

racing1. ['reɪsɪŋ] *n*

1. 1) состязание в скорости

foot racing - бег на скорость

boat racing - гребные гонки

2) скачки; бега (*конские, собачьи и т. п.*)

racing colours - цвета жокея

3) игра на скачках

2. *тех.*

1) разгон

2) разнос (*двигателя*)2. ['reɪsɪŋ] *a*

1. относящийся к скачкам

racing man - играющий на скачках; завсегда тотализатора

the racing world - скаковой мир, лошадни

2. гоночный

racing car [bicycle, yacht] - гоночный автомобиль [велосипед, -ая яхта]

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racing *BrE* ['reɪsɪŋ] ^o *NAmE* ['reɪsɪŋ] ^o **noun uncountable**1. (*also* **'horse racing**) the sport of racing horses

• a racing stable

• one of the racing world's most popular characters

see also ↑flat racing

2. (usually in compounds) any sport that involves competing in races

• **motor/yacht/greyhound, etc. racing**

• a racing driver

see also ↑drag racingSee also: ↑horse racingCulture:**rac**ing [**rac**ing]

Horse racing has been popular as a **spectator sport** throughout the British Isles for hundreds of years. It was also the first sport organized in the American **colonies**. This was in 1664 on ↑**Long Island**, New York. Four years later the first American sports trophy, a silver bowl, was presented there.

There are two main types of horse racing. In **flat racing** horses run against each other over a set distance. In ↑**National Hunt** racing, also called **steeplechasing**, horses jump over fences and **ditches** round a course. The main **flat races** in Britain each year are the English Classics, five races for three-year-old horses. These are the ↑**Derby** and the ↑**Oaks** (both run at ↑**Epsom**), the **Thousand Guineas** and the ↑**Two Thousand Guineas** (run at ↑**Newmarket**) and the ↑**St Leger** (run at ↑**Doncaster**). The four-day ↑**Royal Ascot** meeting is an important social occasion, attended by members of the ↑**royal family**. The most famous **steeplechase** is the ↑**Grand National**, which was first run in 1836 and which takes place each spring at ↑**Aintree**. Many people who take no interest in horse racing have a bet on this race. Racing attracts people from all levels of British society but only the rich can afford to own and train a **racehorse**.

In the US flat racing is called **thoroughbred racing** or just racing; **steeplechasing** is not often seen. The most famous race is the ↑**Kentucky Derby**, which began in 1875 and is run each year at ↑**Louisville**, Kentucky. This is a big event on national television, and informal bets are made in offices and homes, even in states where gambling is illegal. Other important races are the **Preakness** at ↑**Baltimore**, Maryland, and the ↑**Belmont Stakes** at Elmont, New York. The three together are called the ↑**triple crown**.

Famous British and US jockeys have included Willie Carson, Pat Eddery, Lester Piggott, Peter Scudamore, Willie **Shoemaker**, Laffit Pincay, Angel Cordero, Steve Cauthen, Kieren Fallon and Frankie Dettori. Horses famous in Britain have included Arkle, Desert Orchid, Nijinsky, Red Rum, Best Mate and ↑**Shergar**, and in the US Galant Fox, Secretariat, Affirmed, Man o' War, Native Dancer and Cigar, which was chosen **Horse of the Year** in 1995 and 1996.

A type of race popular in America is **harness racing**, in which a horse pulls a small two-wheeled cart called a **sulky** with its driver. The most famous race is the Hambletonian, popularly called the 'Hambo', at the Meadowlands Racetrack in ↑**New Jersey**. Harness racing's triple crown is the Hambletonian, the Kentucky Futurity, and the Yonkers Trot.

Betting on the result of a race is for many British people an important part of the sport and contributes to the atmosphere of excitement and tension at a **racecourse**. Before a race starts **bookmakers** take bets, calculate **the odds** and say which horse is the **favourite**. People can also bet on a race on the ↑**Internet** or at a **bookmaker's** or **betting shop**. Betting shops show live television broadcasts of races.

Americans also like to **play the ponies**. People can bet beside the track or **off-track**. Telephone bets can be made in some states. Even though many Americans do not approve of betting, most have accepted horse racing as an exciting sport and a US tradition. This is reflected in popular culture. ↑**Camptown Races** is one of Stephen **Foster**'s most popular songs. Damon **Runyon** set many of his short stories at race tracks, the mystery novels of Dick Francis are set in the world of racing and ↑**Hollywood** has produced popular films about racing such as *National Velvet* (1945) and *The Black Stallion* (1980).

See also ↑greyhound racingExample Bank:

- He has ridden horses all his life, but he was a late starter in the racing game.
- He made his racing debut for Benetton three years ago.
- He organizes his life according to the racing calendar.
- He's known in racing circles as a fierce competitor.
- Her racing tipster got the Derby winner right.
- Racing fans adore statistics on horses, jockeys, and performance.
- She's a familiar face on the racing scene.
- The bikes sped by on the racing circuit.
- Today's cross-country event marks his return to top-level racing.
- Today's event marks his return to competitive racing.
- racing legend Ayrton Senna
- the racing correspondent of 'The Times'

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I. **racing**¹ S3 /'reɪsɪŋ/ BrE ["] AmE ["] *noun* [uncountable]

1. the sport of racing horses **SYN horse racing**:

" watching the racing on television

" today's racing results ⇨ ↑flat racing

2. **car/bike/greyhound etc racing** the sport of racing cars etc

II. **racing**² BrE ["] AmE ["] *adjective* [only before noun]

designed or bred to go very fast and be used for racing:

" racing pigeons

" a racing yacht

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