

# brown<sup>1</sup>

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/braʊn/

adjective

**1** having the colour of earth, wood, or coffee:

*dark brown hair*

**2** BEAUTIFUL/GOOD-LOOKING having skin that has been turned brown by the sun:

*He'd been on vacation and looked very brown.*

*He was as **brown as a berry** after two weeks in the sun.*

## COLLOCATIONSense 1

### types of brown

light/pale brown *a light brown jacket*

dark/deep brown *dark brown eyes*

warm brown *a warm brown shade*

rich brown *a rich brown colour*

reddish brown *The earth was reddish brown.*

golden brown *Cook until the cheese is golden brown.*

rusty brown (= an orange-brown colour) *It was autumn and the leaves were already rusty brown.*

muddy brown *the muddy brown water of the river*

chestnut brown (= a red-brown colour) *a beautiful chestnut brown horse*

chocolate brown *He was wearing a chocolate brown pullover.*

### Word origin

**Language:** Old English

**Origin:** *brun*

# brown<sup>2</sup>

noun

[uncountable and countable]

the colour of earth, wood, or coffee:

*This particular model is available in brown, white, or grey.  
the browns and greens of the landscape*

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# brown<sup>3</sup>

verb

[intransitive and transitive]

**1** cook to heat food so that it turns brown, or to become brown by being heated:

*First, brown the meat in a pan.*

**2** to become brown because of the sun's heat, or to make something brown in this way:

*The children's faces were browned by the sun.*

**3 browned off** ANNOY (*BrE informal*)

annoyed or bored

**SYN** fed up

*They are **getting browned off** by the situation.*

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