

bean¹ S2

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noun [countable]

1 **VEGETABLE** a seed or a POD (= case containing seeds) , that comes from a climbing plant and is cooked as food. There are very many types of beans.:

baked beans

Soak the beans overnight.

kidney beans

green beans

2 **PLANT** a plant that produces beans

3 **COFFEE** a seed used in making some types of food or drinks:

coffee beans

cocoa beans

4 **be full of beans** (informal) **ENERGETIC**

to be very eager and full of energy:

She's full of beans this morning.

5 **not have a bean** (BrE) (informal) **POOR**

to have no money at all

6 **not know/care beans (about somebody/something)** **NOT KNOW** (AmE) (informal)

to not know anything or care at all about someone or something

→ **spill the beans** AT SPILL¹ (3) ,

→ **not amount to a hill of beans** AT HILL (5) ,

→ JELLY BEAN

Word origin

Language: Old English

bean²

verb

[transitive]

(informal) HIT to hit someone on the head with an object

Bean

MR BEAN

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