

puny[ˈpjuːni] *a*

1) маленький, слабый, хилый, тщедушный

puny little fellow - маленький тщедушный человек

puny muscles - жидкие мускулы

2) незначительный, ничтожный

puny opinion - скромное мнение

our puny efforts - наши жалкие усилия

puny

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puny [puny punier puniest] *BrE* ['pjuːni] *AmE* ['pjuːni] *adjective* (**puni-er**, **puni-est**)(disapproving)

1. small and weak

Syn: †feeble

• The lamb was a puny little thing.

2. not very impressive

• They laughed at my puny efforts.

Word Origin:

mid 16th cent. (as a noun denoting a younger or more junior person): phonetic spelling of puisne.

Example Bank:

• Their plane made the others look puny.

• a rather puny man

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puːni /'pjuːni *BrE* *AmE* *adjective*[**Date:** 1500-1600; **Language:** Old French; **Origin:** puisné 'younger', from puis 'afterward' + né 'born']

1. a puny person is small, thin, and weak:

• a puny little guy

• puny arms

2. not effective or impressive

puny effort/attempt

• a puny attempt at humour

• Our efforts look puny beside Fred's.

3. a puny amount of money is too small:

• She was awarded a puny £1,000 in compensation.

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THESAURUS■ **not physically strong**• **weak** not physically strong, sometimes because you are ill: Tom's had flu and he's still feeling weak. | The doctors said she was too weak to have an operation. | He suffered constantly from a weak chest.• **frail** weak and thin, especially because you are old: a frail 85-year-old lady | My grandfather's becoming quite frail now.• **shaky** feeling weak in your legs and only able to walk slowly and unsteadily: When I came out of hospital I was a bit shaky for a while.• **puny** /'pjuːni *especially disapproving* small, thin, and looking very weak: his puny white arms | He was a puny little boy who was often bullied at school.• **feeble** *especially written* weak and unable to do much because you are very ill, very old or young: For a week she was too feeble to get out of bed. | a tiny, feeble baby• **delicate** weak and often becoming ill easily: a delicate child | She had rather a delicate constitution (=her body easily became ill).• **infirm** *formal* weak or ill for a long time, especially because you are old: a residential home for people who are elderly and infirm | There are special facilities for wheelchair users and infirm guests.• **malnourished** *formal* weak or ill because you have not had enough good food to eat: Half a million people there are severely malnourished. | The organization provides emergency feeding for malnourished children.**puny**

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