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1. [træk] *n*

1. 1) след

bear [deer] tracks - следы медведя [оленя]

the track of a wagon [of a wheel, of a motor-car] - след повозки [колеса, автомобиля]

to follow smb.'s tracks - идти по чьему-л. следу

to follow in smb.'s tracks - следовать /идти следом/ за кем-л.

to throw smb. off one's track - сбить кого-л. со следа

he did it just to throw us off the track - он сделал это, чтобы сбить нас с толку

to be on the track of - а) преследовать; б) напасть на след

the hounds were on the track of a fox - собаки взяли лисий след

he came on the tracks of his enemies - он напал на след своих врагов

to lose track of - потерять след [см. тж. 7]

to put upon the track of smb. - направить на чей-л. след

to be in the track of smb. - идти по стопам /следовать примеру/ кого-л.

2) выслеживание, преследование (*преступника, беглеца и т. п.*)

3) место, где кто-л. стоит

in one's tracks - а) на месте; б) сразу, тотчас же, немедленно

to stop in one's tracks - остановиться, замереть

to fall /to drop/ dead in one's tracks - упасть замертво

4) *воен.* трасса5) *воен.* направляющий рельс6) *физ.* трек, след (*частицы*)

2. остаток, признак, след

to leave one's tracks everywhere - всюду оставлять свои следы

to cover up one's tracks - заматывать свои следы

to cover up smb.'s tracks - покрывать кого-л.

3. 1) курс, путь

the track of a comet - путь кометы

the track of a storm - направление шторма

the track of a bullet - траектория пули

2) курс

a new track in foreign affairs - новый внешнеполитический курс

3) *ав.* маршрут полёта (*на карте*)

4. 1) жизненный путь; образ жизни; карьера

off the track - сбившийся с пути, на ложном пути [см. тж. ◊]

to go off the track - быть на ложном пути [ср. тж. 6, 1) и ◊]

on the right [on the wrong] track - на верном [ложном /неверном/] пути

to put smb. on the right track - направить кого-л. по правильному пути

to show smb. a new track of life - указать кому-л. иной путь в жизни

to wander from the track - сойти с пути истинного, сбиться с пути

2) путь, дорога

in the same track - тем же путём, по проторённой дороге

far from track of men - вдали от людских дорог

to fly the track - *амер.* сойти с проторённого пути (*тж. перен.*)

he never leaves the beaten track - он не ищет новых путей; он никогда не проявляет инициативы

5. 1) (просёлочная) дорога; тропинка, тропа

rough [steep, narrow] track - неровная [крутая, узкая] тропинка

sheep track - овечья тропа

the road was only a slight track upon the grass - дорога представляла собой едва заметную тропинку в траве

2) *спорт.* беговая дорожка

track without lanes - общая дорожка

marked [running, skating] track - размеченная [беговая, ледяная] дорожка

obstacle track - дорожка для бега с препятствиями

track border - бровка беговой дорожки

track change - смена дорожек

track event - соревнование в беге (*на беговой дорожке*)

track record - рекорд беговой дорожки (*наивысшая показанная на ней скорость*)

3) трек

cycle track - велотрек

motor-racing /car-testing/ track - автодром

4) лыжня

double track - две лыжни [ср. тж. 6, 1)]

track! - лыжню! (*возглас лыжника, обгоняющего соперника*)

5) дорожка (*фонограммы*); фонограмма

sound track - звуковая дорожка

6) *вчт.* дорожка

recording track - дорожка записи

reference track - а) контрольная дорожка; б) синхронизирующая дорожка

6. 1) **ж.-д.** колея, рельсовый путь

single [double] track - одноколейный [двухколейный] путь [ср. тж. 5, 4]

to go off /to leave/ the track - сойти с рельсов [ср. тж. 4, 1) и ◇]

to jump the track - **амер.** сойти с рельсов [см. тж. ◇]

wait for the train to pass before you cross the tracks - прежде чем переходить через полотно, подождите, пока пройдёт поезд
your train is on track number five - ваш поезд на пятом пути

he had a one track mind - его мысли всегда шли /текли/ в одном направлении

2) ширина колеи

7. ход (*мыслей*); цепь, ряд, вереница (*мыслей*)

to follow the track of smb.'s thoughts - следовать за ходом чьих-л. мыслей

to lose track of - потерять нить (чего-л.) [см. тж. 1, 1)]

to keep track of - следить за (ходом, развитием чего-л.)

to keep track of events - быть в курсе событий

8. **амер.**

1) учебный цикл

2) группа студентов, сформированная по способностям или интересам

9. **спорт.**

1) лёгкая атлетика

track fans - любители лёгкой атлетики

2) соревнования по лёгкой атлетике

to go out for track - принять участие в легкоатлетических соревнованиях

10. **слец.**

1) звено гусеничной цепи, трак

2) гусеница

track width - ширина гусеницы

11. **слец.** направляющее устройство

12. **слец.** расстояние между передними и задними колёсами (*автомобиля и т. п.*)

13. **вчт.** перфорация (*на ленте*)

◇ off the track - уклонившийся от темы [см. тж. 4, 1)]

what you say is true, but off the track - то, что вы говорите, совершенно правильно, но дело не в том

to go off the track - уклоняться от темы [ср. тж. 4, 1) и 6, 1)]

off the beaten track - а) удалённый; лежащий в стороне, находящийся в глубинке; б) необычный, оригинальный, своеобразный; идущий своим путём

on the open track - на полном ходу

across the track, on the wrong side of the tracks - а) в бедном районе города, в трущобах; б) в низах общества

he was born on the wrong side of the tracks - он вышел из низов

to make tracks - а) дать тягу, улизнуть; б) идти или нестись дальше; to make tracks for smth. - сразу же направляться куда-л.; направить свои стопы куда-л.; в) делать успехи, продвигаться, совершенствоваться в чём-л.

to jump the track - **амер.** оказаться на ложном пути [см. тж. 6, 1)]

2. [træk] **v**

1. 1) следить, прослеживать; выслеживать

they tracked game - они выслеживали дичь

2) идти по обнаруженному следу

the first point was to track the animal to its den - первым делом нужно было пройти по следу зверя до его берлоги

3) прослеживать, устанавливать

to track the course of an ancient wall - установить, где /как/ проходила древняя стена

to track the trajectory of shells - установить траекторию полёта снарядов

4) отслеживать; сопровождать, вести (*цель, самолёт и т. п.*)

2. 1) оставлять следы

new snow was tracked by rabbits - на свежем снегу были следы кроликов

2) оставлять следы; наследить, напачкать (*тж. track up*)

wipe your feet or you'll track (up) the kitchen - вытирайте ноги, а то вы наследите в кухне

3) нанести или занести (*грязь и т. п.*)

he tracked dirt over the floor - он наследил на полу, он натаскал грязи на пол

3. прокладывать путь; намечать курс

4. **амер. разг.** пройти, покрыть (*расстояние*)

to track a desert - пересечь пустыню

5. катиться по колее (*о колёсах*)

6. прокладывать колею, укладывать рельсы

7. ходить; бродить (*тж. track about, track around, track up*)

II

[træk] **v мор.**

1. тянуть бечевой

2. буксировать

track

track [track tracks tracked tracking] **noun, verb** BrE [træk] [ⓘ] NAmE [træk] [ⓘ]

noun

ROUGH PATH

- countable** a rough path or road, usually one that has not been built but that has been made by people walking there
 - a muddy track through the forest



see also ↑cart track

MARKS ON GROUND

- countable, usually plural** marks left by a person, an animal or a moving vehicle
 - We followed the bear's tracks in the snow.
 - tyre tracks

FOR TRAIN

- countable, uncountable** rails that a train moves along
 - railway / railroad tracks**
 - India has thousands of miles of track.
- countable (NAme)** a **track** with a number at a train station that a train arrives at or leaves from
 - The train for Chicago is on track 9.

FOR RACES

- countable** a piece of ground with a special surface for people, cars, etc. to have races on
 - a running track
 - a Formula One Grand Prix track (= for motor racing)
- see also ↑dirt track ⁽²⁾, ↑track and field

DIRECTION/COURSE

- countable** the path or direction that sb/sth is moving in
 - Police are **on the track of** (= searching for) the thieves.
 - She is on the **fast track** to promotion (= will get it quickly) .
- see also ↑one-track mind

ON TAPE/CD

- countable** a piece of music or song on a record, tape or CD
 - a track from their latest album
 - countable** part of a tape, CD or computer disk that music or information can be recorded on
 - a sixteen track recording studio
 - She sang on the backing track.
- see also ↑soundtrack

FOR CURTAIN

- countable** a pole or rail that a curtain moves along

ON LARGE VEHICLE

- countable** a continuous belt of metal plates around the wheels of a large vehicle such as a ↑bulldozer that allows it to move over the ground
- more at** off the beaten track **at** ↑beat _{v.}, cover your tracks **at** ↑cover _{v.}, hot on sb's/sth's tracks/trail **at** ↑hot _{adj.}, from/on the wrong side of the tracks **at** ↑wrong _{adj.}

Word Origin:

late 15th cent. (in the sense 'trail, marks left behind'): the noun from Old French **trac**, perhaps from Low German or Dutch **trek** 'draught, drawing'; the verb (current senses dating from the mid 16th cent.) from French **traquer** or directly from the noun.

British/American:

platform / track

In British stations the platforms, where passengers get on and off trains, have numbers: ▪ The Edinburgh train is waiting at platform 4.

In stations in the USA, it is the track that the train travels along that has a number: ▪ The train for Chicago is on track 9.

Example Bank:

- A few planes were parked on the perimeter track of the airfield.
- Continue along the farm track for another hundred metres.
- Film comedy developed along a similar track to film drama.

- He had been careless, and had done little to cover his tracks.
- He switched tracks and went back to college.
- I was so absorbed in my work that I lost track of time.
- Keep track of all your payments by writing them down in a book.
- Many branch lines were closed, and the tracks lifted.
- Rabbits had left tracks in the snow.
- She decided to change her career track.
- She felt the excitement of a journalist on the track of a good story.
- She had already cut a couple of tracks as lead singer with her own group.
- She seems to be on the fast track for promotion.
- The beach is criss-crossed with animal tracks.
- The company already operates a greyhound track.
- The competition features many top track and field athletes.
- The country is on the fast track to democracy.
- The disease was stopped in its tracks by immunization programmes.
- The new manager successfully got the team back onto the right track.
- The police were on the wrong track when they treated the case as a revengekilling.
- The ship was on a southerly track.
- The track leads across a field.
- This song is easily the disc's standout track.
- When the track forks, take the left fork.
- Yesterday I had track practice.
- a single track road with passing places
- a twin track approach to crime
- an inside track to the ear of government
- A cart track led to the farm.
- A forest track leads up to the waterfall.
- A sign marks where the cycle track = a special route for cyclists ends.
- An ancient track crosses the moors.
- Follow the track north across the moor.
- Students pursue one of three tracks: professional writing, film/television/video or new media.
- The green hills were criss-crossed with sheep tracks.
- The path joins a farm track near a barn.
- There are thirteen tracks on the album.
- There were two sets of fresh tyre tracks outside.
- They had to drive up a dirt track.
- We followed the bear's tracks in the snow.
- We were bumping along the rough track that led to the lake.

Idioms: ↑back on track ▪ ↑keep track of somebody ▪ ↑make tracks ▪ ↑on the right track ▪ ↑on track ▪ ↑stop in your tracks ▪ ↑stop somebody in their tracks

Derived ↑track somebody down

verb

FOLLOW

- 1. transitive, intransitive ~ (sb/sth)** to find sb/sth by following the marks, signs, information, etc, that they have left behind them
 - hunters tracking and shooting bears
- 2. transitive ~ sb/sth | ~ where, how, etc...** to follow the movements of sb/sth, especially by using special electronic equipment
 - We continued tracking the plane on our radar.
- 3. transitive ~ sb/sth | ~ where, how, etc...** to follow the progress or development of sb/sth
 - The research project involvestracking the careers of 400 graduates.

see also ↑fast-track

OF CAMERA

- 4. intransitive + adv./prep.** to move in relation to the thing that is being filmed
 - The camera eventually tracked away.

SCHOOL STUDENTS

- 5. (NAmE) = ↑stream** ⁽⁴⁾

LEAVE MARKS

- 6. transitive ~ sth (+ adv./prep.)** (especially NAmE) to leave dirty marks behind you as you walk
 - Don't track mud on my clean floor.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	track
	BrE /træk/
	NAme /træk/
he / she / it	tracks
	BrE /træks/
	NAme /træks/
past simple, past participle	tracked
	BrE /trækt/
	NAme /trækt/
-ing form	tracking
	BrE /trækiŋ/
	NAme /trækiŋ/

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Example Bank:

- Police are still trying to track down the witness.
- We finally managed to track him down to a retirement home in Sussex.
- The men earned their living tracking and shooting bears.
- The research project involves tracking the careers of 400 law school graduates.
- They tracked the herd for miles.
- a comparison of schools that track and don't track in math

track

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I. track¹ **S2 W2** /træk/ BrE " AmE " noun

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Old French; Origin: trac]

1. PATH/ROAD [countable] a narrow path or road with a rough uneven surface, especially one made by people or animals frequently moving through the same place:

- The road leading to the farm was little more than a dirt track.
- The track led through dense forest.
- a steep mountain track

2. MARKS ON GROUND **tracks** [plural] a line of marks left on the ground by a moving person, animal, or vehicle:

- We followed the tyre tracks across a muddy field.
- The tracks, which looked like a fox's, led into the woods.

3. FOR RACING [countable] a circular course around which runners, cars etc race, which often has a specially prepared surface:

- To run a mile, you have to run four circuits of the track. ⇒ [↑]dirt track(2)

4.

**TRAIN** [countable]

a) the two metal lines along which trains travel **SYN railway line**:

- The track was damaged in several places.

b) **American English** the particular track that a train leaves from or arrives at:

- The train for Boston is leaving from track 2.

5. be on the right/wrong track to think in a way that is likely to lead to a correct or incorrect result:

- We've had the initial test results and it looks as though we're on the right track.

6. keep/lose track of somebody/something to pay attention to someone or something, so that you know where they are or what is happening to them, or to fail to do this:

- It's difficult to keep track of all the new discoveries in genetics.
- I just lost all track of time.

7. MUSIC/SONG [countable] one of the songs or pieces of music on a record, [↑]cassette, or [↑]CD:

- There's a great Miles Davis track on side two.

8. stop/halt (dead) in your tracks to suddenly stop, especially because something has frightened or surprised you

9. cover your tracks to be careful not to leave any signs that could let people know where you have been or what you have done because you want to keep it a secret, usually because it is illegal:

- He tried to cover his tracks by burning all the documents.

10. **SPORT** [uncountable] *American English*

a) sport that involves running on a track:

The next year he didn't run track or play football.

b) all the sports in an **athletics** competition such as running, jumping, or throwing the **javelin**:

a famous track star

She went out for track in the spring (=she joined the school's track team).

11. **be on track** *spoken* to be likely to achieve the result you want:

We're still on track for 10% growth.

12. **get off the track** *spoken* to begin to deal with a new subject rather than the main one which was being discussed:

Don't get off the track, we're looking at this year's figures not last year's.

13. **be on the track of somebody/something** to hunt or search for someone or something:

Police are on the track of the bank robbers.

14. **make tracks** *spoken* used to say you must leave a place:

It's time we started making tracks.

15. **DIRECTION** [countable] the direction or line taken by something as it moves

track of

islands that lie in the track of North Atlantic storms

16. **ON A VEHICLE** [countable] a continuous metal band that goes over the wheels of a vehicle such as a **bulldozer**, allowing it to move over uneven ground

⇒ **off the beaten track** at **beaten**(1), ⇒ **one-track mind**, ⇒ **be from the wrong side of the tracks** at **wrong**¹(17)

II. **track**² *BrE* *AmE* *verb*

1. **SEARCH** [transitive] to search for a person or animal by following the marks they leave behind them on the ground, their smell etc:

Police have been tracking the four criminals all over Central America.

track somebody to something

The dogs tracked the wolf to its lair.

2. **DEVELOPMENT** [transitive] to record or study the behaviour or development of someone or something over time:

The progress of each student is tracked by computer.

3. **AIRCRAFT/SHIP** [transitive] to follow the movements of an aircraft or ship by using **radar**:

a tracking station

4. **CAMERA** [intransitive + in/out] to move a film or television camera away from or towards a scene in order to follow the action that you are recording

5. **SCHOOL** [transitive] *American English* to put schoolchildren in groups according to their ability **SYN stream** *British English*

6. **MARK** [transitive] *American English* to leave behind a track of something such as mud or dirt when you walk:

Which of you boys tracked mud all over the kitchen floor?

track somebody/something ↔ **down** *phrasal verb*

to find someone or something that is difficult to find by searching or looking for information in several different places:

I finally managed to track down the book you wanted in a shop near the station.

Detectives had tracked her down in California.

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THESAURUS

- **follow** to walk, drive etc behind or after someone, for example in order to see where they are going: The man had followed her home to find out where she lived. | Follow that car! | He hired a detective to follow her.
- **chase** to quickly run or drive after someone or something in order to catch them when they are trying to escape: Police chased the car along the motorway at speeds of up to 90 mph.
- **run after somebody/go after somebody** to quickly follow someone or something in order to stop them or talk to them: I ran after him to say sorry, but he'd already got on the bus.
- **stalk** /stɔ:k\$ stɔ:k to secretly follow an animal in order to kill it, or to secretly follow a person in order to attack them: a tiger stalking its prey | He had a long history of stalking women in his neighbourhood.
- **pursue** /pe'sju:\$ per'su:ɪ *written* to chase someone in a very determined way: The ship was being pursued by enemy submarines.
- **give chase** *written* to chase someone or something who is trying to escape from you: One of the officers gave chase and arrested the man. | The calf ran away and the lion gave chase.
- **tail** to secretly follow someone in order to watch what they do and where they go: Apparently, the police had been tailing the terrorists for months.
- **track** to follow and find a person or animal by looking at the marks they leave on the ground: The bushmen were tracking antelope in the Kalahari desert.

track

12500 **1259**^{MCW}

15000 **838**^{COCA}

RANGE: **2k** TRACK 55815

track 33785

tracks 12192

tracking 5976

tracked 2943

tracker 587

trackers 225

trackless 107

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

17570 **1519**²⁷⁸¹⁹ *nn1*

3905 **7413**⁴⁶⁹² *vvi*

1092 **18378**¹²⁴³ *vv0*

6 **190829**¹⁸ *np1*

7 **317909**⁷ *nnu*

6 **343493**⁶ *jj*
