

"sardius, n.". *OED Online*. D-cember 2014. Oxford University Press. <http://www.oed.com/view/Entry/171021?redirected-From=sardius&> (accessed M-rch 02, 2015).

sardius, *n.*

Pronunciation: /'sɑ:diəs/

Forms: Also ME, 15 **sardis**, 15 **sardeos**, **sardios**, **sardious**; also in the anglicized forms 15 **sardye**, 16 **sardie**.

Etymology: < Latin *sardius* (Vulgate), < Greek *σάρδιος*, *σάρδιον*, < *Σάρδεις* Sardis: see [SARDIAN adj. and n.](#)

A precious stone mentioned by ancient writers; see *SARD n.¹* (Chiefly in translations of or allusions to the Bible or classical writers.)

- 1382 *Bible (Wycliffite. E.V.)* Ezek. xxviii. 13 Eche precious stoon thi keuerynge, sardius, topacius, and iaspis.
1390 J. GOWER *Confessio Amantis* III. 132 The Ston which that this sterre alloweth, Is Sardis.
1526 *Bible (Tyndale)* Rev. xxi. 20 The sixt sardeos [1560 (Genev.) Sardious].
1530 *Bible (Tyndale)* Exod. xxxix. f. lxxiii, Sardios [1535 *Coverdale* a Sardis], a Topas and smaragdus.
1567 J. MAPLET *Greene Forest* f. 19, The Sardye is a kind of Gemme red coloured.
1596 T. LODGE *Wits Miserie* 76 The stone Sardius hindreth the properties thereof [wrath].
1608 A. WILLET *Hexapla in Exodum* 640 The sardie is red and somewhat of a fierie colour.
1611 *Bible (King James)* Exod. xxxix. 10.
1681 N. GREW *Musæum Regalis Societatis* III. I. iv. 290 The Sardius or Cornelian.
1859 J. H. INGRAHAM *Pillar of Fire* I. xiii. 219, I saw..ivory from Ind, and boxes of precious stones—the jasper, the sapphire, the sardiüs.

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sard, *n.¹*

Pronunciation: /sɑ:d/

Forms: Also ME **saarde**.

Etymology: In modern use probably < French *sarde*, < Latin *sarda*, a synonym of *sardius*: see *SARDIUS n.*

In quot. [1382](#) < Latin *sardius*; in quot. [1601](#) < Latin *sarda*.

A variety of *CORNELIAN n.¹*, varying in colour from pale golden yellow to reddish orange.

- 1382 *Bible (Wycliffite. E.V.)* Exod. xxxix. 10 And he putte in it foure ordres of gemmes; in the first veers was saarde, topazi, smaragd.
1601 P. HOLLAND tr. Pliny *Hist. World* II. 618 The Indian Sardes or Cornallines are transparent.
1809 J. KIDD *Outl. Mineral* I. 227 This variety [of Carnelian] seems to be the sard of the present day.
1815 A. AIKIN *Man. Mineral* (ed. 2) 180 Sarde.
1839 A. URE *Dict. Arts* 570 The sard of the English jewellers..is a stone of the nature of agate.
1863 'G. ELIOT' *Romola* II. xix. 244 A fine sard, engraved with a subject from Homer.
1901 *Q. Rev.* Oct. 430 The gem is a golden sard.

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- 1881 F. T. PALGRAVE *Visions of Eng.* 70 Sardstones ruddy as wine.