the fog, the silhouette of buildings appeared along the shore .

## verb usually passive ~ sb/sth (against sth)

to make sth appear as a <sup>↑</sup>silhouette

- A figure stood in the doorway, silhouetted against the light .
- The castle was silhouetted against the sky .

### Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	silhouette
	BrE / ˌsɪluːˈet/
	NAmE / ˌsɪluːˈet/
he / she / it	silhouettes
	BrE / ˌsɪluːˈets/
	NAmE / ˌsɪluːˈets/
past simple, past participle	silhouetted
	BrE / ˌsɪluːˈetɪd/
	NAmE / ˌsɪluːˈetɪd/
-ing form	silhouetting
	BrE / ˌsɪluːˈetɪŋ/
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[Date: 1700-1800; Language: French; Origin: from Étienne de Silhouette (1709-67), French politician famous for not liking to spend money, and therefore appropriately giving his name to a cheap simple picture]

1. [**uncountable and countable**] a dark image, shadow, or shape that you see against a light background

### silhouette of

<sup>ˈ</sup> a dark silhouette of domes and minarets

### silhouette against

<sup>ˈ</sup> Soon the bombers would return, black silhouettes against a pale sky.

### in silhouette

<sup>ˈ</sup> The old windmill stood out in silhouette.

2.



[uncountable and countable] a drawing of something or someone, often from the side, showing a black shape against a light background:

\* silhouette pictures of snowmen and reindeer

in silhouette

\* a picture of Mozart in silhouette

3. [countable] the particular shape certain clothes give you:

Fitted clothes often give the neatest silhouettes.

—silhouetted *adjective*:

\* tall chimney stacks silhouetted against the orange flames

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12500 **8901**<sup>MCW</sup>

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RANGE: **9k** SILHOUETTE <sup>3109</sup>

silhouette <sup>1673</sup>

silhouetted <sup>610</sup>

silhouettes <sup>790</sup>

silhouetting <sup>36</sup>

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

1260 **15327**<sup>1646</sup> *nn1*

15 **194011**<sup>17</sup> *vv0*

10 **259698**<sup>10</sup> *vvi*