

1. [da:k] *n*1. **темнота** **тьма**; **ночь**

after dark - после наступления темноты  
 at dark - а) в темноте; б) ночью  
 before dark - до наступления темноты  
 day and dark - день и ночь  
 to sit in the dark - сидеть в темноте  
 to grope in the dark - пробираться ощупью в потёмках  
 to be afraid of the dark - бояться темноты

2. **тень** (*в картине*); **тёмный цвет**; **тёмные пятна** (*тж. перен.*)

mild dark - лёгкая тень  
 the lights and darks of a picture - игра света и тени в картине

3. **тайна**, **секретность**

to plot in the dark - тайно готовить заговор  
 his plans were made in the dark - его планы были разработаны в тайне (от всех)

4. **неведение**; **невежество**

to be in the dark about smth. - быть в состоянии неизвестности, быть в неведении относительно чего-л., не знать о чём-л.  
 to keep /to leave/ smb. in the dark - держать кого-л. в неведении, скрывать (*что-л.*) от кого-л.  
 I was (kept) in the dark about his intentions - я не был посвящён в его планы, я ничего не знал о его намерениях

2. [da:k] *a*1. 1) **тёмный**; **чёрный**

dark night [hills] - тёмная ночь [-ые холмы]  
 dark day - хмурый день  
 dark days - зимние дни  
 dark copse [garden] - тёмная рощица [-ый сад]  
 dark corner - а) тёмный угол; б) укромное местечко  
 pitch(y) dark - а) непроглядный; б) темно, хоть глаз выколи  
 it is getting dark - темнеет, вечереет, спускается ночь  
 as dark as midnight /as pitch/ - ≅ тьма кромешная, ни зги не видно

2) **тёмный** (*о цвете*)

dark dress [colour] - тёмное платье [-ый цвет]  
 dark blue - тёмно-голубой

2. 1) **смуглый**, **тёмный**

she has dark hair [a dark complexion] - у неё тёмные волосы [смуглое лицо]

2) **чёрный**

the dark race - чёрная раса

3. **тёмный**, **дурной**; **порочный**, **чёрный**; **нечистый**, **сомнительный**

dark deeds [thoughts] - чёрные дела [мысли]  
 dark designs - преступные замыслы  
 dark business - тёмное дело  
 dark purpose - сомнительная /дурная/ цель

4. 1) **безрадостный**; **мрачный**, **угрюмый** (*о настроении, характере и т. п.*)

dark humour /mood/ - мрачное настроение  
 to be in a dark humour - быть в мрачном настроении  
 dark temper - угрюмый характер  
 a dark view of the future - мрачный взгляд на будущее

2) **хмурый**, **печальный** (*о выражении лица*)

dark brow /frowns/ - нахмуренный лоб  
 his eyes grew dark - глаза его затуманились

3) **безнадёжный**; **тяжёлый** (*о времени*)

dark prospects - невесёлые /неутешительные/ перспективы  
 dark days [times, hour] - тяжёлые дни [времена, -ый час]

4) **мрачный**, **трагический**

dark comedy - «чёрная комедия» (*мрачная, пессимистическая пьеса-гротеск*)

5. **неясный**, **тёмный**, **непонятный**, **смутный**

dark hint - неясный намёк  
 dark problem - запутанный вопрос  
 dark saying - туманное /загадочное/ высказывание  
 the meaning is still dark - смысл всё-таки неясен

6. **тайный**, **секретный**; **неизвестный**

to keep smth. dark - скрывать что-л.; держать что-л. в секрете  
 to keep dark about smth. - не болтать лишнего о чём-л.

7. **тёмный**, **невежественный**, **отсталый**, **необразованный**, **некультурный**:

dark age - век обскурантизма  
 he is still dark on a number of points - во многих вопросах /вещах/ он ещё плохо разбирается

8. **крайний**, **полный**

dark ignorance - крайнее невежество  
 dark oblivion - полное забвение

dark secret - строгий секрет, полнейшая тайна

9. **муз.** глубокий (о звуке)

this is a darker sound - этот звук более глубокий

10. молчащий, не вещающий (о радио; телевидении)

◇ the Dark Ages - а) средневековье; б) раннее средневековье

the Dark Continent - «Чёрный континент», Африка

the Dark and Bloody Ground - «Чёрная, кровавая земля», «Земля раздоров» (старое индейское название штата Кентукки)

dark horse - а) тёмная лошадка (неизвестная лошадь на скачках, берущая приз вопреки ожиданиям); б) неожиданно победивший участник состязания; в) **амер.** «тёмная лошадка», неожиданно выдвинутый, малоизвестный кандидат (на выборах)

the darkest hour is near the dawn - **посл.** самый тёмный час ближе всего к рассвету; ≅ нет худа без добра

## dark

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**dark** [dark darks darker darkest] adjective, noun BrE [dɑːk] AmE [dɑːrk]

adjective (dark·er, dark·est)

### WITH LITTLE LIGHT

1. with no or very little light, especially because it is night

- a dark room/street/forest
- What time does it **get dark** in summer?
- It was dark outside and I couldn't see much.

**Opp:** ↑light

### COLOURS

2. not light; closer in shade to black than to white

- **dark blue/green/red, etc.**
- Darker colours are more practical and don't show stains.

**Opp:** ↑light, **Opp:** ↑pale

3. having a colour that is close to black

- a dark suit
- dark-coloured wood
- The dark clouds in the sky meant that a storm was coming.

### HAIR/SKIN/EYES

4. brown or black in colour

- Sue has long dark hair.
- He was handsome with dark eyes.
- Even if you have dark skin, you still need protection from the sun.

5. (of a person) having dark hair, eyes, etc

- a dark handsome stranger

**Opp:** ↑fair

### MYSTERIOUS

6. mysterious; hidden and not known about

- There are no dark secrets in our family.

### EVIL

7. evil or frightening

- There was a darker side to his nature.
- the dark forces of the imagination

### WITHOUT HOPE

8. unpleasant and without any hope that sth good will happen

- the darkest days of Fascism
- The film is a dark vision of the future.

### PHONETICS

9. (of a speech sound) produced with the back part of the tongue close to the back of the mouth. In many accents of English, dark /[ɪ] / is used after a vowel, as in ball.

**Opp:** ↑clear

#### Word Origin:

Old English deorc, of Germanic origin, probably distantly related to German **tarnen** 'conceal'.

#### Thesaurus:

**dark** adj.

1.

- It was getting very dark outside.

**black** • • **shady** • • **shadowy** • • **unlit** •

**Opp:** light

a dark/black **night**

a dark/shady/shadowy **place/corner**

a dark/shadowy/unlit **room**

a dark/unlit **road**

2.

• I prefer darker colours for a bedroom.

**deep** • • **rich** • • **warm** •

**Opp:** light, **Opp:** pale

a dark/deep/rich/warm **colour/tone/shade**

dark/deep/rich/warm **red/orange**

dark/deep/rich **blue/green/purple**

### Example Bank:

- As it grew dark, they gathered round the fire.
- It gets dark at about six o'clock.
- It's only three o'clock and it's nearly dark already.
- Suddenly the whole sky went dark.
- Darker colours are more practical and don't show stains.
- He stumbled along through the dark forest.
- He was dressed in a dark suit and a plain white shirt.
- It was dark outside and I couldn't see much.
- Mahogany is a dark-coloured wood.
- My mind was full of dark thoughts.
- The theatre stayed open even in the darkest days of the war.
- There are dark forces at work here.
- They stepped into the dark room and shone the torch.

**Idioms:** ↑after dark ▪ ↑dark horse ▪ ↑in the dark ▪ ↑keep something dark ▪ ↑shot in the dark

noun

## NO LIGHT

1. **the dark** singular the lack of light in a place, especially because it is night

- All the lights went out and we were left **in the dark** .
- Are the children afraid of the dark?
- animals that can see in the dark

## COLOUR

2. **uncountable** an amount of sth that is dark in colour

- patterns of light and dark

**more at** a leap in the dark **at** ↑leap <sub>n.</sub>

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### Example Bank:

- I fumbled for the light switch in the pitch dark.
- I hate getting up in the dark.
- Many small children are afraid of the dark.
- The girls weren't allowed out after dark.
- We could just make out some figures in the gathering dark.
- We'd better try and finish this job before dark.

## dark

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

1. **dark** <sup>1</sup> **S2 W1** /dɑ:k\$ da:rk **BrE** " **AmE** " **adjective** (comparative **darker**, superlative **darkest**)

[**Word Family:** **adjective:** ↑dark, darkened, darkening; **noun:** ↑dark, ↑darkness; **verb:** ↑darken; **adverb:** ↑darkly]

[**Language:** Old English; **Origin:** deorc]

1. **NO LIGHT** if it is dark, there is little or no light **OPP light:**

- The church was dark and quiet.
- the dark winter days
- Suddenly, the room went dark (=became dark).
- It gets dark (=night begins) about ten o'clock.
- It was still dark (=was night) when we boarded the train.
- It was pitch dark (=completely dark) in the attic.

2. **COLOUR** quite close to black in colour **OPP light, pale:**

- There were dark clouds in the sky.
- men in dark suits

a slightly darker colour

dark blue/green/pink etc

" a dark blue dress

3. **HAIR/EYES/SKIN** someone who is dark has hair, eyes, or skin that is brown or black in colour **OPP fair**:

" a tall, dark man

" John's dark skin and eyes

4. **MYSTERIOUS** mysterious or secret:

" a dark secret

keep something dark *British English* (=keep something secret)

" Apparently, he has a son, but he's kept that very dark.

5. **EVIL** evil or threatening:

" There was a darker side to his character.

" a place where so many dark deeds had been committed

" the dark forces of the universe

6. **UNHAPPY TIME** a dark time is unhappy or without hope:

" the dark days of the war

" Even in the darkest moments, I still had you, my love.

7. **FEELINGS/THOUGHTS** if you have dark feelings or thoughts, you are very sad or worried:

" a dark depression

" her darkest fears

8. **HUMOUR** dark humour deals with things that are bad or upsetting in a funny way **SYN black**:

" the dark humor common in difficult situations

9. **darkest Africa/South America etc old-fashioned** the parts of Africa etc about which we know very little - this use is now often considered offensive

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## THESAURUS

▪ **dark** if a place is dark, there is little or no light: The room was very dark. | No, you can't play outside, it's too dark. | It was a dark night with clouds covering the moon.

▪ **dimly-lit** a dimly-lit building or place is fairly dark because the lights there are not very bright: a dimly-lit restaurant | The church was dimly lit.

▪ **dim** a dim light is fairly dark: The camera can take good pictures even in dim lighting. | The evening sky grew dim.

▪ **darkened** a darkened room or building is darker than usual, especially because its lights have been turned off or the curtains have been drawn: The prisoner lay in a darkened room. | The play starts with a darkened stage, and the sound of a woman singing softly.

▪ **gloomy** a gloomy place or room is not at all bright or cheerful: The bar was gloomy and smelled of stale cigar smoke.

▪ **murky** dark and difficult to see through – used especially about water: the murky waters of the lake | I could hardly see him in the murky light of the bar.

▪ **pitch-dark/pitch-black** completely dark, so that nothing can be seen: It was pitch-dark inside the shed.

▪ **shady** a shady place is cooler and darker than the area around it, because the light of the sun cannot reach it: It was nice and shady under the trees. | They found a shady spot for a picnic.

II. **dark**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* " *AmE* " *noun*

[Word Family: adjective: ↑dark, darkened, darkening; noun: ↑dark, ↑darkness; verb: ↑darken; adverb: ↑darkly]

1. **the dark** when there is no light, especially because the sun has gone down:

" my childish fear of the dark

**in the dark**

" I turned off the light and lay there in the dark.

" We stood outside in the pitch dark (=when there is no light at all).

2. **after/before/until dark** after, before, or until the sun goes down at night:

" I want you home before dark.

3. **in the dark** *informal* knowing nothing about something important, because you have not been told about it:

" We're in the dark just as much as you are.

" College officials were kept in the dark about the investigation.

⇒ a shot in the dark at ↑shot<sup>1</sup>(10)

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## THESAURUS

### ■ dark colours

▪ **dark** used about a colour that is strong and fairly close to black: a dark blue suit | His eyes are dark brown.

▪ **deep** fairly dark – often used when you think this colour looks attractive: His eyes were a beautiful deep blue. | deep red lips

▪ **rich** used about a colour that is fairly dark in a way that gives a pleasant feeling of warmth: The walls were painted a rich red colour.

## dark

12500 **941**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **559**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **2k DARK** 85866

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darker 3877

darkest 1350

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