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1. [fləʊ] *n*

## 1. 1) течение, истечение; излияние

a constant flow of water - постоянное вытекание воды

flow of gum - камедетечение, гуммоз (*у древесных и др. растений*)

flow of metal - текучесть металла под давлением

free flow - свободное течение

flow rate - расход жидкости *или* газа

## 2) поток, струя

a steady flow - непрерывный поток

flow of lava - поток лавы

a rapid flow of words - быстрый поток слов

## 3) ход, течение

flow of conversation - плавное течение беседы

the flow of time - течение времени

2. прилив (*морской*)

## 3. наплыв, прилив, изобилие

flow of spirits - жизнерадостность

flow of soul - сердечный разговор

4. плавность линий (*платья, фигуры*)

a graceful flow of draperies - изящные линии драпировки

5. *гидр.* дебит воды

annual flow - годовой сток

6. *пчел.* медосбор, взятки7. *спец.* циркуляция в замкнутой системе8. *тех.* деформация корабления9. *физиол.* менструация2. [fləʊ] *v*

## 1. 1) течь; литься

to flow into the sea - впадать в море (*о реке*)

rivers flow from springs and lakes - реки берут своё начало в родниках и озёрах

tears flowed from her eyes - слёзы потекли из её глаз

to flow down smth. - стекать с чего-л.

to flow out of smth. - вытекать из чего-л. (*о реке и т. п.*)

to flow by heads - течь прерывистой струёй /с перебойми/

2) течь, протекать (*о времени, беседе и т. п.*)

conversation began to flow - разговор стал непринуждённым

## 3) струиться, бить струёй, обильно литься

blood will flow - прольётся много крови; будет большое кровопролитие

to flow like water - литься рекой (*о вине, деньгах и т. п.*)

## 4) непрерывно двигаться

cars flowed in a steady stream along the main road - автомобили шли непрерывным потоком по шоссе

2. прибывать, подниматься (*о воде*)

the tide flows twice in twenty-four hours - приливная волна поднимается дважды в сутки

3. ниспадать (*о платье, складках, волосах*)

her wavy hair flowed over her shoulders - волнистые волосы падали ей на плечи /рассыпались по её плечам/

## 4. (from) вытекать, происходить, проистекать

many excellent results flowed from his actions - его действия привели к прекрасным результатам

## 5. заливать, покрывать водой; наводнять, затоплять

## 6. лить; заливать

to flow wax over smth. - заливать что-л. воском

## 7. изобиловать, обиловать

land flowing with milk and honey - а) *библ.* страна, текущая молоком и мёдом; б) страна изобилия, земля обетованная8. *горн.* фонтанировать, выбрасывать (*нефть*)

to flow naturally - фонтанировать естественным путём

9. *физиол.* менструировать10. *мор.* травить шкот (*паруса*)

II

[fləʊ] *n*

1. болото, трясуна; заболоченный низкий берег

2. зыбучий песок

## flow

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**flow** [flow flows flowed flowing] *noun, verb* BrE [fləʊ] <sup>Ⓜ</sup> NAmE [flou] <sup>Ⓜ</sup>*noun* countable, usually singular, uncountable

## CONTINUOUS MOVEMENT

1. ~ (of sth/sb) the steady and continuous movement of sth/sb in one direction

- She tried to stop the flow of blood from the wound.
- an endless flow of refugees into the country
- to improve traffic flow (= make it move faster)
- to control the direction of flow
- a steady flow of traffic through the city
- the flow of an electric current

## PRODUCTION/SUPPLY

### 2. ~ (of sth) the continuous production or supply of sth

- the flow of goods and services to remote areas
- to encourage the free flow of information
- data flow

see also ↑cash flow

## OF SPEECH/WRITING

### 3. continuous talk by sb

- You've interrupted my flow— I can't remember what I was saying.
- As usual, Tom was **in full flow** .

### 4. ~ of sth the way that words and ideas are linked together in speech or writing

- Too many examples can interrupt the smooth flow of the text.
- I found it hard to follow the flow of the argument.

## OF THE SEA

### 5. the movement of the sea towards the land

- the **ebb and flow** of the tide

more at ebb and flow at ↑ebb <sub>n.</sub>

### Word Origin:

Old English flōwan, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch vloeien, also to ↑flood.

### Thesaurus:

**flow** noun

#### 1. U, C, usually sing.

- There was a swift flow of air through the room.

**current** • **circulation** • |formal **passage** •

**against/with** the flow/current

a/the flow/current/circulation/passage of **water/air**

a/the flow/current/passage of **electricity**

the flow/circulation of **blood**

#### 2. C, usually sing., U

- an uninterrupted flow of traffic

**stream** • **tide** • **trickle** •

a flow/stream (of sb/sth) **into/through** sth

a **steady/constant** flow/stream/trickle

**halt/control** the flow/tide

**go/swim against** the flow/tide

### Example Bank:

- Changes in the flow of patients have reduced the number of beds available.
- First cut off the water flow from the boiler.
- He kept up a flow of chatter.
- He was at the mercy of the ebb and flow of public opinion.
- I liked the concerto for its natural flow.
- Our shower doesn't work very well because of the poor water flow.
- She joined the flow of immigrants to the country.
- She tried to interrupt his speech, but he was already in full flow.
- Squeeze the tube of sealant slowly to obtain an even flow.
- The company is trying to enhance its cash flow.
- The continual bombing disrupted the flow of supplies to the ground troops.
- The flow rate was measured at 9.5 gallons per second.
- The main flow of water has been diverted to a new course.
- The system provides a continuous flow of information to the market.
- They have to swim against the flow of the river.
- They tried to staunch the flow of blood.
- Use a wide pipe to ensure an adequate flow of water.
- We like to allow a free flow of ideas in our company.
- a constant flow of information
- air flows around the wings of an aircraft
- information flow among all the different groups

- the flow of data through the system
- the outward flow of investment from the country
- the rate of flow of water through the pipe
- the uninterrupted flow of traffic
- to encourage the flow of revenue into the country
- to maintain an even flow of work through the department
- An uninterrupted flow of traffic prevented us from getting to the other side.
- He was able to take advantage of the ebb and flow of politics to consolidate his position.
- The flow of adrenalin can help the mind to react quickly in a moment of stress.
- The whole operation depends on a steady flow of electricity.
- There was a continuous flow of refugees across the border.
- There was a swift flow of air through the room.
- They extended the raids in an attempt to interrupt the flow of men and supplies to the enemy lines.
- We need further measures to increase traffic flow.

Idiom: ↑go with the flow

Derived ↑flow from something

verb

## MOVE CONTINUOUSLY

**1. intransitive** (of liquid, gas or electricity) to move steadily and continuously in one direction

- She lost control and the tears began to flow.
- **+ adv./prep.** It's here that the river flows down into the ocean.
- Blood flowed from a cut on her head.
- This can prevent air from flowing freely to the lungs.
- the electric currents flowing through the cables

**2. intransitive (+ adv./prep.)** (of people or things) to move or pass continuously from one place or person to another, especially in large numbers or amounts

- Constant streams of traffic flowed past.
- Election results flowed in throughout the night.
- They examined the way in which information flowed between the firm's 300 employees.

## OF IDEAS/CONVERSATION

**3. intransitive** to develop or be produced in an easy and natural way

- Conversation flowed freely throughout the meal.
- We hope that the debate on this issue will continue to flow.

## BE AVAILABLE EASILY

**4. intransitive** to be available easily and in large amounts

- It was obvious that money flowed freely in their family.
- The party got livelier as the drink began to flow.

## OF FEELING

**5. intransitive + adv./prep.** to be felt strongly by sb

- Fear and excitement suddenly flowed over me.
- He envied the affection that flowed between the boy and the old man.

## OF CLOTHES/HAIR

**6. intransitive ~ (down/over sth)** to hang loosely and freely

- Her hair flowed down over her shoulders.
- long flowing skirts

## OF THE SEA

**7. intransitive** (of the ↑tide in the sea/ocean) to come in towards the land

**Opp:** ↑ebb <sub>v.</sub>

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	flow
	BrE /floʊ/
	NAme /floʊz/
he / she / it	flows
	BrE /floʊz/
	NAme /floʊz/
past simple, past participle	flowed
	BrE /fled/
	NAme /flood/
-ing form	flowing
	BrE /floʊɪŋ/
	NAme /flosɪŋ/

## Word Origin:

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## Thesaurus:

### flow verb I

• It's here that the river flows down to the ocean.

run • • stream • • pour • • circulate • • gush • • pump • • spurt • • trickle • |written cascade •

**water** flows/runs/streams/pours/circulates/gushes/spurts/trickles/cascades

**blood** flows/runs/streams/pours/circulates/gushes/pumps/spurts/trickles

**tears** flow/run/stream/pour/gush/trickle

**light** flows/streams/pours

## Example Bank:

- Blood was still flowing from the wound.
- Her long hair flowed in the wind as she ran.
- Imported food aid continued to flow in.
- In a good production of the play, the action and the words flow naturally.
- Information flows continuously through the network.
- One day seemed to flow into the next.
- Some of these changes will flow directly from the legislation.
- The best thing is when ideas flow in both directions.
- The number of buyers has ebbed and flowed.
- The river flows quite fast here.
- The sea ebbed and flowed.
- The songs flow seamlessly into one another.
- We talked, and the conversation flowed freely.
- Wine and beer flowed freely.
- a small stream that flowed down the hillside
- to get blood flowing to the brain
- He lost control and the tears began to flow.
- It's here that the river flows down into the ocean.
- The current flowing in a circuit is measured by connecting an ammeter.

## flow

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

### I. flow<sup>1</sup> S3 W2 /fləʊ \$ fləʊ/ BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup> noun

1. **LIQUID/GAS/ELECTRICITY** [countable usually singular] a smooth steady movement of liquid, gas, or electricity

#### flow of

- He struggled to swim against the flow of the water.
- I tied a towel round his leg to try to stem the flow of blood.

2. **TRAFFIC** [countable usually singular, uncountable] the steady movement of traffic:

- a new road system to improve traffic flow through the city centre

3. **GOODS/PEOPLE/INFORMATION** [countable usually singular] the movement of goods, people, or information from one place to another

#### flow of

- the flow of funds from the US to Europe
- There has been a steady flow of people leaving the area.
- They have accused the government of trying to block the free flow of information.
- an attempt to stem the flow of refugees across the border

4. **SPEECH/WRITING** [uncountable] the continuous stream of words or ideas when someone is speaking, writing, or thinking about something:

- I didn't want to interrupt her flow, so I said nothing.

5. **OF THE SEA** [singular] the regular movement of the sea towards the land:

- the ebb and flow of the tide

6. **in full flow** *informal* if someone is in full flow, they are busy talking about something and seem likely to continue for a long time

7. **go with the flow** to agree that you will do the thing that most people want to do:

- I don't mind, I'll just go with the flow.

8. **go against the flow** to do something very different from what other people are doing

⇒ †cash flow, ⇒ ebb and flow at †ebb<sup>1</sup>(3)

### II. flow<sup>2</sup> W3 BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup> verb [intransitive]

[Language: Old English; Origin: *flōwan*]

1. **LIQUID/GAS/ELECTRICITY** when a liquid, gas, or electricity flows, it moves in a steady continuous stream

#### flow over/down/through etc

- These gates regulate the amount of water flowing into the canal.
- If the windows are shut, air cannot flow freely through the building.

2. **GOODS/PEOPLE/INFORMATION** [always + adverb/preposition] if goods, people, or information flow from one place to another, they move there in large numbers or amounts **SYN pour, flood**:

- Money has been flowing into the country from Western aid agencies.
- The number of refugees flowing into the area is still increasing.

3. **TRAFFIC** if traffic flows, it moves easily from one place to another:

" The new one-way system should help the traffic to flow better.

4. **ALCOHOL** if alcohol flows at a party, people drink a lot and there is a lot available:

" Beer and whisky flowed freely as the evening wore on.

5. **WORDS/IDEAS** if conversation or ideas flow, people talk or have ideas steadily and continuously, without anything stopping or interrupting them:

" Everyone was relaxed and the conversation flowed freely.

6. **SEA** when the sea flows, it moves towards the land:

" We watched the tide ebb and flow.

7. **FEELINGS** if a feeling flows through you or over you, you feel it strongly

**flow through/over**

" She felt hot rage flowing through her.

8. **CLOTHES/HAIR** if clothing or hair flows, it falls or hangs loosely and gracefully:

" Her long hair flowed down her back.

9. **flow from something** to happen as a result of something:

" the political consequences that flowed from this decision

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## THESAURUS

- **flow** if liquid flows, it moves in a steady continuous stream: Blood flowed from his hand. | The river flows very quickly at this point.
- **run to flow** – used when saying that something flows in a particular direction: Water was running down the walls of the room. | Sweat ran off his nose. | The river runs into the sea.
- **come out** to flow out of something: You couldn't drink any of the water that came out of the tap.
- **pour** to flow in large quantities: The rain poured down. | Blood was pouring from a wound on his head.
- **gush** to flow out quickly in very large quantities: Water was gushing out at more than 3000 gallons a minute.
- **spurt** to flow out suddenly with a lot of force: Oil was spurting from a small hole in the pipe.
- **trickle** to flow slowly in drops or in a thin stream: Clare felt sweat trickling down the back of her neck.
- **leak** to flow in or out through a small hole or crack, usually when this is not meant to happen: Oil was leaking from the engine.
- **ooze** to flow from something very slowly – used about blood or a thick liquid: Blood was oozing from the wound. | Jam oozed out as she bit into the cake.
- **drip** to fall in drops: Water dripped from the tap continuously.
- **cascade** to flow down the side of something in large amounts: Water cascades down the hillside.

## flow

Freakuency Pack

12500 **1888**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **1322**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **2k FLOW** 32840

flow 19617

flowed 2397

flows 5702

flowing 5124

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

9578 **2549**<sup>16732</sup> *nn1*

1851 **13150**<sup>2077</sup> *vvi*

738 **24500**<sup>784</sup> *vv0*

18 **181758**<sup>19</sup> *nnu*

5 **377959**<sup>5</sup> *jj*