

narrow**1. ['næɹəv] n**

1. *редк.* узкое место (*дороги, долины и т. п.*); узкий проход; теснина; улочка
2. *обыкн. pl мор.* узкий пролив (*особ. с быстрыми течениями*); узкость, узкости

2. ['næɹəv] a

1. узкий; тесный (*тж. перен.*)
narrow window [hand, ribbon] - узкое окно [-ая рука, лента]
narrow gorge - тесное ущелье, теснина
narrow gauge - *ж.-д.* узкая колея
narrow place - *горн.* узкая выработка
narrow measure - *полигр.* набор на узкий формат (*при многоколонной вёрстке*)
narrow vowel - *фон.* узкий гласный
narrow goods - *ком.* узкий товар (*ленты, тесьма и т. п.*)
a narrow circle of friends - тесный круг друзей
the coat was narrow for his shoulders - пиджак был ему тесен в плечах
in the narrowest sense - в самом узком смысле

2. ограниченный

- narrow circumstances - стеснённые обстоятельства
narrow means [resources] - ограниченные средства [ресурсы]
narrow majority - незначительное большинство, небольшой перевес голосов
narrow choice - ограниченный выбор
within narrow bounds - в узких рамках

3. еле достаточный, минимальный

- narrow victory - победа с небольшим преимуществом /счётом *и т. п.* /
to have a narrow escape /shave, squeak/ - еле-еле спастись; чудом избежать гибели; быть на волосок от смерти /провала *и т. п.* /

4. узкий, ограниченный (об уме и т. п.)

- narrow mind - духовная ограниченность; узколобость
narrow opinions - узость взглядов
narrow understanding - ограниченное понимание

5. подробный; тщательный, точный

- narrow examination - строгий осмотр, тщательное обследование
narrow search - тщательный обыск
to make a narrow inquiry /search/ into smth. - провести тщательное расследование чего-л.
to subject a case to a narrow inspection - подвергнуть дело тщательному изучению, внимательно рассмотреть дело

6. диал., шотл. скупой, скаредный; прижимистый

- to be narrow with one's money - не любить расставаться с деньгами, скаредничать

7. в грам. знач. нареч. = narrowly

- to fall narrow - не достигать цели, промахнуться
◇ the narrow house [bed, cell] - тесное жилище [ложе, -ая келья] (*о могиле*)
the narrow way - стезя добродетели

3. ['næɹəv] v

- 1) суживать; уменьшать; ограничивать
to narrow one's lids - прищуриться
- 2) суживаться, становиться уже; уменьшаться
the river narrows - река суживается
- 3) теснить
to narrow the enemy - теснить противника
- 4) ограничивать чей-л. кругозор; способствовать узости взглядов

narrow

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nar·row [narrow narrows narrowed narrowing narrower narrowest] **adjective**,**verb** BrE ['næɹəv] ^m NAmE ['næɹəv] ^m**adjective** (nar·row·er, nar·row·est)**1. measuring a short distance from one side to the other, especially in relation to length**

- narrow streets
- a narrow bed/doorway/shelf
- narrow shoulders/hips
- There was only a narrow gap between the bed and the wall.
- (*figurative*) the narrow confines of prison life
- The road soon became narrower and steeper.

Opp: ↑broad, **Opp:** ↑wide**2. usually before noun only just achieved or avoided**

- a **narrow victory**
- He lost the race by the **narrowest of margins** .
- She was elected by a **narrow majority** .
- He had a **narrow escape** when his car skidded on the ice.

3. limited in a way that ignores important issues or the opinions of other people

- narrow interests

• She has a very narrow view of the world.

Opp: ↑broad

4. limited in variety or numbers

Syn: ↑restricted

- The shop sells only a narrow range of goods.
- a narrow circle of friends

Opp: ↑wide

5. limited in meaning; exact

- I am using the word 'education' in the narrower sense.

Opp: ↑broad

see the straight and narrow **at** ↑straight n.

Word Origin:

Old English *nearu*, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch *naar* 'dismal, unpleasant' and German *Narbe* 'scar'. Early senses in English included 'constricted' and 'mean'.

Thesaurus:

narrow adj.

1.

- I love walking down the narrow streets in the old city.

thin • • **fine** •

Opp: wide, **Opp:** broad

a narrow/thin/fine **crack/strip**

narrow/thin **shoulders**

(a) thin/fine **hair/thread/layer**

Narrow or thin? **Narrow** describes sth that is a short distance from side to side; **thin** describes sth that has a short distance through it from one side to the other:

- a narrow street/bed/gap

✗ a thin street/bed/gap:

- a thin layer/shirt

✗ a narrow layer/shirt

2. usually before noun

- He had a narrow escape when his car skidded on the ice.

close • • **near** • • **hard-fought** • |especially BrE **marginal** •

a narrow/close **vote**

a narrow/hard-fought **win/victory**

a narrow/marginal **lead**

3.

- She only has a narrow circle of friends.

limited • • **restricted** •

Opp: wide, **Opp:** broad

narrow/limited/restricted **in scope**

a narrow/limited/restricted **range/scope/vocabulary**

(a) narrow/limited **objective/horizons**

Synonyms:

narrow / thin

These adjectives are frequently used with the following nouns:

narrow ~	thin ~
road	man
entrance	legs
bed	ice
stairs	line
majority	layer
victory	material
range	cream

Narrow describes something that is a short distance from side to side. Thin describes people, or something that has a short distance through it from one side to the other.

Thin is also used of things that are not as thick as you expect. Narrow can be used with the meanings 'only just achieved' and 'limited'.

Example Bank:

- The pass gets quite narrow towards the east.
- The rear part of the casing is slightly narrower than the front.
- people who are rather narrow in outlook
- He blamed the goalkeeper for the narrow defeat against Ireland.

- He secured a narrow victory in the presidential elections.
- His specialization is too narrow to be of interest to more than a handful of students.
- I found the focus of the debate too narrow.
- I love walking down the narrow streets in the old city.
- I sat next to him on the narrow bed.
- She lost the race by the narrowest of margins.
- She only has a narrow circle of friends.
- She was elected by a narrow majority.
- Teachers feel that the present curriculum is too narrow.
- The exhibition is disappointingly narrow in scope.
- The jacket looked very large across his narrow shoulders.
- The party has a rather narrow political agenda.

Derived Word ↑narrowness

Derived ↑narrow something down

verb intransitive, transitive

to become or make sth narrower

- This is where the river narrows.
- The gap between the two teams has narrowed to three points.
- Her **eyes narrowed** (= almost closed) menacingly.
- His eyes narrowed to slits.
- ~ **sth** He narrowed his eyes at her.
- We need to try and narrow the health divide between rich and poor.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	narrow
	BrE / ˈnærəʊ/
	NAmE / ˈnæroʊ/
he / she / it	narrows
	BrE / ˈnærəʊz/
	NAmE / ˈnæroʊz/
past simple, past participle	narrowed
	BrE / ˈnærəʊd/
	NAmE / ˈnæroʊd/
-ing form	narrowing
	BrE / ˈnærəʊɪŋ/
	NAmE / ˈnæroʊɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- By the final round the gap had narrowed to three votes.
- Her eyes narrowed against the sun.
- Her eyes narrowed in anger.
- Her eyes narrowed slightly as she studied the woman.
- His blue eyes narrowed suspiciously.
- His eyes narrowed with suspicion.
- His eyes suddenly narrowed at the sight of her.
- Lee's eyes narrowed against the harsh glare of the sun.
- Left untreated, the arteries will gradually narrow, restricting the flow of blood.
- The blue eyes narrowed thoughtfully.
- The gap between the candidates has narrowed significantly.
- The gap between the two parties narrowed sharply in the days before the election.
- The river narrows a little here.
- The trade deficit with China narrowed slightly.
- Though her eyes narrowed fractionally, she made no comment.
- This is where the road narrows.
- We need to narrow the health divide between rich and poor.

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1. **nar**row¹ **S3 W2** /'nærəʊ \$ -roʊ/ BrE¹ AmE¹ adjective

[Language: Old English; Origin: nearu]

1. **NOT WIDE** measuring only a small distance from one side to the other, especially in relation to the length **OPP wide** ⇒ **broad**

narrow street/road/path etc

- " a long narrow road
- " the narrow passage between the cottage and the house
- " his narrow bed
- " The stairs were very narrow.

a long, narrow band of cloud

2. **narrow escape** a situation in which you only just avoid danger, difficulties, or trouble:

" A woman had a narrow escape yesterday when her car left the road.

" He was shaken by his narrow escape from death.

3. **narrow victory/defeat/majority/margin etc** a win etc that is only just achieved or happens by only a small amount ⇒ **slim**:

" The president won a narrow victory in the election.

" He persuaded a narrow majority of the party to support the government.

" Scotland eventually won the match by the narrow margin of 5–4.

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The expression **a narrow victory/defeat** is used mostly in writing. In everyday British English, people often say that someone **only just won/lost** or, in everyday American English, **barely won/lost**.

4. **IDEAS/ATTITUDES** a narrow attitude or way of looking at a situation is too limited and does not consider enough possibilities

OPP broad:

" You've got a very narrow view of life.

" Some teachers have a narrow vision of what art is. ⇒ ↑**narrow-minded**

5. **narrow sense/definition** a meaning of a word that is exact or limited **OPP broad**:

" I use the word 'neighbour' in its more precise or narrower sense.

6. **LIMITED** limited in range or number of things **OPP broad**:

" The company offered only a narrow range of financial services.

—**narrowness** *noun* [uncountable]

⇒ ↑**narrowly**, ↑**narrows**, ⇒ **the straight and narrow** at ↑**straight**³⁽²⁾

II. **narrow**² *BrE* " *AmE* " *verb* [intransitive and transitive]

1. to make something narrower, or to become narrower **OPP widen**:

" He narrowed his eyes and gazed at the horizon.

" The track divided into two and narrowed.

2. if a range, difference etc narrows, or if something narrows it, it becomes less **OPP widen**:

" The choice of goods available is narrows.

" The economic gap between the two halves of the country was beginning to narrow.

narrow something ↔ **down** *phrasal verb*

to reduce the number of things included in a range:

" The police have narrowed down their list of suspects.

narrow something ↔ **down to**

" I've narrowed it down to one of two people.

narrow

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RANGE: **2k** **NARROW** ²⁵⁷⁶⁴

narrow ¹⁷⁶⁴⁷

narrowed ²⁶³⁷

narrower ¹¹²⁰

narrowest ²⁶¹

narrows ¹¹¹⁵

narrowly ²²¹¹

narrowness ¹⁴⁵

narrows ⁶²⁸

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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