

phone

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1. [fəʊn] *n* (*сокр. от telephone*) *разг.*

1) телефон

on the phone - у телефона по телефону

who is on the phone? - кто у телефона?

who answered the phone? - кто подошёл к телефону?

to get smb. on the phone - дозвониться кому-л.

to call smb. on the phone - звонить кому-л. по телефону

to speak to smb. over the phone - говорить с кем-л. по телефону

2) телефонная трубка

to pick up the phone - снять трубку

to put the phone down - опустить /положить/ трубку

2. [fəʊn] *v* (*сокр. от telephone*) *разг.*

звонить по телефону

to phone (up) smb. - позвонить кому-л. (по телефону)

to phone up for smb. - вызвать кого-л. по телефону

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[fəʊn] *n лингв.*

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[fəʊn] *n физ.*фон (*единица громкости - в децибелах*)

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phone [ˈfəʊn ˈfoʊn ˈfoʊnd ˈfoʊnɪŋ] *noun, verb* *BrE* [ˈfəʊn] ^ˈ *NAmE* [ˈfoʊn]

noun

1. **uncountable, countable** a system for talking to sb else over long distances using wires or radio; a machine used for this; a telephone• I have to **make a phone call** .• The **phone rang** and Pat answered it.• They like to do business **by phone/over the phone** .

• His phone must be switched off.

• I hadn't got my phone with me.

• a phone bill

see also ↑car phone, ↑cell phone, ↑cellular phone, Entryphone, ↑mobile phone, ↑payphone, ↑telephone2. **countable** the part of a phone that you hold in your hand and speak into; a telephone• to **pick up the phone**• to **put the phone down**

• He left the phone off the hook as he didn't want to be disturbed.

see also ↑answerphone, ↑telephone3. **-phone** (in nouns) an instrument that uses or makes sound

• dictaphone

• xylophone

4. **-phone** (in adjectives and nouns) speaking a particular language; a person who does this

• anglophone

• francophone

5. (**phonetics**) a sound made in speech, especially when not considered as part of the sound system of a particular language**compare** ↑phonemeWord Origin:*n.* **sense 5** mid 19th cent.: from Greek *phōnē* 'sound, voice' .British/American:**phone / call / ring**VerbsIn *BrE*, **to phone**, **to ring** and **to call** are the usual ways of saying **to telephone** . In *NAmE* the most common word is **call** , but**phone** is also used. Speakers of *NAmE* do not say **ring**. **Telephone** is very formal and is used mainly in *BrE*. **Nouns**You can use **call** or **phone call** (more formal) in both *BrE* and *NAmE*: ▪ Were there any phone calls for me? ◇▪ How do I make alocal call? The idiom **give sb a call** is also common: ▪ I'll give you a call tonight. In informal *BrE* you could also say: ▪ I'll give you

a ring tonight.

Collocations:**Phones***Making and receiving phone calls*the phone/telephone **rings****answer/pick up/hang up** the phone/telephone**lift/pick up/hold/replace** the receiver**dial** a (phone/extension/wrong) number/an area code

call sb/talk (to sb)/speak (to sb) on the phone/telephone; from home/work/the office
make/get/receive a phone call
take the phone off the hook (= remove the receiver so that the phone does not ring)
the line is (BrE) engaged / (especially NAmE) busy
the phones have been (NAmE) ringing off the hook (= ringing frequently)
put sb through/get through to the person you want to speak to
put sb on hold (= so that they must wait for the person they want to speak to)
call from/use a landline

Mobile/cell phones

be/talk on a (both BrE) mobile phone/mobile/(especially NAmE) cell phone/(informal, especially NAmE) cell
use/answer/call (sb on)/get a message on your mobile phone/mobile/cell phone/cell
switch/turn on/off your mobile phone/mobile/cell phone/cell
charge/recharge your mobile phone/mobile/cell phone/cell
a mobile/cell phone is on/is off/rings/goes off
(BrE) top up your mobile (phone)
send/receive a text (message)/an SMS (message)/a fax
insert/remove/change a SIM card

Example Bank:

- Can you get the phone?
- Dad, you're wanted on the phone.
- He called me on my mobile phone.
- He was called to the phone just as he was leaving.
- His phone is almost permanently engaged.
- I called his cell phone and then his home phone.
- I called his cell phone but no one answered.
- I couldn't get through because you'd left the phone off the hook.
- I grabbed the phone and called Josie's number.
- I haven't seen her but we spoke over the phone.
- I hung up the phone when he started shouting at me.
- I picked up the phone receiver and pressed it to my ear.
- I think our phone is being tapped.
- I turned on my phone.
- I've lost my phone charger.
- If the phone rings, don't answer it.
- My mobile phone went off during the movie.
- Please switch off all mobile phones.
- She cradled the phone between her ear and shoulder.
- She slammed the phone down in a rage.
- She waits by the phone all day but he doesn't call.
- She was working a phone bank for the Democrats.
- She's on the phone at the moment.
- The modem links the computer to a phone line.
- The phone suddenly went dead in the middle of our conversation.
- The phone was busy when I called.
- The phone was ringing off the hook.
- The search of the phone records yielded nothing.
- Vincent's cell phone vibrated in his pocket.
- We keep in contact by phone but we rarely see each other.
- We spoke on the phone the other day.
- a £30 fine if caught holding a phone while driving
- the modern business of selling phone handsets
- He's been on the phone to Kate for more than an hour.
- I have to make a phone call.
- They like to do business by phone/over the phone.

Idiom: ↑on the phone

Derived ↑phone in ▪ ↑phone something in

verb (especially BrE) (BrE also ,phone 'up) intransitive, transitive
to make a telephone call to sb

Syn: ↑call

- I was just phoning up for a chat.
- He phoned to invite me out for dinner.
- Someone phone for an ambulance!
- Could you **phone back** later?
- He **phoned home** , but there was no reply.
- I'm phoning about your ad in the paper.
- ~ **sb/sth** Don't forget to phone New York.
- For reservations, phone 020 281 3964.

- Phone them up and find out when they are coming.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	phone
	BrE /fəʊn/
	NAme /foʊn/
he / she / it	phones
	BrE /fəʊnz/
	NAme /foʊnz/
past simple, past participle	phoned
	BrE /fəʊnd/
	NAme /foʊnd/
-ing form	phoning
	BrE /fəʊnɪŋ/
	NAme /foʊnɪŋ/

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Thesaurus:

phone verb I, T (BrE, especially spoken)

- I'm phoning about your ad in the newspaper.

call • • **reach** • • **dial** • |especially AmE, informal **call sb up** • |especially BrE, formal **telephone** • |BrE, especially spoken **ring** •

phone sb/call sb/call sb up/telephone sb/ring sb **about sth**

phone sb/call sb/telephone/ring sb **from** somewhere

phone/call/telephone/ring **to do sth**

Phone, call or ring? **Call** is the only one of these three words used in American English. **Ring** and **phone** are the most frequent words in spoken British English, but **call** is preferred in an emergency

- Call the police/fire brigade.

You **call/ring/phone** a person, place or institution; you **call a cab/a taxi/an ambulance** .

British/American:

phone / call / ring

Verbs

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local call? The idiom **give sb a call** is also common: ▫ I'll give you a call tonight. In informal **BrE** you could also say: ▫ I'll give you a ring tonight.

Example Bank:

- Could you phone me back later?
- Dan phoned for a taxi.
- Jane phoned up about the meal tonight.
- She phoned home to say she'd be late.
- You can phone me on this number.
- For reservations, phone 0207 281 3964.
- He phoned home, but there was no reply.
- I'm phoning about your ad in the paper.

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I. **phone**¹ **S1 W2** /fəʊn \$ foʊn/ **BrE**^u **AmE**^u **noun** [countable]

[Date: 1800-1900; Origin: telephone]



1. a telephone:

▪ Much of his work is done by phone.

▪ Who was that on the phone?

▪ I wish Amy would get off the phone. ⇒ ↑cellphone, ↑mobile phone, ↑pay phone

2. the part of a telephone into which you speak **SYN receiver** :

He put the phone down on me (=ended the call before I had finished speaking).

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meanings 1 & 2)

verbs

- **use the phone** Do you mind if I use your phone?
- **the phone rings** Around three o'clock, the phone rang.
- **answer the phone** (also **pick up the phone**) My dad answered the phone.
- **put the phone down** I only remembered his name after I had put the phone down.
- **slam the phone down** (=put it down hard, because you are angry) I was so mad I just slammed the phone down.
- **talk/speak (to somebody) on the phone** We talk on the phone every day. | We spoke earlier on the phone, if you remember.
- **come to the phone** I'm sorry, she can't come to the phone right now.
- **be on the phone to somebody** (=be talking to someone on the phone) I was on the phone to my mother all morning.
- **be wanted on the phone** Larry, tell Rosemary that she's wanted on the phone.
- **call somebody on the phone** I called her on the phone and invited her to Las Vegas.
- **get on the phone to somebody** (=call them) We got on the phone to the hospital straight away.

phone + NOUN

- **a phone number** Can I have your phone number?
- **a phone line** (=a telephone wire or connection) Listeners jammed the phone lines, demanding to hear the song.
- **a phone bill** (=a bill for phone calls) Our last phone bill was huge.
- **a phone company** (=one that provides a telephone service) I switched phone companies.
- **a phone conversation** Neither man denies the phone conversation took place.

phrases

- **the phone is busy** (also **the phone is engaged** *British English*) (=the person you are calling is already speaking to someone else) I tried you earlier, but your phone was engaged.
- **the phone goes/is dead** (=the phone line stops working or is not working) Before he could reply, the phone suddenly went dead.
- **the phone is off the hook** (=it cannot be used because it is not connected or is already being used) On Friday nights we just take the phone off the hook and relax.

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- **phone** (also **telephone** *formal*): My wife was talking to someone on the phone. | What's your home phone number? | The nearest telephone was in the school secretary's office.
- **mobile phone** *British English* (also **mobile** *informal*) a telephone that you can carry with you, that works by using a network of radio stations to pass on signals: Even children as young as eight have mobile phones. | She always has her mobile switched off.
- **cell phone** *American English* (also **cell** *informal*) a mobile phone: You can reach me on my cell phone.
- **voice mail** a system that records messages so that you can listen to them on your phone: Let me check my voice mail.
- **text message** (also **text**, **SMS**) a message from someone that you can read on your mobile phone: I got a text from Paul.
- **landline** a telephone that uses wires – used when comparing this with a mobile phone: Calls cost 25p from a landline, more from a mobile phone.
- **receiver** the part of a telephone that you pick up to listen and talk: She put down the receiver and started crying.

II. phone² **S1 BrE** **AmE** (also **phone up**) *verb* [intransitive and transitive]

to speak to someone by telephone:

- I'll phone you this evening.
- Why didn't they phone the police?
- For information phone 8279-3772.
- Stevie phoned to say that he was going to be late.
- I kept phoning her up, asking to meet her.
- Tell him to phone back (=telephone again at a later time) tomorrow.

▶ You do not 'phone to' someone or 'phone to' a number. **Phone** is followed immediately by a noun or number: *She phoned her friend Judy. | Phone 01279-623772 and ask to speak to Elaine.*

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THESAURUS

- **phone** to speak to someone by telephone. **Phone** is more common in British English than American English: I'll phone you tomorrow.
- **call** to phone someone. **Call** is used in both British and American English: One of the neighbors called the police. | Call me later.
- **ring** *British English spoken* to phone someone. **Ring** is more informal than **phone** or **call**: I can ring her at the office tomorrow.
- **give somebody a call** (also **give somebody a ring**) *spoken* to phone someone: If you ever come to Seattle, give me a call. | I'll give the hospital a ring and see how he is.
- **telephone** *formal* to phone someone: Angry listeners telephoned the BBC to complain.
- **Skype** /skaɪp/ *trademark* to make a telephone call using special software that allows you to make calls over the Internet: I Skyped her last night and we spoke for hours.

phone in *phrasal verb*

1. to telephone the place where you work, especially in order to report something:

- I'll phone in and let them know.

phone something ↔ in

- I'll phone the report in tomorrow morning.
- She phoned in sick (=telephoned to say that she was ill and could not come to work).

2. to telephone a radio or television show to give your opinion or ask a question:

There's still time to phone in before the end of the programme.

⇒ [↑phone-in](#)

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