

**1. [brɔ:d] n**

1. широкая часть (спины, спинки)

2. *амер.*1) *разг.* молодая девушка, девчонка

he refers to her as a broad meaning no harm whatsoever - он называет её девчонкой, не имея в виду ничего плохого

2) *груб.* девка3. *уст.* = broad-piece4. (the Broad) *разг.* оксфордские студенты5. *кино* осветительный прибор общего, рассеянного света, широкоизлучатель**2. [brɔ:d] а**

1. широкий

broad chest - широкая грудь

the river is 30 feet broad - река шириной в 30 футов

2. обширный, просторный

the broad lands stretched away as far as the eye could see - широкие просторы раскинулись насколько мог видеть глаз

3. широкий, свободный; терпимый

broad opinions - широкие взгляды

to take a broad view of smth. - широко смотреть на вещи

4. 1) явный, определённый; заметный

broad hint - ясный намёк

broad purpose - явное намерение

broad statement - откровенное заявление

there is no broad line of distinction - нет отчётливого разграничения /-ой грани/

2) полный, совершенный

in broad daylight - среди бела дня

3) заметный, сильный (об акценте)

broad Scotch [Yorkshire] accent - сильный шотландский [йоркширский] акцент

5. общий, широкий; в общих, основных чертах

a broad outline of the plan - общая намётка плана

in a broad sense it is true - в широком смысле это верно

6. грубый, неприличный

broad joke - грубая шутка

broad laugh - грубый смех

broad story - неприличный анекдот

7. свободный, несдержанный, раскованный, разболтанный

broad mirth - безудержное веселье

8. *фон.* открытый (о звуке)

◇ it is as broad as it is long - ≅ то же на то же выходит; что в лоб, что по лбу

**3. [brɔ:d] adv редк.**

1. широко

2. свободно, открыто

3. вполне

broad awake - вполне очнувшись от сна, полностью проснувшись

4. с заметным, сильным акцентом

to speak broad - говорить с сильным акцентом

**broad**

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**broad** [broad broads broader broadest] adjective, noun BrE [brɔːd] NAmE

[brɔːd]

adjective (broad-er, broad-est)

**WIDE****1. wide**

• a broad street/avenue/river

• broad shoulders

• He is tall, broad and muscular.

• a **broad smile/grin** (= one in which your mouth is stretched very wide because you are very pleased or amused)**Opp:** ↑narrow<sup>(1)</sup>**2. used after a measurement of distance to show how wide sth is**

• two metres broad and one metre high

**WIDE RANGE****3. including a great variety of people or things**

• a broad range of products

• a broad spectrum of interests

• There is broad support for the government's policies.

• She **took a broad view** of the duties of being a teacher (= she believed her duties included a wide range of things).

• a broad and balanced curriculum

- We must ensure the project is of advantage to the broader community and does not just benefit a few individuals.
- Opp:** ↑narrow

## GENERAL

### 4. only before noun general; not detailed

- the broad outline of a proposal
- The negotiators were in broad agreement on the main issues.
- She's a feminist, in the **broadest sense of the word** .
- In **broad terms** , the paper argues that each country should develop its own policy.
- Computer viruses fall into three broad categories.

## LAND/WATER

### 5. covering a wide area

- a broad expanse of water
- the broad plains of the American West

## ACCENT

### 6. if sb has a broad accent, you can hear very easily which area they come from

**Syn:** ↑strong

- a broad Yorkshire accent

## HINT

### 7. if sb gives a broad hint, they make it very clear what they are thinking or what they want

## HUMOUR

### 8. (NAmE) dealing with sex in an amusing way

- The movie mixes broad humor with romance.

**more at** paint sth with a broad brush **at** ↑paint v.

### Word Origin:

Old English brād, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **breed** and German **breit**.

### Thesaurus:

**broad** adj.

#### 1. (often approving especially written)

- He's got broad shoulders.

**wide** •

**Opp:** narrow

a broad/wide **road/street/river/stream/staircase**

a broad/wide **mouth/smile/grin**

**Broad or wide?** **Broad** is often used to suggest that sth is wide in an attractive way

- a broad avenue lined with trees
- It is also used rather than **wide** to talk about parts of the body
- a broad back/chest/face/forehead

#### 2.

- The course caters for a broad spectrum of interests.

**wide** • • **extensive** • • **widespread** • • **general** • • **universal** • • **diverse** • • **mass** • • **large-scale** • • **sweeping** • •

**far-reaching** • |written **wide-ranging** • |often approving **varied** •

**Opp:** narrow

a/an broad/wide/extensive **range**

a/an broad/extensive/general/diverse/mass/large-scale/sweeping/far-reaching/wide-ranging/varied **programme**

broad/wide/extensive/widespread/general/universal/mass/large-scale **support**

**Broad or wide?** **Broad** is used more to talk about the effect of sth on a large number of people:

- have a broad appeal
- attract broad support

**Broad** also often relates to knowledge, education and business:

- a broad curriculum
- broad experience/knowledge

**Wide** is used more to talk about a **choice** or a **range** of things or people and also for a geographical area:

- The festival attracts people from a wide area.

✗ The festival attracts people from a broad area.

#### 3.

- the broad outline of a proposal

**general** • • **sweeping** • • **overall** • • **rough** • • **approximate** •

a broad/general/rough **outline**

a broad/general/sweeping **assertion/conclusion/statement**

**in** broad/general/overall **terms**

a broad/sweeping **generalization**

Word Family:

**broad** adjective

**broadly** adverb

**broaden** verb

**breadth** noun

Synonyms:

**wide / broad**

These adjectives are frequently used with the following nouns:

wide ~	broad ~
street	shoulders
river	back
area	smile
range	range
variety	agreement
choice	outline

Wide is the word most commonly used to talk about something that measures a long distance from one side to the other. Broad is more often used to talk about parts of the body. (Although wide can be used with = mouth .) It is used in more formal or written language to describe the features of the countryside, etc: = a broad river ◇ = a broad stretch of meadowland.

Both wide and broad can be used to describe something that includes a large variety of different people or things: = a wide/broad range of products. Broad, but not wide, can be used to mean 'general' or 'not detailed': = All of us are in broad agreement on this matter.

Example Bank:

- He questioned whether the school curriculum was broad enough in scope.
- His job gave him an acquaintance with an unusually broad spectrum of society .
- 'Mental handicap' should be replaced with the broader concept of 'learning difficulties'.
- Before dealing with specific cases she spoke on the broad topic of 'discipline' .
- Having children gave her a broader outlook on life.
- He turned to me with a broad smile.
- He was gorgeous— broad shoulders and twinkling eyes.
- He's got broad shoulders.
- In broad terms the paper argues that each country should develop its own policy .
- She took a broad view of the duties of being a teacher.
- She's a feminist, in the broadest sense of the word.
- The committee put forward broad recommendations for the improvement of safety at sports grounds.
- The course caters for a broad spectrum of interests .
- The novel is about education in its broadest sense.
- The proposals have been given a broad welcome by green campaigners.
- The wardrobe stands at one metre broad and two metres high.
- There is broad support amongst clients for the new initiative.
- There is broad support for the government's policies .
- We discussed the broader implications of the plan.
- We drove down a broad avenue lined with trees.
- We have devised a broad and balanced curriculum.
- We must ensure the project is of advantage to the broader community and does not just benefit a few individuals.
- a broad aim/objective
- a broad back/chest/face/forehead
- a broad category/area
- a broad curriculum
- a broad definition/sense/outline
- broad experience/knowledge
- to attract broad support
- to have a broad appeal

Idioms: ↑broad church ▪ ↑broad daylight ▪ ↑it's as broad as it's long

**noun** (old-fashioned, NAmE, slang)

an offensiveway of referring to a woman

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**broad** adjective

**broadly** adverb

**broad**

I. **broad**<sup>1</sup> **S2 W2** /brɔːd\$ brɒd/ **BrE** <sup>ˈ</sup> **AmE** <sup>ˈ</sup> *adjective*

[Language: Old English; Origin: brad]

1. **WIDE** a road, river, or part of someone's body etc that is broad is wide **OPP narrow** ⇒ **breadth**:

- " We went along a broad passage.
- " He was six feet tall, with broad shoulders.

**six feet/three metres etc broad**

- " The room is three metres long and two metres broad.

**REGISTER**

In everyday English, people usually say **wide** rather than **broad**:

- a wide river/street/corridor
- They sell a wide range of bikes.

**Broad**, however, is always used when describing someone's shoulders or back.

2. **INCLUDING A LOT** including many different kinds of things or people **OPP narrow** ⇒ **breadth**:

- " The show aims to reach the broadest possible audience.

**broad range/spectrum**

- " Students here study a broad range of subjects.

**broad category/field/area etc**

- " Private pension schemes fall into two broad categories.
- " a party which lacks a broad base of political support
- " The play is a comedy, in the broadest sense of the word.

3. **GENERAL** concerning the main ideas or parts of something rather than all the details:

- " The client should understand, in broad terms, the likely cost of the case.

**broad consensus/agreement etc**

- " The members were in broad agreement.

**broad outline/framework**

- " I'll give you a broad outline of the plan.

4. **LARGE AREA** covering a large area:

- " a broad expanse of water

5. **WAY OF SPEAKING** a broad <sup>↑</sup>**accent** clearly shows where you come from **SYN strong**:

- " a broad Scottish accent

6. **broad smile/grin** a big smile:

- " Abby came in with a broad smile on her face.

7. **in broad daylight** if something, especially a crime, happens in broad daylight, it happens in the daytime and in public:

- " The attack happened in broad daylight, in one of the busiest parts of town.

8. **broad hint** a <sup>↑</sup>**hint** (=suggestion) that is very clear and easy to understand:

- " In June he gave a broad hint that he might retire.

9. **a broad church** *British English* an organization that contains a wide range of opinions:

- " The Labour Party has to be a broad church.

10. **HUMOUR** broad humour is rather rude or concerned with sex

11. **broad in the beam** *informal* having large or fat <sup>↑</sup>**hips**

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**COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)**

■ **broad + NOUN**

- **a broad range** Sport is a part of a broad range of activities that we call leisure.
- **a broad spectrum** (=range) Among the public there is a broad spectrum of opinion.
- **a broad category** Our range of programmes fall into three broad categories.
- **a broad area/field** (=including a lot of different things) Psychobiology is a broad area covering many different topics.
- **a broad cross-section** (=a varied group that is typical of a larger varied group) We offer entertainment to appeal to a broad cross-section of people.
- **a broad base** The course is designed to provide a broad base for students looking to work in IT.
- **a broad alliance /coalition** The government was a broad alliance of eight political parties.
- **a broad curriculum** (=one that includes a range of subjects) Students are encouraged to follow a broad curriculum in the first year.
- **have broad appeal** (=be attractive to many different types of people) Their music has a very broad appeal.

II. **broad**<sup>2</sup> **BrE** <sup>ˈ</sup> **AmE** <sup>ˈ</sup> *noun* [countable] *American English spoken not polite*

an offensiveword for a woman

**broad**

12500 **1474**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **1243**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **2k BROAD** 36594

broad 19585

broadly 3654

broaden 9053

broadest 656  
broaden 1521  
broadened 1022  
broadening 850  
broadens 253

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

13701 **2282**<sup>18741</sup> *jj*  
463 **23992**<sup>813</sup> *np1*  
25 **156259**<sup>25</sup> *nn1*  
6 **347300**<sup>6</sup> *nnu*

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