

- 1.** [mju:z] *n* *усм.*  
размышление; задумчивость  
to fall into a muse (over smth.) - задуматься (над чем-л.)
- 2.** [mju:z] *v*
- 1) находится в задумчивости  
she sat musing for hours - она часами сидела задумавшись
  - 2) (about, on, over, upon) размышлять, задумываться  
to muse on the future - размышлять / задумываться / о будущем  
to muse over the memories of the past - размышлять о прошлом
  2. *книжн.* (on, upon) задумчиво смотреть; созерцать  
to muse upon a distant scene - задумчиво смотреть вдаль
  3. *книжн.* задумчиво говорить, бормотать в раздумье  
\*\*That's queer\*\*, he mused - «Странно», - пробормотал он задумчиво
  4. *редк.* желать выяснить, узнать

**muse**

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**muse** [muse muses mused musing] *noun, verb* *BrE* [mjuːz] *AmE* [mjuːz]**noun**

- 1.** a person or spirit that gives a writer, painter, etc. ideas and the desire to create things  
**Syn:** ↑inspiration  
• He felt that his muse had deserted him (= that he could no longer write, paint, etc.)
- 2.** **Muse** (in ancient Greek and Roman stories) one of the nine **goddesses** who encouraged poetry, music and other branches of art and literature

Word Origin:

- n.* late Middle English Old French Latin **musa** Greek **mousa** 'muse'  
*v.* Middle English Old French **muser** 'meditate, waste time' medieval Latin **musum** 'muzzle'

**verb** (formal)

- 1.** **intransitive** ~ (about/on/over/upon sth) to think carefully about sth for a time, ignoring what is happening around you  
**Syn:** ↑ponder  
• I sat quietly, musing on the events of the day.  
**see also** ↑musing
- 2.** **transitive + speech** | ~ **that...** to say sth to yourself in a way that shows you are thinking carefully about it  
• 'I wonder why?' she mused.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	muse
	BrE /mju:z/
	NAme /mju:z/
he / she / it	muses
	BrE /mju:zɪz/
	NAme /mju:zɪz/
past simple, past participle	mused
	BrE /mju:zd/
	NAme /mju:zd/
-ing form	mus <u>ing</u>
	BrE /mju:zɪŋ/
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**I. muse**<sup>1</sup> /mjuːz *BrE* *AmE* *verb*[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: muser, from muse 'mouth of an animal'; ⇒ ↑muzzle<sup>1</sup>]

- 1.** [**transitive**] to say something in a way that shows you are thinking about it carefully:

'Somewhere,' he mused, 'I've heard your name before.'

- 2.** [**intransitive**] to think about something for a long time **SYN ponder**

**muse on/over/about/upon**

He mused on how different his life would have been, had he not met Louisa.

—**musing** *noun* [uncountable and countable]:

her gloomy musings

—**musingly** *adverb*

**II. muse**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: French; Origin: Latin Musa, from Greek Mousa]

- 1.** someone's muse is the force or person that makes them want to write, paint, or make music, and helps them to have good ideas

**SYN inspiration:**

" Rossetti's wife and creative muse

2. (also **Muse**) one of the nine ancient Greek goddesses who each represented a particular art or science:

" the Muse of History

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musingly 19

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