

English Vocabulary: Water

Let's compare the word "water" with other European languages:

Romance languages (derived from Latin "aqua")

- Portuguese água
- Spanish agua
- French eau
- Italian acqua
- Romanian apă
- Catalan aigua
- Galician auga

Germanic languages

- English water
- German Wasser
- Dutch water
- Afrikaans water
- Danish vand
- Norwegian vann
- Swedish vatten
- Icelandic vatn

Slavic languages

- Russian вода (voda)
- Ukrainian вода (voda)
- Serbian вода (voda)
- Bulgarian вода (voda)
- Polish woda
- Czech voda
- Slovak voda
- Slovenian voda
- Croatian voda

Other European languages

- Greek νερό (neró)
- Albanian ujë
- Hungarian víz
- Finnish vesi
- Estonian vesi
- Basque ur
- Maltese ilma
- Irish uisce
- Welsh dŵr
- Scottish uisge

hydra/humid/moist

When we talk about “wet” things in English, we can use three base words:

- hydra From Greek “*hydor*” meaning “of water”
- humid From Latin “*humidus*” meaning “wet”
- moist From Old French “*moiste*” meaning “wet”

Base	Verb	Noun	Adjective
hydra	hydrate dehydrate	hydration dehydration fire hydrant carbohydrate	hydrated dehydrated hydraulic
humid	humidify dehumidify	humidity humidification humidifier	humid humidified dehumidified
moist	moisten unmoisten moisturize	moisture moistener moisturizer	moist moistened unmoistened

Other vocabulary:

- damp
- soaked
- sodden
- saturated
- sappy
- watery
- doused
- soggy
- aqueous
- clammy
- flooded