

teeter

1. [ˈtiːtə] *n разг.*

- 1. детские качели
- 2. колебание

2. [ˈtiːtə] *v разг.*

- 1. 1) качаться на качелях
- 2) качаться, шататься

the drunk stood teetering in the middle of the street - пьяный стоял покачиваясь посредине улицы
 the plank teetered beneath his feet - доска подалась у него под ногами

2. 1) колебаться, мучиться сомнениями

we were faced with the nurse problem; and, as always we teetered - перед нами встала проблема няни, и, как всегда, мы не знали, на что решиться

2) балансировать на грани (чего-л.)

3. идти, проплывать

the lights of small aircraft teetered overhead - над головой /в небе/ плыли сигнальные огоньки маленьких самолётов

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tee-ter [teeter teeters teetered teetering] *BrE* [ˈtiːtə(r)] [ⓘ] *NAmE* [ˈtiːtəɹ] [ⓘ] **verb**

intransitive

to stand or move in an unsteady way so that you look as if you are going to fall

- She teetered after him in her high-heeled shoes.

Idiom: ↑teeter on the edge of something

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we /they	teeter
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈtiːtə(r) /
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈtiːtəɹ /
he / she /it	teeters
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈtiːtəz /
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈtiːtəɹz /
past simple, past participle	teetered
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈtiːtəd /
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈtiːtərd /
-ing form	teetering
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈtiːtərɪŋ /
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈtiːtərɪŋ /

Word Origin:

mid 19th cent.: variant of dialect titter, from Old Norse **titra** 'shake, shiver'.

Example Bank:

- The car teetered on the edge of the cliff for a moment before plunging down.
- The girls teetered across the field.

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tee-ter /ˈtiːtə\$ -ər/ *BrE* [ⓘ] *AmE* [ⓘ] **verb** [intransitive]

[**Date:** 1800-1900; **Origin:** titter 'to move unsteadily' (14-20 centuries)]

1. to stand or walk moving from side to side, as if you are going to fall:

- She teetered along in her high-heeled shoes.

2. **be teetering on the brink/edge of something** to be very close to being in an unpleasant or dangerous situation:

- The country teetered on the brink of war.

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