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1. [flæt] n

1. плоскость, плоская поверхность
the flat of the hand - ладонь
on the flat - *жив.* на плоскости, в двух измерениях
2. фаска, грань
3. 1) равнина, низина
- 2) отмель; плоская мель *или* банка; низкий берег
4. плоскодонка; баржа; шаланда
5. широкая неглубокая корзина
6. *pl* туфли без каблуков
7. *амер.* соломенная шляпа с низкой тульёй и широкими полями
8. *сл.* простофиля тупица
9. *муз.* бемоль
double flat - дубль-бемоль
flat key - бемольная тональность
10. *театр.* задник
11. *разг.* гриб-шляпук
12. *амер. разг.* спущенная шина
13. *сл.* журнал большого формата напечатанный на тонкой бумаге
14. *геол.* горизонтальный пласт, пологая залежь
flat wall - *горн.* подошва пласта, лежащий бок
15. *стр.* настил
16. *тех.* боёк молотка
17. *ж.-д., горн.* горизонтальный участок
18. = flatcar
19. *горн.* окопоствольный двор (в шахте)
◇ sharps and flats - жулики и простаки
to join the flats - скомпоновать

2. [flæt] a

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1. плоский, ровный, гладкий
flat roof - плоская крыша
as flat as a pancake - плоский как блин, совершенно плоский
the storm left the wheat flat - буря побила пшеницу
flat hand - ладонь с вытянутыми пальцами
flat nose - приплюснутый нос
flat hoof - плоское корыто (*порок лошади*)
flat slap dive - *спорт.* плоский вход в воду
2. растянувшийся во всю длину, плашмя
to fall flat on the ground - упасть плашмя на землю
to knock smb. flat - сбить кого-л. с ног
3. 1) (находящийся) в той же плоскости
the picture hangs flat on the wall - картина висит плоско /прилегая к стене/
the ladder was flat against the wall - лестница была плотно приставлена к стене
- 2) нерельефный плоский
flat ground - *воен.* слабопересечённая местность
to wear (a surface) flat - сносить (*шину, подошвы и т. п.*)
4. мелкий, неглубокий
flat disk [pan] - плоское блюдо [мелкая сковорода]
5. плоскодонный (о судне)
6. без каблука, на низком каблуке
7. полосовой (о железе)
8. *воен.* настильный
flat trajectory - настильная траектория
9. *полигр.* несфальцованный листовой, флатовый (о бумаге)
10. *геол.* пологопадающий

II

1. 1) скучный, неинтересный, вялый, монотонный
flat speech - скучная /бледная/ речь
life is very flat in a small village - в маленькой деревне жизнь течёт очень однообразно
we all feel very flat now (that) he has gone - нам очень скучно после его отъезда
- 2) плоский (о шутке)
his joke fell flat - его шутка не удалась /прозвучала неуместно/
- 3) тупой, глупый
flat cloddish mind - тупой неповоротливый ум
2. *ком.* вялый, неживлённый (о торговле и т. п.)
3. в плохом настроении, подавленный, угнетённый

4. 1) выдохшийся, безвкусный (о пиве, газированной воде и т. п.)

the stew is too flat - жаркое совсем пресное

2) спустивший воздух, спущенный (о шине)

to go flat - спустить воздух (о шине)

flat tire - спущенная шина [см. тж. ◇]

3) сл. без гроша, разорившийся

5. одинаковый, однородный

flat tint - ровный цвет, цвет одного оттенка

flat rate - ком. единообразная ставка (налога, тарифа и т. п.)

flat price - одинаковая цена

6. неясный, глухой, нечистый, фальшивый

her high notes are a little flat - она немного фальшивит на высоких нотах

7. муз. бемольный, малый (об интервале)

8. блёклый (о цвете); тусклый (о краске); матовый

9. фото неконтрастный

10. грам.

1) не имеющий частицы to (об инфинитиве)

2) не имеющий соответствующего грамматического или словообразовательного показателя (наречие без -ly и т. п.)

11. фон.

1) среднего подъёма (о гласном)

2) звонкий (о согласном)

III

прямой, ясный, определённый, категорический

flat decision - окончательное решение

flat failure - явная неудача

flat nonsense - чистый вздор

a flat refusal - категорический отказ

that's flat - это окончательно (решено), это моё последнее слово

I won't go, and that's flat - я не поеду и всё

◇

b flat, mahogany flat - шутил. клоп

flat tire - амер. скучная личность, зануда [см. тж. II 4, 2]]

flat race - спорт. а) скачки без препятствий б) гладкий бег (лёгкая атлетика)

3. [flæt] adv

1. плоско, ровно, гладко

to stamp flat - притоптать

2. плашмя

3. 1) ясно, прямо, определённо, категорически

to come out flat for smb. - открыто выступить за кого-л.

I told him flat - я сказал ему прямо

flat and plain - ясно, точно, определённо

2) совершенно

to go flat against orders - действовать вразрез с распоряжениями

to be flat broke - сидеть без гроша в кармане

4. точно, как раз

to run a hundred metres in ten seconds flat - пробежать сто метров ровно за десять секунд

5. фин. без процентов

II

[flæt] n

1. 1) квартира (расположенная на одном этаже)

block of flats - многоквартирный дом

2) pl дом, состоящий из нескольких таких квартир

2. редк. этаж

flat

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flat [flæt] adjective, noun, adverb, verb BrE [flæt]

NAme [flæt]

adjective (flat-ter, flat-test)

LEVEL

1. having a level surface, not curved or sloping

• low buildings with flat roofs

• People used to think the earth was flat.

• Exercise is the only way to get a flat stomach after having a baby.

• The sails hung limply in the flat calm (= conditions at sea when there is no wind and the water is completely level) .

2. (of land) without any slopes or hills

• The road stretched ahead across the flat landscape.

• The desert was flat, mile after mile.

• He reached a flatter section of land near the river.

3. (of surfaces) smooth and even; without lumps or holes
- I need a flat surface to write on.
 - We found a large flat rock to sit on.

NOT HIGH

4. broad but not very high
- Chapattis are a kind of flat Indian bread.
 - flat shoes (= with no heels or very low ones)

DULL

5. dull; lacking interest or enthusiasm
- He felt very flat after his friends had gone home.
 - It was a curiously flat note on which to end the election campaign.

VOICE

6. not showing much emotion; not changing much in tone
- Her voice was flat and expressionless.
 - He spoke in a flat Midlands accent.

COLOURS/PICTURES

7. very smooth, with no contrast between light and dark, and giving no impression of depth
- Acrylic paints can be used to create large, flat blocks of colour.

BUSINESS

8. not very successful because very little is being sold
- The housing market has been flat for months.

REFUSAL/DENIAL

9. only before noun not allowing discussion or argument; definite
- Her request was met with a flat refusal.
 - He gave a flat 'No!' to one reporter's question.
 - These results are in flat contradiction to the theory of relativity.

IN MUSIC

10. used after the name of a note to mean a note a semitone/half tone lower
- That note should be B flat, not B.

Opp: ↑sharp

compare ↑natural

11. below the correct ↑pitch (= how high or low a note sounds)
- The high notes were slightly flat.

Opp: ↑sharp

DRINK

12. no longer having bubbles in it; not fresh
- The soda was warm and had gone flat.

BATTERY

13. (BrE) unable to supply any more electricity

TYRE

14. not containing enough air, usually because of a hole

FEET

15. with no natural raised curves underneath

see also ↑flat-footed

more at (flat) on your back at ↑back n., in a (flat) spin at ↑spin n.

Word Origin:

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n. sense 1 early 19th cent. flet 'floor, dwelling' Germanic ↑flat 'level'

Thesaurus:

flat adj.

• low buildings with flat roofs

level • • **horizontal** • |often approving **smooth** •

Opp: **bumpy**

a flat/level/horizontal/smooth **surface**

a flat/level/smooth **road/floor**

a flat/smooth **rock/stone**

flat/level ground/land

Flat or level ? Level is used most often with the words **ground** and **floor**; **flat** is used more to talk about surfaces that are not rounded or landscapes that do not have any hills

- a flat base/stomach/surface
- a flat field/plateau/beach

Thesaurus:

flat noun C (BrE)

- They rented a large flat near the city centre.

penthouse • • **suite** • |especially AmE **apartment** • • **condominium** • |AmE, informal **condo** •

at sb's flat/apartment

a one—/two—/three— bedroom flat/apartment/condominium/condo

live in a/an flat/suite/penthouse/apartment/condominium/condo

rent a/an flat/suite/apartment

Flat or apartment ? Both these words are used in British English, but **flat** is more usual. Soem people use **apartment** to mean accommodation that is larger, finer or more expensive than an ordinary **flat**. In American English use **apartment**.

Example Bank:

- I can't get this material to lie flat.
- Interest rates have remained flat.
- Shall I fold the paper flat or roll it up?
- She lay flat on the ground.
- The sea was almost completely flat.
- He went on in a flat tone.
- Life will seem a bit flat without you.
- She had that flat feeling that usually followed a rush of work.
- She was feeling very flat after the excitement of the flight.
- The sails hung limply in the flat calm
- The sense of intoxication wore off and he felt flat and weary.
- The town consisted mainly of low buildings with flat roofs.

Idioms: ↑and that's flat! ▪ ↑as flat as a pancake ▪ ↑fall flat ▪ ↑fall flat on your face ▪ ↑flat broke ▪ ↑flat out ▪ ↑in ... flat ▪ ↑on the flat

Derived Word ↑flatness

noun



ROOMS

1. countable (BrE) a set of rooms for living in, including a kitchen, usually on one floor of a building

- Do you live in a flat or a house?
- They're renting a **furnished flat** on the third floor.
- a ground-floor flat
- a new **block of flats**
- Many large old houses have been converted into flats.
- Children from the flats (= the block of flats) across the street were playing outside.

compare ↑apartment

LEVEL PART

2. singular the ~ of sth the flat level part of sth

- He beat on the door with the flat of his hand.
- the flat of a sword

LAND

3. countable, usually plural an area of low flat land, especially near water

- salt flats

see also ↑mudflat

HORSE RACING

4. the flat, the Flat singular (BrE) the season for racing horses on flat ground with no jumps

IN MUSIC

5. countable a note played a **semitone/half tone** lower than the note that is named. The written symbol is (♭)

- There are no sharps or flats in the key of C major.

Opp: ↑sharp
compare ↑natural

TYRE

6. **countable** (especially NAmE) a tyre that has lost air, usually because of a hole

- We got a flat on the way home.
- We had to stop to fix a flat.

IN THEATRE

7. **countable** (technical) a vertical section of ↑scenery used on a theatre stage

SHOES

8. **flats** (also **flat-ties**) plural (informal) shoes with a very low heel

- a pair of flats

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Collocations:

Moving house

Renting

live in a rented/(especially NAmE) rental property
rent/share/move into a furnished house/(BrE) flat/(especially NAmE) apartment
rent a studio/(BrE) a studio flat/(especially NAmE) a studio apartment/(BrE) a bedsit
find/get a housemate/(BrE) a flatmate/(NAmE) a roommate
sign/break the lease/rental agreement/contract
extend/renew/terminate the lease/(BrE) tenancy
afford/pay the rent/the bills/(NAmE) the utilities
(especially BrE) fall behind with/ (especially NAmE) fall behind on the rent
pay/lose/return a damage deposit/(NAmE) security deposit
give/receive a month's/two-weeks' notice to leave/vacate the property

Being a landlord

have a flat/apartment/room (BrE) to let/(especially NAmE) for rent
rent (out)/lease (out)/ (BrE) let (out)/sublet a flat/apartment/house/property
collect/increase/raise the rent
evict the existing tenants
attract/find new/prospective tenants
invest in rental property/(BrE) property to let/(BrE) the buy-to-let market

Buying

buy/acquire/purchase a house/(a) property/(especially NAmE) (a piece of) prime real estate
call/contact/use (BrE) an estate agent/(NAmE) a Realtor™/(NAmE) a real estate agent/broker
make/ (BrE) put in an offer on a house
put down/save for (BrE) a deposit on a house
make/put/save for (especially NAmE) a down payment on a house/home
apply for/arrange/take out a mortgage/home loan
(struggle to) pay the mortgage
make/meet/keep up/cover the monthly mortgage payments/(BrE also) repayments
(BrE) repossess/ (especially NAmE) foreclose on sb's home/house

Selling

put your house/property on the market/up for sale/up for auction
increase/lower your price/the asking price
have/hold/hand over the deed/(especially BrE) deeds of/to the house, land, etc.

Example Bank:

- Do you think that the council could find me another flat?
- Even the prices of small bachelor flats are unbelievable
- I'll meet you back at your flat.
- Mendelssohn's Quintet in B flat
- Our flat is one of the two occupied in the block.
- She let herself into the flat with the spare key.
- She lives in the top flat.
- The flat is located in a modern development
- The house has now been converted into flats.
- The key of E flat major has three flats.
- The landlady found they had been illegally subletting the flat.
- The musician rented a flat in a fashionable area of London.
- The tall blocks of flats dominated the skyline.
- These birds live on the coastal flats.

- They converted two rooms of their house into a granny flat for Tony's elderly mother.
- They have a flat in Paris and a house in Normandy.
- They live in the next flat.
- We got her a flat in the same block as ours.
- a block of high-rise flats
- a contract to refurbish 18 council flats
- a luxury block of flats overlooking the marina
- mud and sand flats rich in animal life
- the people who live in the downstairs flat
- Children from the flats across the street were playing outside.
- The landlord agreed to let a ground-floor flat to me.
- They're renting a furnished flat on the third floor.
- They've just started building a new block of flats near my mum's house.

adverb (comparative **flat-ter**, no superlative)

LEVEL

1. spread out in a level, straight position, especially against another surface
 - Lie flat and breathe deeply.
 - They pressed themselves flat against the tunnel wall as the train approached.

REFUSING/DENYING

2. (BrE) (NAme **flat 'out'**) (informal) in a definite and direct way
 - She told me flat she would not speak to me again.
 - I made them a reasonable offer but they turned it down flat.

IN MUSIC

3. lower than the correct **pitch** (= how high or low a note sounds)
 - He sings flat all the time.

Opp: **sharp**

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verb (-tt-) **intransitive** (AustralE, NZE)

to live in or share a flat/apartment

- My sister Zoe flats in Auckland.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	flat
	BrE /flæt/
	NAme /flæʔ/
he / she / it	flats
	BrE /flæʔs/
	NAme /flæʔs/
past simple, past participle	flatted
	BrE /flæʔtɔ/
	NAme /flæʔtɔ/
-ing form	flatt ^g
	BrE /flæʔt ^g /
	NAme /flæʔt ^g /

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See also: **flat out** ▪ **flatties** ▪ **stony broke**

flat

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1. **flat**¹ **S2 W2** /flæt/ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ **adjective** (comparative **flatter**, superlative **flattest**)

[**Word Family:** noun: **flat**, **flatness**; **adverb** **flatly**; **verb** **flatten**; **adjective:** **flat**]

[**Date:** 1200-1300; **Language:** Old Norse; **Origin:** flatr]

1. **SURFACE** smooth and level, without raised or hollow areas, and not sloping or curving:
 - houses with flat roofs
 - a perfectly flat sandy beach
 - The countryside near there is flat as a pancake (=very flat).
 - Work on a clean, flat surface.
2. **MONEY** a flat rate, amount of money etc is fixed and does not change or have anything added to it:
 - Clients are charged a flat rate of £250 annually.

We charge a **flat fee** for car hire.

3. **TYRE/BALL** a flat tyre or ball has no air or not enough air in it
 4. **NOT DEEP** not very deep, thick, or high, especially in comparison to its width or length:
 - " The cake came out of the oven flat, not fluffy.
 5. **DRINK** a drink that is flat does not taste fresh because it has no more bubbles of gas in it **OPP fizzy**
 6. **NOT INTERESTING** [not before noun] a performance, book etc that is flat lacks interest, excitement, or energy:
 - " Arsenal looked flat for large parts of the game.
 7. **BATTERY** *British English* a flat **↑battery** has lost its electrical power **SYN dead** *American English*:
 - " Have you checked that the batteries haven't gone flat (=become flat)?
 8. **BUSINESS/TRADE** if prices, economic conditions, trade etc are flat, they have not increased or improved over a period of time:
 - " Analysts are expecting flat sales in the coming months.
 9. **E flat/B flat/A flat etc** a musical note that is one **↑semitone** lower than the note E, B, A etc ⇒ **sharp, natural**
 10. **MUSICAL SOUND** if a musical note is flat, it is played or sung slightly lower than it should be **OPP sharp**
 11. **VOICE** not showing much emotion, or not changing much in sound as you speak:
 - " 'He's dead,' she said in a flat voice.
 12. **a flat refusal/denial etc** a refusal etc that is definite and which someone will not change:
 - " Our requests were met with a flat refusal.
 13. **be flat on your back**
 - a) to be lying down so that all of your back is touching the floor
 - b) to be very ill so that you have to stay in bed for a period of time:
 - " I've been flat on my back with the flu all week.
 14. **SHOES** flat shoes have very low heels
 15. **LIGHT** having little variety of light and dark:
 - " Flat lighting is typical of Avedon's portraits.
 16. **and that's flat!** *British English spoken old-fashioned* used to say that you will definitely not change what you have just said **SYN and that's that**:
 - " I won't go, and that's flat!
- flatness *noun* [uncountable]
⇒ **in/into a flat spin** at **↑spin**²(6), ⇒ **↑flat feet**
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THESAURUS

- **flat** on one level, without any holes or raised areas, and not sloping or curving: a flat roof | a flat screen | Before you lay the tiles, make sure that the ground is completely flat.
- **level** not sloping in any direction, so that every part is at the same height: Is the top of this picture level? | After four hours coming down the mountain, I was glad to be back on level ground.
- **smooth** without any holes or raised areas – used especially when saying how something feels when you touch it: her lovely smooth skin | I ran my hand across the animal's smooth fur.
- **even** without any holes or raised areas: Apply the paint to an even surface. | Be careful – the path is not very even here.
- **horizontal** going straight across and not sloping: a horizontal line | Raise both arms to a horizontal position.

II. flat² **S2 W3 BrE** ^{AmE} *noun* [countable]

[Word Family: *noun*: **↑flat**, **↑flatness**; *adverb*: **↑flat**, **↑flatly**; *verb*: **↑flatten**; *adjective*: **↑flat**]

[Sense 1: Date: 1800-1900; Language: Scottish English; Origin: flat 'inside of a house' (14-19 centuries) (influenced by ⇒ **↑flat**¹)]

[Sense 2-7: Date: 1200-1300; Origin: ⇒ **↑flat**¹]

1. **PLACE TO LIVE** *especially British English* a place for people to live that consists of a set of rooms that are part of a larger building **SYN apartment**:
 - " They have a flat in Crouch End.
 - " a two-bedroom flat
 - " The building was knocked down to make way for a block of flats (=a large building with many flats in it). ⇒ **↑granny flat**
2. **TYRE** *especially American English* a tyre that does not have enough air inside **SYN flat tyre**:
 - " Damn, the car has a flat.
 - " He stopped to change a flat.
3. **MUSIC**
 - a) a musical note that is one **↑semitone** lower than a particular note
 - b) the sign (b) in written music that shows that a note is one **↑semitone** lower than a particular note ⇒ **sharp, natural**
4. **LAND flats** [plural] an area of land that is at a low level, especially near water:
 - " mud flats
5. **SHOES flats** [plural] *American English* a pair of women's shoes with very low heels
6. **the flat of sb's hand/a knife/a sword etc** the flat part or flat side of something
7. **on the flat** *British English* on ground that is level and does not slope
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COLLOCATIONS

■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + flat

- **small** The flat was too small for the three of them.
- **big/spacious** It was a big flat with eight or nine rooms.
- **cramped/poky** (=too small and not comfortable) She spends most days shut up in a poky flat looking after her disabled Mum.
- **a one-bedroom/two-bedroom etc flat** She lived in a one-bedroom flat in Clapham.
- **a one-room/two-room etc flat** Their home is a humble two-room flat.
- **a ground-floor/first-floor/second-floor etc flat** We're moving into a first-floor flat.

- a **basement flat** (=a flat that is below ground level) They lived in a basement flat in South London.
- a **studio flat** (=with one main room) I might just be able to afford a tiny studio flat.
- **high-rise flats** (=flats in a very tall building) Many high-rise flats were built in the 1970s.
- a **rented flat** He returned to his rented flat in Cheltenham.
- a **luxury flat** Laura shares a luxury flat with her sister Chloe.
- a **self-contained flat** (=a flat with its own kitchen and bathroom) We rented a self-contained flat in the city centre.
- a **furnished/unfurnished flat** (=a rented flat that does or does not have furniture) She found a job and a furnished flat.
- a **holiday flat** The building has been converted into three holiday flats.

phrases

- a **block of flats** (=a large building divided into separate flats) At the time, I lived in a block of flats in St John's Wood.

verbs

- **live in a flat** Terry lived in a flat on the second floor.
- **buy a flat** I had planned to buy a flat with Geraldine.
- **rent a flat** Renting a flat can be very expensive in this part of town.
- **move into a flat** They move into their new flat next week.
- **own a flat** The couple own their own flat in Peebles.

III. flat³ BrE^u AmE^u adverb

[Word Family: noun: ↑flat, ↑flatness; adverb: ↑flat, ↑flatly; verb: ↑flatten; adjective: ↑flat]

1. **FLAT POSITION** in a position in which the surface of something is against another surface without curving or sloping:

- The bed can be folded flat for storage.
- He lay flat on the floor.
- That night I lay flat on my back and stared up at the ceiling.

2. **three minutes/ten seconds etc flat** *informal* in exactly three minutes, ten seconds etc – used to emphasize that something happens or is done very quickly:

- I was dressed in five minutes flat.

3. **fall flat** *informal* if a joke, story etc falls flat, it does not achieve the effect that is intended:

- Unfortunately, what could have been a powerful drama fell flat.

4. **MUSIC** if you sing or play music flat, you sing or play slightly lower than the correct note so that the sound is unpleasant **OPP sharp**

5. **fall flat on your/something's face**

a) to fall so that you are lying on your chest on the ground:

- Babe slipped and fell flat on her face.

b) *informal* to not have the result you want or expect, especially when this is embarrassing:

- The theory falls flat on its face when put into practice.

6. **flat out** *informal*

a) as fast as possible:

- Everyone's working flat out to finish on time.

b) *American English* in a direct and complete way **SYN straight out**

ask/tell somebody flat out

- She asked him flat out if he was seeing another woman.

7. **tell somebody flat** *British English spoken* to tell someone something directly and definitely **SYN straight out**:

- I told him flat that I didn't want to see him again.

⇒ **flat broke** at ↑broke²(1)

flat

Freakuency Pack

12500 **1506**^{MCW}

15000 **1576**^{COCA}

RANGE: **1k FLAT** ²⁵⁷²⁵

flat ²⁰⁷¹⁰

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flatten ⁸⁰³

flattens ²³¹

flattened ¹⁸⁸⁸

flattening ⁴³⁹

flattish ²⁴

flatness ²⁹¹

flatly ¹²⁸⁹

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

9194 **3187**¹³⁰⁸⁴ *jj*

4657 **5963**⁶²⁰⁵ *nn1*

877 **22194**⁹²² *rr*

272 **36259**⁴⁰⁰ *npX*

50 **78039**⁹⁵ *np1*

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