

opium

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Etymology

Borrowed from [Latin opium](#) and [Ancient Greek ὄπιον](#) (*ópion*), from [ὄπός](#) (*opós*, “juice of a plant”), from [Proto-Indo-European *swokʷos](#) (“juice, resin”).

Pronunciation

- (*General American*) IPA^(key): /'oʊpi.əm/
- (*Received Pronunciation*) IPA^(key): /'əʊpi.əm/

Noun

opium (*countable and uncountable, plural opiums or opia*)

1. (*uncountable*) A yellow-brown, addictive narcotic drug obtained from the dried juice of unripe pods of the [opium poppy](#), *Papaver somniferum*, and containing [alkaloids](#) such as [morphine](#), [codeine](#), and [papaverine](#).
2. (*countable*) Anything that [numbs](#) or [stupefies](#).

Synonyms

- See also [Thesaurus:recreational drug](#)

Translations

drug from opium poppy

anything that numbs or stupefies

Czech

Noun

opium n.

Dutch

Etymology

From Middle Dutch opium, from Latin opium, from Ancient Greek ὄπιον (*ópion*).

Pronunciation

- IPA^(key): /'o:.pi.ym/
- Hyphenation: opi·um

Noun

opium *n, m* (uncountable)

1. opium
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French

Noun

opium *m* (plural opiums)

1. opium
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Latin

Alternative forms

- opion

Etymology

Borrowed from Ancient Greek ὄπιον (*ópion*), from ὄπός (*opós*, “juice of a plant”), from Proto-Indo-European *swokʷos (“juice, resin”).

Pronunciation

- (Classical) IPA^(key): /'o.pi.um/, ['ɔ.pi.U]

Noun

opium *n* (genitive opii); second declension

1. opium, poppy-juice

Inflection

Second declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nominative	opium	opia
Genitive	opiī	opiōrum
Dative	opiō	opiīs
Accusative	opium	opia
Ablative	opiō	opiīs
Vocative	opium	opia

Descendants

- English: opium
- Italian: oppio
- Russian: опиум (*ópium*)

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Swedish

Noun

opium c.

1. opium (a drug)

Religionen är ett opium för folket.

Religion is the opium of the people. (Karl Marx)

Declension

Declension of *opium*

		Uncountable			
		Indefinite	Definite		
Nominative	opium	opiet	—	—	
	opiums	opiets	—	—	

Derived terms

▪ <u>opiat</u>	opiumhandel	opiumpipa
▪ <u>opioid</u>	opiuminförsel	opiumpreparat
▪ <u>opiumalkaloid</u>	opiumkrig	opiumproduktion
▪ <u>opiumförbrukning</u>	opiummissbruk	opiumtinktur
▪ <u>opiumhalt</u>	opiumodling	opiumvallmo

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Ancient Greek

Etymology

ὄπος (*opós*, “juice”) + -λον (*-ion*)

Pronunciation

- (5th BCE Attic) IPA^(key): /ó.pi.on/
- (1st CE Egyptian) IPA^(key): /'o.pi.on/
- (4th CE Koine) IPA^(key): /'o.pi.on/
- (10th CE Byzantine) IPA^(key): /'o.pi.on/
- (15th CE Constantinopolitan) IPA^(key): /'o.pi.on/

Noun

Ὄπιον • (*ópion*) n (*genitive Ὄπιον*); second declension

1. poppy juice, opium

Inflection

Second declension of τὸ Ὄπιον ; τοῦ Ὄπιον (Attic)			
Case / #	Singular	Dual	Plural
Nominative	<u>τὸ Ὄπιον</u> tò ópion	<u>τὼ ὄπιω</u> tō opíō	<u>τᾶ Ὄπια</u> tà ópia
Genitive	<u>τοῦ Ὄπιον</u> toū opíoū	<u>τοῖν ὄπιοιν</u> toîn opíoin	<u>τῶν Ὄπιων</u> tô̄n opíōn
Dative	<u>τῷ Ὄπιῷ</u> tōi opíoi	<u>τοῖν ὄπιοιν</u> toîn opíoin	<u>τοῖς Ὄπιοις</u> toîs opíois
Accusative	<u>τὸ Ὄπιον</u> tò ópion	<u>τὼ ὄπιω</u> tō opíō	<u>τᾶ Ὄπιᾳ</u> tà ópia
Vocative	<u>Ὄπιον</u> ópion	<u>ὄπιω</u> opíō	<u>Ὄπιᾳ</u> ópia
Notes:			

▪ This table gives Attic inflectional endings. For declension in other dialects, see Appendix:Ancient Greek dialectal declension .

Descendants

- → Latin: opium
 - → English: opium
 - → French: opium
 - → German: Opium
 - → Hungarian: ópium
 - → Italian: oppio
 - → Russian: óпиум (ópium)
 - → Spanish: opio
- → Middle Persian: [script needed] (apiyōn)
 - Persian: اپیون (apiyūn), ابیون (abiyūn), هپیون (hapiyūn), هبیون (habiyūn)
 - → Arabic: أفيون ('afyūn)
 - → Kurdish:
 - Northern Kurdish: afyon
 - → Middle Armenian: աֆիօն (afiōn), աֆիոն (afion)
 - → Old French: affion
 - → Persian: افیون (afyūn)
 - → Ottoman Turkish: افیون (afyūn)
 - Turkish: afyon
 - → Hungarian: áfium
 - → Macedonian: афион (afion)
 - → Serbo-Croatian: афјон / afiōn
 - → Spanish: anfión
 - → Georgian: აფიონი (apioni), აფთიონი (aptioni)
 - → Old Armenian: ափիոն (ap'ion)
 - Middle Armenian: ափիոն (ap'ion), աբիոն (abion)
 - Armenian: ափիոն (ap'ion)
 - → Sanskrit: अफेन (aphena)

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