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1. [bɔ:l] *n*

1. 1) шар

the terrestrial ball - **возвыш.** земной шар

the Earth is a ball - Земля - шар

meat balls - фрикадельки, тефтели

moth balls - нафталиновые шарики

ball of wool - клубок шерсти

ball of cotton - ватный шарик

balls of mud - комья грязи

ball of fire - огненный шар (о *солнце, молнии, атомном взрыве и т. п.*) [*см. тж.* ◇]

2) шаровидный объект

ball of earth - **с.-х.** «стул», ком земли, окружающий корни растения

ball plant - растение с комом земли

ball planting - посадка с комом земли

ball mill - **тех.** шаровая мельница

ball mount - а) **воен.** шаровая установка; б) **ав.** сферическая турельная установка

ball pyrite - **геол.** шаровидное включение пирита

2. 1) мяч

stationary ball - неподвижный мяч (*футбол*)

dead ball, ball out of play - **спорт.** мяч вне игры

the ball is in [out of] play - **спорт.** мяч в игре [вне игры]

to kick the ball about - гонять мяч

2) **спорт.** удар, бросок (*мячом*)

good ball - точный удар (мячом)

wide ball - неточный удар /бросок/

adopted ball - засчитанный мяч

3. пуля; снаряд; ядро

powder and balls - порох и пули

smoke ball - **воен.** дымовой снаряд, дымовая бомба

ball ammunition - боевые патроны общего назначения (*с обыкновенными пулями*)

4. **амер.** бейсбол

to play ball - играть в бейсбол [*см. тж.* ◇]

5. **вет.** пилюля6. **редк.** баллотировочный шар7. **бот.**

1) шаровидный плод

2) семенная коробочка

3) клубок (*семян*)8. **уст.** держава (*символ власти*)

the sceptre and the ball - скипетр и держава

9. **pl** *груб.*

1) яйца

2) чушь, вздор

to make balls of smth. - испортить что-л; всё перепутать

3) дерзость; хладнокровие

they didn't have enough balls to try it - у них не хватило пороку сделать это

10. закруглённая или выдающаяся часть (*чего-л.; обыкн. в человеческом теле*)

ball of the eye - **анат.** глазное яблоко

ball of the knee - **анат.** коленная чашка

ball of the thumb - **анат.** возвышение большого пальца руки, тенар

◇ ball and chain - а) цепь с ядром (*на ноге каторжника*), б) бремя, обуза; тяжкая обязанность; в) **сл.** законная супруга

the three (golden) balls - вывеска на лавке ростовщика

ball of fortune - игрушка судьбы

ball of lead - **сл.** башка

ball of fire - **сл.** а) знойная красавица; страстная /соблазнительная/ женщина; б) «огонь» (о *блестящем, энергичном человеке*); [*см. тж.* 1, 1)]

ball of wax - **сл.** всё на свете; всё с начала до конца, всё возможное

to keep one's eyes on the ball - **амер.** а) быть расторопным, знать своё дело; б) быть на высоте /«на уровне»/

her typing is on the ball - она отлично печатает

to have smth. /a lot/ on the ball - **сл.** обладать способностями, ловкостью, талантом быть ловким

get on the ball! - **амер.** скорей!, пошевеливайся!

to carry the ball - **амер.** а) активно действовать; б) нести всю ответственность

the ball is with you - ваша очередь

to have the ball at one's feet - иметь шансы на успех; быть хозяином положения

to catch /to take/ the ball before the bound - поспешить, не выждать удобного момента; забежать вперёд

to start the ball rolling - а) начать какое-л. дело; б) начать разговор

to keep up the ball, to keep the ball rolling - а) поддерживать разговор; б) продолжать дело

to take up the ball - а) вступить в разговор; б) принять дело (от кого-л.)

to strike the ball under the line - потерпеть неудачу

to play ball - а) (with) сотрудничать (с кем-л.); поддерживать хорошие отношения you play ball with me and I play ball with you - ты меня не подведи, и я тебя не подведу; ≅ ты - мне, я - тебе; б) сл. развёртывать деятельность; [см. тж. 4]

behind the eight ball см. eight ball

to run with the ball - амер. перехватить, перебить (заказ)

2. [bɔ:l] v

1) 1) собирать, свивать в клубок; комкать

2) свиваться в клубок; сжиматься в комок

2. **неприсл.** иметь сношение, спать (с женщиной)

◇ to ball the jack - сл. быстро действовать

II

1. [bɔ:l] n

1) бал

costume ball - бал-маскарад

to give a ball - давать бал

to open the ball - а) открывать бал; б) начинать дело

2) **сл.** приятное времяпрепровождение

to have a ball with smth. - насладиться чем-л.

to have (oneself) a ball - а) повеселиться, веселиться вовсю; б) пуститься во все тяжкие

2. [bɔ:l] v амер. сл.

веселиться вовсю; предаваться безудержному веселью, кутежам *и т. п.*; ≅ пуститься во все тяжкие

ball

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ball [ball balls balled balling] noun, verb BrE [bɔ:l] [ⓘ] NAmE [bɔ:l] [ⓘ]

noun

1. a round object used for throwing, hitting or kicking in games and sports

• a **golf/tennis/cricket ball**

• Bounce the ball and try and hit it over the net.

2. a round object or a thing that has been formed into a round shape

• The sun was a huge ball of fire low on the horizon.

• a ball of string

• Some animals roll themselves into a ball for protection.

3. a kick, hit or throw of the ball in some sports

• He sent over a high ball.

4. (in **↑baseball**) a throw by the **↑pitcher** that is outside the **↑strike zone** (= the area between the **batter's** upper arms and knees)

5. ~ **of the foot/hand** the part underneath the big toe or the thumb



6. **usually plural** (taboo, informal) a **↑testicle**

see also **↑balls**

7. a large formal party with dancing

more at carry the ball **at** **↑carry** _{v.}, drop the ball **at** **↑drop** _{v.}, keep your eye on/take your eye off the ball **at** **↑eye** _{n.}

Word Origin:

n. senses 1 to 6 and **v.** Middle English Old Norse **bo** _ⓘ **llr** Germanic

n. sense 7 early 17th cent. French **bal** 'a dance' late Latin **ballare** 'to dance' Greek **ballizein** 'to dance' **ballein** 'to throw'

Example Bank:

- He pounced on a loose ball and scored.
- He screwed the letter up into a tight ball.
- He was penalized for hand ball.
- He's an excellent ball handler.
- His ball control was excellent.
- Oh no! He's dropped the ball.
- She chased the ball all over the pitch.
- She met him at the ball.
- The ball flew over the bar into the sea of Middlesbrough fans.
- The ball flew over the fence.
- The ball hit me on the head.
- The ball hit the wall and rolled along the road.
- The catcher missed the ball.

- The fielders try to retrieve the ball quickly and return it to the bowler.
- The kids love to kick a ball against my wall.
- The little girl curled up into a ball in her mother's arms.
- The plot throws a few curve balls along the way to keep you guessing.
- The responsibility was a ball and chain around my ankle.
- The sun was a fiery ball, low on the hills.
- We're going to a masked ball.
- We're organizing a charity ball.
- Without a crystal ball it's impossible to say where we'll be next year.
- a great ball from Beckham
- a superb through ball from John Scott
- They're holding a charity ball at the end of the month.
- They've hired a 10-piece band for the summer ball.
- You shall go to the ball, Cinderella!

Idioms: ↑ball and chain ▪ ↑ball is in your court ▪ ↑ball of fire ▪ ↑get the ball rolling ▪ ↑have a ball ▪ ↑have a lot on the ball ▪ ↑on the ball ▪ ↑pick up the ball and run with it ▪ ↑play ball ▪ ↑whole ball of wax

verb

1. **intransitive, transitive** to form sth or be formed into the shape of a ball
 - ~ **(into sth)** Her hands balled into fists.
 - ~ **sth (into sth)** My hands were balled into fists.
2. **transitive ~ sb (NAme, taboo, slang)** (of a man) to have sex with a woman

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	ball
	BrE /bɔːl/
	NAme /bɑːl/
he / she / it	balls
	BrE /bɔːlz/
	NAme /bɑːlz/
past simple, past participle	balled
	BrE /bɔːld/
	NAme /bɑːld/
-ing form	balling
	BrE /bɔːlɪŋ/
	NAme /bɑːlɪŋ/

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I. ball ¹ **S1 W2** /bɔːl \$ bɔːl / BrE ¹ AmE ¹ **noun**

[Sense 1-7, 10-17: **Date:** 1200-1300; **Language:** Old Norse; **Origin:** böllr]

[Sense 8-9: **Date:** 1600-1700; **Language:** French; **Origin:** bal, from Old French baller 'to dance', from Late Latin ballare, from Greek ballizein]



1. **ROUND OBJECT** [countable] a round object that is thrown, kicked, or hit in a game or sport

throw/hit/kick/catch etc a ball

" Weiskopf hit the ball 330 yards and a cheer went up.

a tennis/golf/cricket etc ball

2. **ROUND SHAPE** [countable] something formed or rolled into a round shape:

" a ball of string

" Shape the dough into balls.

3. **GAME/SPORT** [uncountable] any game or sport played with a ball, especially baseball or ↑basketball:

" D'you want to go out and play ball?

" Dad likes college ball.

4. **FOOT/HAND** **the ball of the foot/hand** the rounded part of the foot at the base of the toes, or the rounded part of the hand at the

base of the thumb

5. **on the ball** *informal* able to think or act quickly and intelligently:

" an assistant who's really on the ball

6. **set/start/keep the ball rolling** to start something happening:

" To start the ball rolling, the government was asked to contribute £1 million.

7. **the ball is in sb's court** it is their turn to take action or to reply:

" I've emailed him – now the ball's in his court.

8. **FORMAL OCCASION** [countable] a large formal occasion at which people dance

9. **have a ball** *informal* to have a very good time

10. **balls** [plural] *informal not polite*

a) ↑testicles

b) courage:

I didn't have the balls to ask.

c) *British English spoken* something that is stupid or wrong **SYN nonsense**:

That's a load of balls! ⇒ ↑balls¹

11. **a fast/good/long etc ball** a ball that is thrown, hit, or kicked fast etc in a game or sport:

" He hit a long ball to right field.

12. **CRICKET no ball** a ball that is thrown too high, low etc towards someone trying to hit it, in the game of ↑cricket or ↑rounders

13. **BASEBALL no ball** [countable] a ball that the hitter does not try to hit, because it is not within the correct area

14. **the whole ball of wax** *American English informal* the whole thing **SYN everything**

15. **a ball of fire** *informal* someone who has a lot of energy and enthusiasm

16. **keep several/too many etc balls in the air** to struggle to deal with more than one problem or job at the same time:

" The company just won't be able to keep that many balls in the air.

17. **drop the ball** (*also take your eye off the ball*) to make a mistake when dealing with something because you stop thinking carefully or paying attention

18. **ball-buster/ball-breaker** *informal*

a) a problem that is very difficult to deal with

b) an offensive word for a woman who uses her authority over men

⇒ ↑cannonball, ↑crystal ball, ↑wrecking ball, ⇒ **play ball** at ↑play¹(7)

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

▪ **throw a ball** Suzy threw the ball to Matthew.

▪ **catch a ball** He's useless at sport; he can't even catch a ball.

▪ **hit a ball** He swung the bat back and hit the ball hard.

▪ **kick a ball** Greg kicked the ball upfield to Will.

▪ **bounce a ball** He was in the yard bouncing a ball against the wall.

▪ **get the ball** Then the Cowboys got the ball again.

▪ **miss a ball** (=not catch or hit it) I was trying hard but I kept missing the ball.

▪ **a ball rolls** The ball just rolled past the hole.

▪ **a ball flies/sails** The ball flew over the goalkeeper's head and into the net.

▪ **a ball bounces** In tennis, the ball must only bounce once.

▪ **a ball rebounds** (=hits something and moves back and away from it again) The ball hit the goalpost and rebounded.

■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + ball

▪ **a tennis/cricket/golf/rugby etc ball** She was practising hitting golf balls.

▪ **a ping-pong/billiard/snooker etc ball** He was bouncing around like a ping-pong ball.

▪ **a beach ball** (=a large light ball used on the beach) Dad, will you blow up the beach ball?

■ ball + NOUN

▪ **a ball game** He's always watching ball games on TV.

▪ **ball skills** Practising ball skills helps a child's coordination.

II. ball² *BrE* *AmE* verb [transitive]

1. (*also ball up*) to make something form a small round shape:

" Ray balled up his fists.

2. *American English informal not polite* to have sex with a woman

ball

Freakuency Pack

12500 **1129**^{MCW}

15000 **1023**^{COCA}

RANGE: **1k** BALL 46229

ball 37933

balls 8296

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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471 **27239**⁶⁵⁶ *np1*

24 **156663**²⁵ *vv0*

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$10^{247156^{11}}$ *nnu*

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