

try**1. [traɪ] n****1. *разг.* попытка**

to have/to make/ a try at /for, to do/ smth. - попытаться сделать что-л

he had two tries and failed each time - он сделал две попытки и оба раза потерпел неудачу

he succeeded at the first try - первая его попытка увенчалась успехом, у него всё получилось с первой попытки

it's worth a try - попытаться стоит

2. испытание, проба

to give smth. a try - испытать /опробовать/ что-л

to give smb. a try - проверить кого-л., дать кому-л. возможность показать /проверить/ себя

3. выигрыш трёх очков при проходе игрока с мячом (*регби*)**2. [traɪ] v****1. 1) пытаться, стараться**

to try hard - очень стараться

to try one's best /one's hardest/ - употребить все усилия, приложить все старания

I don't think I can do it but I'll try - я не уверен, что смогу это сделать, но попытаюсь

he didn't try to do it - он не пытался сделать это

is it any use trying? - стоит ли пытаться?

try to /and/ come earlier - постарайтесь прийти пораньше

2) предпринимать (*что-л.*), браться (*за что-л.*)

to try an experiment - попытаться поставить эксперимент

don't try more than you can do - не берите на себя больше, чем вы можете сделать

he tried an impossible feat - он взялся за непосильное дело

3) (for) стремиться (*к чему-л.*)

try for a calmer tone - пытаться говорить спокойнее

4) (for) добиваться, искать

to try for a position - стараться получить место

2. 1) подвергать испытанию, пробовать; проверять

to try one's skill [one's strength] - испытать свою ловкость [свою силу]

to try one's strength against smb. - мериться силами с кем-л.

to try one's fortune /one's luck/ - попытать счастья

each machine is tried before it leaves the shops - каждая машина проходит испытание перед выпуском с завода

the strength of the rope must be tried before it is used - нужно проверить прочность верёвки, прежде чем пользоваться ею

2) проверять на опыте

try how far you can jump - попробуйте, на какое расстояние вы можете прыгнуть

let's try which way takes longest - давайте проверим, какой путь дальше

try the door - попробуйте (заперта ли) дверь

if you can't find the letter try another drawer - если ты не можешь найти письмо, посмотри в другом ящике

3) опробовать, экспериментально проверять

to try the medicine on animals - проверять /опробовать/ лекарство на животных

3. пробовать; пытаться применять

I've never tried this dish before - я никогда ещё не пробовал такого блюда

I have tried all measures - я испробовал все средства

have you tried quinine for it? - вы пробовали лечиться хинином?

did you try this key? - вы пробовали открыть этим ключом?

try knocking at the window if nobody answers the door - попробуйте постучать в окно, если никто не откроет дверь

please try me for this job - разрешите мне, пожалуйста, попробовать свои силы на этой работе

4. 1) утомлять; раздражать

it tries the eyes to read in a bad light - чтение при плохом свете утомляет глаза /утомительно для глаз/

hard manual labour tries the body - тяжёлый ручной труд изнуряет тело

the last steep ascent tried his every muscle - на последнем крутом подъёме он напрягал до предела каждый свой мускул

2) испытывать

to try smb.'s patience - испытывать чьё-л. терпение

5. мучить, причинять страдания

rheumatism tries me a good deal - меня сильно мучает ревматизм

he has been very sorely tried - ему пришлось перенести много страданий

it tried him to see that - он мучился, когда видел такое; ≅ он не выносил такого зрелища

6. 1) допрашивать, расследовать (*дело, случай*)

to try a case - вести процесс (*о судье*)

2) судить; привлекать к судебной ответственности

to try a criminal - судить преступника

he was tried and found guilty - его судили и признали виновным

he is being tried for murder - его судят за убийство

he will be tried for his life - его будут судить за преступление, наказуемое смертной казнью

3) *редк.* исследовать, рассматривать

this question must be tried by the judicial authority - этот вопрос подлежит рассмотрению судебных инстанций

7. очищать (*металл; тж. try out*); вытапливать (*сало*)**8. *уст.* отбирать; отделять**

◇ to try one's hand at smth. - попробовать свои силы в чём-л.; попытаться впервые сделать что-л

to try it on the dog - а) пробовать на собаке (пищу и т. п.); б) амер. *темп.* проверить спектакль на провинциальном зрителе
 to try conclusions with smb. - мериться силами с кем-л.

try

try [try tries tried trying] verb, noun BrE [traɪ] ^ˈ NAmE [traɪ] ^ˈ

verb (tries, trying, tried, tried)

1. **intransitive, transitive** to make an attempt or effort to do or get sth

- I don't know if I can come but I'll try.
- ~ **to do sth** What are you trying to do?
- I tried hard not to laugh.
- You haven't even tried to find it.
- Don't try to do it too quickly.
- ~ **your best/hardest (to do sth)** She tried her best to solve the problem.
- Just try your hardest. In spoken English **try** can be used with **and** plus another verb, instead of with **to** and the infinitive
- I'll try and get you a new one tomorrow.
- Try and finish quickly. In this structure, only the form **try** can be used, not **tries, trying** or **tried**.

2. **transitive** to use, do or test sth in order to see if it is good, suitable, etc

- ~ **sth** Have you tried this new coffee? It's very good.
- 'Would you like to try some raw fish?' 'Why not? **I'll try anything once!**'
- Have you ever tried windsurfing?
- **Try** these shoes **for size** — they should fit you.
- She tried the door, but it was locked.
- ~ **doing sth** John isn't here. Try phoning his home number. Notice the difference between **try to do sth** and **try doing sth**
- You should try to eat more fruit. means 'You should make an effort to eat more fruit.'; You should try eating more fruit. means 'You should see if eating more fruit will help you' (to feel better, for example).

3. **transitive** to examine evidence in court and decide whether sb is innocent or guilty

- ~ **sb (for sth)** He was tried for murder.
- ~ **sth** The case was tried before a jury.

more at do/try your damndest **at** ^ˈdamndest, do/try your level best (to do sth) **at** ^ˈlevel _{adj.}, these things are sent to try us **at** ^ˈthing

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	try
	BrE /traɪ/
	NAmE /traɪ/
he / she / it	tries
	BrE /traɪz/
	NAmE /traɪz/
past simple, past participle	tried
	BrE /traɪd/
	NAmE /traɪd/
-ing form	trying
	BrE /traɪɪŋ/
	NAmE /traɪɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **trier** 'sift', of unknown origin. Sense 1 of the noun dates from the early 17th cent.

Example Bank:

- Can you guys at least try and be nice to her?
- Can't you do it? Let me try.
- Do you actively try to get involved in other people's projects?
- He wouldn't hesitate to try and kill them.
- I clumsily tried to make amends.
- I dare you to try and stop her.
- I decided to try again.
- I hope you're not going to try and deny it.
- I hurriedly tried to unlock the door.
- I tried my best not to laugh.
- I was just trying to help!
- I wondered if he was purposely trying to avoid me.
- I'm constantly trying to make things better.
- I've given up trying to persuade her.
- Sam was trying hard not to laugh.
- She didn't even bother to try to check on her son.
- She tried valiantly to smile through her tears.
- She was trying desperately to stay afloat.
- We have to continue to try to learn more about this.
- a treason charge for allegedly trying to overthrow the government by force
- 'Would you like to try some raw fish?' 'Why not? I'll try anything once.'

- Don't try to do it too quickly.
- Have you tried this new coffee? It's very good.
- I don't know if I can come but I'll try.
- I'll try and get you a new one tomorrow.
- John isn't here. Try phoning his home number.
- Try these shoes for size — they should fit you.
- You haven't even tried to find it.

Idioms: ↑not for want of trying ▪ ↑try it on ▪ ↑try somebody's patience ▪ ↑try your hand ▪ ↑try your luck

Derived ↑try for something ▪ ↑try out for something ▪ ↑try somebody out ▪ ↑try something on

noun (pl. **tries**)

1. usually singular an act of trying to do sth

Syn: ↑attempt

- I doubt they'll be able to help but it's **worth a try** (= worth asking them) .
- ~ **(at sth/that doing sth)** Why don't you **have a try** at convincing him?
- (NAmE) The US negotiators decided to **make another try at** reaching a settlement.
- I don't think I'll be any good at tennis, but I'll **give it a try** .
- (informal) 'What's that behind you?' ' **Nice try** (= at making me turn round) , but you'll have to do better than that!'

2. (in ↑rugby) an act of scoring points by touching the ground behind your opponents' ↑goal line with the ball

- to score a try

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Example Bank:

- He scored three tries against New Zealand.
- It looks difficult, but let's give it a try.
- It may not work, but it's certainly worth a try.
- Nevermind— it was a good try. Better luck next time.
- She passed the test on the first try.
- She's having another try at the marathon.
- an excellent try by winger Neil Lang
- her second try at a Broadway musical
- 'What's that behind you?' ' Nice try, but you'll have to do better than that!'
- I don't think I'll be any good at tennis, but I'll give it a try.
- I doubt they'll be able to help, but it's worth a try.
- Why don't you have a try at convincing him?

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I. try¹ **S1 W1** /traɪ/ *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ **verb** (past tense and past participle **tried**, present

participle **trying**, third person singular **tries**)

[**Word Family:** adjective: ↑trying, ↑untried; verb: ↑try; noun: ↑try]

[**Date:** 1200-1300; **Language:** Old French; **Origin:** trier 'to pick out, sift', probably from Late Latin tritare 'to rub to pieces', from Latin terere 'to rub']

1. ATTEMPT [intransitive and transitive] to take action in order to do something that you may not be able to do:

▪ Let's have a rest and then we'll try again.

try to do something

▪ He tried to control his voice.

▪ She was trying not to cry.

try and do something

▪ Try and take some form of daily exercise.

try hard/desperately (to do something) (=make a lot of effort to do something)

▪ She dabbled at her face and tried hard not to sniff.

▪ I tried everything to lose weight with no success.

try your best/hardest (to do something) (=make as much effort as possible to do something)

▪ I tried my best to comfort her.

▪ I tried and tried (=kept making an effort) and eventually I was offered a job.

▪ Try as he might (=as hard as he could), he could not get the incident out of his mind.

it wasn't for lack/want of trying (=used to say that if someone does not achieve something it is not because they have not tried)

▪ They didn't get any goals, but it wasn't for the lack of trying.

you couldn't do something if you tried (=used to say that someone does not have the skill or ability to do something)

▪ She couldn't speak French if she tried.

2. TEST/USE [transitive] to do or use something for a short while to discover if it is suitable, successful, enjoyable etc:

▪ It works really well – you should try it.

try doing something

▪ They decided they would try living in America for a while.

▪ Try logging off and logging on again.

try something new/different (=do or use something that is different from what you usually do or use)

If I'm going out for a meal, I prefer to try something different.

try something on somebody/something

We tried the machine on hardwood and soft wood.

try somebody on something

Petra's trying the baby on solid foods.

try something for size (=put on a piece of clothing or test something to find out if it is the correct size or suitable)

Always try a sleeping bag for size before you buy it.

GRAMMAR

If you **try to do something**, you attempt to succeed in doing it:

▪ We must try to prevent this happening.

If you **try doing something**, you do it in order to find out if it is enjoyable or produces the result you want:

▪ Try using margarine instead of butter.

3. **FOOD/DRINK** [transitive] to taste food or drink to find out if you like it **SYN taste**:

▪ Would you like to try some crisps?

4. **TRY TO FIND SOMEBODY/SOMETHING** [intransitive and transitive] to go to a place or person, or call them, in order to find something or someone:

▪ Sorry, he's not in. Would you like to try again later?

▪ Let's try Mouncy Street. He could be there.

5. **DOOR/WINDOW** [transitive] to attempt to open a door, window etc in order to see if it is locked:

▪ She tried the door and it opened.

▪ He tried the handle but the door was locked.

6. **LAW** [transitive usually passive] to examine and judge a legal case, or someone who is thought to be guilty of a crime in a court

⇒ **trial**

be tried for something

▪ He was tried for attempting to murder his wife.

▪ The defence argued that a regional court was not competent to try their case.

7. **try sb's patience** to make someone feel impatient ⇒ **trying**:

▪ The programs take too long to load and try the patience of young pupils.

8. **try your hand at something** to try a new activity in order to see whether it interests you or whether you are good at it:

▪ I tried my hand at water-skiing for the first time.

9. **try your luck** to try to achieve something or get something you want, usually by taking a risk:

▪ After the war my father went to Canada to try his luck at farming.

10. **try it on (with somebody)** *British English spoken*

a) to behave badly in order to find out how bad you can be before people become angry:

▪ She is naughty, that one. She tries it on with me sometimes!

b) to attempt to start a sexual relationship with someone:

▪ When I came back in, one of the men was trying it on with my wife!

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COLLOCATIONS

■ adverbs

▪ **hard** She was trying hard not to show her impatience.

▪ **desperately** They try desperately to please other people.

▪ **unsuccessfully/in vain** He has tried unsuccessfully to quit smoking.

▪ **try your best/hardest** (=make as much effort as possible) Try your best to block out other distractions.

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THESAURUS

▪ **try** to take action in order to do something that you may not be able to do: I tried to explain what was wrong. | He tries hard in class, but he's finding the work difficult.

▪ **attempt** to try to do something, especially something difficult. **Attempt** is more formal than **try** and is used especially in written English: Any prisoner who attempts to escape will be shot. | He was attempting to climb one of the world's highest mountains.

▪ **do your best** to try as hard as you can to do something: We will do our best to help them.

▪ **make an effort to do something** to try to do something, when you find this difficult: It is worth making an effort to master these skills. | She made a big effort to be nice to him.

▪ **struggle** to try very hard to do something that is very difficult, especially for a long time: She's still struggling to give up smoking. | Many of these families are struggling to survive.

▪ **strive** *formal* to try very hard to achieve something: The company must constantly strive for greater efficiency.

▪ **endeavour** *British English*, **endeavor** *American English* /ɪn'devə\$ -ər/ *formal* to try hard to do something: Each employee shall endeavour to provide customers with the best service possible.

▪ **have a go/try** *informal* to try to do something, especially when you are not sure that you will succeed: I'm not very good at fixing taps, but I'll have a go. | Do you want to have another try?

▪ **see if you can do something** *spoken* to try to do something – used when offering to do something, or suggesting that someone should do something: I'll see if I can get you a ticket. | See if you can persuade her to come.

try for something *phrasal verb British English*

to try and get something you really want, such as a job, a prize, or a chance to study somewhere:

▪ I decided I must try for some paid work.

▪ We have been trying for a baby (=trying to have a baby) for nine years.

try something ↔ **on** *phrasal verb*

to put on a piece of clothing to see if it fits you or if it suits you, especially in a shop:

Meg was trying on some red sandals.

try something ↔ **out** *phrasal verb*

1. to test something such as a method or a piece of equipment to see if it is effective or works properly ⇒ **try-out:**

" I'm trying out a new computer.

2. to practise a skill in order to improve it

try something ↔ **out on**

" She enjoyed trying her French out on Jean-Pierre.

try out for something *phrasal verb American English*

to try to be chosen as a member of a team, for a part in a play etc **SYN audition for** ⇒ **tryout:**

" In high school, I tried out for all the female leads.

II. **try**² **S3** *BrE* " *AmE* " **noun** (plural **tries**) [countable]

[Word Family: adjective: ↑trying, ↑untried; verb: ↑try; noun: ↑try]

1. an attempt to do something:

" She didn't manage to break the record, but it was a good try.

" 'You really think you can do that?' 'I'm going to have a try.'

" 'What are the chances for getting tickets now?' 'I guess I could give it a try.'

" It might sound a ludicrous excuse but he thought it was worth a try.

on the first/second etc try

" Only half the students passed the test on their first try.

2. a test of something to see if it is suitable or successful or to find out if you like it:

" I decided to give modelling a try.

" Wines from Apulia's ancient vineyards are well worth a try.

3. four points won by putting the ball on the ground behind the opponents' ↑goal line in ↑rugby

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COLLOCATIONS

■ **verbs**

▪ **have a try** I decided to have one last try.

▪ **give it a try** *informal* If your instinct is telling you to give it a try, then go ahead.

▪ **be worth a try** (=be worth trying to do because you may succeed) It's worth a try – we've nothing to lose.

■ **adjectives**

▪ **a good try** 'Do you really think you can win?' 'I'm going to have a darn good try.'

▪ **a nice try** (=a good try that is not successful) Nice try, Claudia, but not good enough, I'm afraid.

▪ **sb's first/second try** This is his first try at directing.

try

12500 **163**^{MCW}

15000 **120**^{COCA}

RANGE: **1k** TRY 313153

try 103972

tried 71495

untried 166

tries 13877

trying 123643

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

35060 **707**⁵⁵⁶⁰² *vvi*

29258 **895**⁴⁴⁸⁴⁷ *vv0*

3130 **9162**³⁴⁷⁹ *nn1*

32 **132892**³⁴ *jj*

5 **387721**⁵ *nnu*

4 **401876**⁵ *np1*