





# dream about/of

We use dream about/of someone or something to mean that we had a dream in which they appear.

- I dreamed about/of you last night.
- Have you ever dreamed about/of your ex?

#### dream of + verb is more common.

- He dreamed of drowning and woke up trembling.
- I dreamed of being in Paris last night.

## wouldn't dream of sth/doing sth (phrase)

used to say that you would not do something because you think it is wrong or silly.

- My father is very generous, but I wouldn't dream of actually asking him for money!
- I wouldn't dream of telling you how to do your job.

## dream of

#### to think about something that you want very much:

- I dream of one day working for myself and not having a boss.
- I dream of being a famous musician.
- As a schoolgirl, she had dreamed of becoming an actress.
- Many people dream of fame and fortune.

## dream sth away

(phrasal verb)

to spend your time thinking pleasant thoughts but not really achieving anything.

- She would just sit in her room dreaming away the hours.
- She just dreams her life away sitting at home.

#### Typical Mistake: dream with someone.

- X I dreamed with you last night.
- ✓ I dreamed about/of you last night.

## dream up phrasal verb

#### to invent something new by using a lot of imagination:

- She tries a lot of new recipes that she dreams up herself.
- I dreamed up a plan to solve both problems at once
- Who dreams up these ridiculous ideas?

#### dream on (phrasal verb)

used for telling someone that something is unlikely to happen.

- You think I'm going to help you move house? Dream on!
- "I think my band will be famous one day." "Dream on."

### dreamed or dreamt?

"Dreamed" and "dreamt" are both acceptable past tense forms of "dream". However, "dreamed" is the most common spelling.