

frail

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[freɪl] *n*

1. плетёная корзина (для сухофруктов, изюма и т. п.)
2. деревянный ящик стекольщика

II

1. [freɪl] *n* **амер. сл.**

женщина, девушка; бабёнка

2. [freɪl] *a*

1. хрупкий, непрочный; неустойчивый
 - a frail structure - непрочное сооружение
 - a frail support - непрочная опора
2. слабый, болезненный
 - a frail child - болезненный ребёнок
 - a frail old man - хилый старик
3. переходящий, бренный
 - man's life [happiness] is frail - человеческая жизнь [-ое счастье] бренна [бренно]
4. 1) слабый; морально неустойчивый, легко поддающийся соблазну
- 2) слабый, ненадёжный
 - a frail chance of passing the examination - слабая надежда /мало шансов/ на сдачу экзамена
 - what a frail excuse! - какое неубедительное оправдание!
 - ◇ frail job - **амер. сл.** а) распутная /гулящая/ бабёнка; б) половой акт

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

frail [frail frails frailer frailest] *BrE* [freɪl] ^ˈ *NAmE* [freɪl] ^ˈ **adjective** (frail·er, frail·est)

1. (especially of an old person) physically weak and thin
 - Mother was becoming too frail to live alone.
2. weak; easily damaged or broken
 - the frail stems of the flowers
 - Human nature is frail.

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French *fraile*, from Latin *fragilis*, from *frangere* 'to break'.

Example Bank:

- She looked old and frail.
- Some old people become physically frail.
- His frail hands were shaking.
- women caring for frail elderly relatives

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: fraile, from Latin fragilis, from frangere 'to break']

1. someone who is frail is weak and thin because they are old or ill:
 - ˈ frail elderly people
 - ˈ her frail health
 - frail body/physique
 - mentally/physically frail
2. something that is frail is easily damaged or broken **SYN fragile** :
 - ˈ It seemed impossible that these frail boats could survive in such a storm.
 - ˈ the country's frail economy

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