

# plain

*n.* 平原

*adj.*

- 1) 明白易懂的
- 2) 坦率直接的 (说话)
- 3) 朴素平凡的 (衣着)
- 4) 普通平常的 (相貌)

平原—> 平坦无坑洼；一望无际，没有遮挡；

- 1) 明白易懂的—> 无遮掩隐藏的
- 2) 坦率直接的—> 无拐弯抹角的
- 3) 朴素平凡的—> 无美丽装饰的
- 4) 普通平常的—> 无显著特征的

如何引申出其他意思：

- a plain but very elegant dress 朴素而极雅致的连衣裙
- plain food/cooking, i.e. not spicy or rich 清淡的食物[烹调风味]
- plain cake, i.e. without fruit, etc 纯蛋糕（无水果等配料的）
- plain chocolate, i.e. made without adding milk 纯巧克力.
- plain paper, i.e. without lines 无格纸
- plain fabric, i.e. without a pattern or design 素净的织物
- plain furniture
- The detectives were in plain clothes.
- (as) plain as the nose on one's face
- Plain Sailing!

补充一个副词用法：

- speak plain清楚地讲
- Who lisped at first, but in future times spoke plain?
- 谁开始口齿不清，后来言语滔滔？
- He is plain stupid. 他非常愚蠢。

- From a rather plain child she had grown into a beautiful woman. 她从一个相貌平平的女孩成长为一个漂亮的女人。
- 注：表示人“不漂亮的; 不好看的”时一般指女性，《简爱》的经典台词是一个典型例子：
- “Do you think, because I am poor, obscure, plain, and little, I am soulless and heartless? You think wrong!--I have as much soul as you,--and full as much heart! And if God had gifted me with some beauty and much wealth, I should have made it as hard for you to leave me, as it is now for me to leave you. I am not talking to you now through the medium of custom, conventionalities, nor even of mortal flesh;--it is my spirit that addresses your spirit; just as if both had passed through the grave, and we stood at God's feet, equal,--as we are!"
- “你以为，因为我贫穷、低微、相貌平平、矮小，我就没有灵魂，也没有心吗？——你想错了！我的灵魂跟你一样，我的心也跟你的完全一样。如果上帝赋予我财富和美貌，我会让你难以离开我，就像我现在难以离开你一样。上帝没有那么做，但我们的精神是平等的，就像我们的灵魂穿过坟墓，站在上帝面前，彼此平等——本来就是如此。”

# 总结

- 单词的意义如何引申