

1. [ni:] *n*

1) колено

feeble knees - слабые колени

on one's (bended) knees - а) на коленях; б) униженно

up to one's knees - по колено

to dislocate [to hurt] the knee - вывихнуть [повредить *или* ударить] колено

his leg is amputated at the knee - у него нога отнята по колено

knees weaken [shake] - колени слабеют [дрожат]

her knees failed her - у неё подкосились ноги

to go /to fall, to drop/ on one's knees - а) стать /упасть, пасть/ на колени; пасть ниц; б) просить /молить/ (о чём-л.)

to go (down) on one's knees to smb. - пасть перед кем-л. на колени

to beseech on one's knees - умолять на коленях

to bend /to bow/ the knee - преклонить колена; молиться

to bend the knee to smb. - а) преклонить колена перед кем-л.; б) покориться /подчиниться/ кому-л.; в) молить, просить кого-л.

to bring smb. to his knees - заставить кого-л. стать на колени; поставить кого-л. на колени

2) колено (*брюк и т. п.*)

the knees of a pair of trousers - колени брюк

sagging knees - вытянутые на коленях брюки

2. *тех.*

1) кница, косынка

knee plate - косынка, наугольник

2) угольник, колено

3) подкос

◇ to sit knee by knee - сидеть рядом

to sit knee to knee - сидеть напротив

to offer /to give/ a knee to smb. - а) оказать содействие /помочь/ кому-л.; б) быть чьим-л. секундантом (*бокс*)

to learn smth. at one's mother's knees - научиться чему-л. /знать что-л./ с детства; ≅ впитать с молоком матери

on the knees of the gods - ≅ всё в руках божиих

to bow the knee to Baal - *библ.* поклоняться Ваалу

2. [ni:] *v*

1) ударять, касаться коленом

2) удариться коленом

2. *разг.* вытягиваться на коленях (*о брюках*)

3. *арх.* становиться на колени; молить, просить, умолять

I'll knee to no man - я ни перед кем не стану на колени

4. *тех.* скреплять косынками

knee

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

knee [knee knees kneed kneeling] *noun, verb* *BrE* [ni:] ^ˈ *NAmE* [ni:] ^ˈ

noun

1. the joint between the top and bottom parts of the leg where it bends in the middle

- a knee injury
- I grazed my knee when I fell.
- He **went down on one knee** and asked her to marry him.
- She was **on her knees** scrubbing the kitchen floor.
- Everyone was down **on (their) hands and knees** (= **crawling** on the floor) looking for the ring.
- My knees were knocking (= I was frightened) .



2. the part of a piece of clothing that covers the **knee**

- These jeans are torn at the knee.
- a knee patch

3. the top surface of the upper part of the legs when you are sitting down

Syn: ↑lap

- Come and sit on Daddy's knee.

more at the bee's knees **at** ↑bee, on bended knee **at** ↑bend _{v.}, at your mother's knee **at** ↑mother _{n.}, weak at the knees **at** ↑weak

Word Origin:

Old English cnēow, cnēo, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **knie** and German **Knie**, from an Indo-European root shared by Latin **genu** and Greek **gonu**.

Example Bank:

- He dropped to one knee.
- He hugged his knees to keep warm.
- He patted her knee reassuringly.
- He refuses to wear a knee brace.
- He slapped his knee as he rocked with laughter.
- He was on his knees, searching for the missing spring.
- He went down on his knees and begged for forgiveness.
- He's snapped a ligament in his knee.
- His leg was missing below the knee.
- I balanced the pile of books on my knees.
- I injured my knee and had to have surgery.
- I rested my chin on my drawn-up knees.
- I was on my hands and knees, looking for my key.
- I went down on one knee to plug in the vacuum cleaner.
- If you hear the crash-landing warning, put your head between your knees.
- Rita felt her knees weakening.
- She had a blanket draped across her knees.
- She sat on her father's knee while he read her a story.
- She sat on her father's knee= lap while he read her a story.
- She sat up and pulled her knees to her chest.
- She would ask for a rise, but would not beg for one on bended knee.
- Suddenly her knees buckled and she fell to the floor.
- The blow knocked him to his knees.
- The children had learned these stories at their mother's knee.
- The fuel shortage brought the country to its knees within weeks.

Idioms: ↑bring somebody to their knees ▪ ↑bring something to its knees ▪ ↑put somebody over your knee

verb (kneel, kneel) ~ sb/sth

to hit or push sb/sth with your knee

- He kneed his attacker in the groin.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	knee
	BrE /ni:/
	NAme /ni:/
he / she / it	knees
	BrE /ni:z/
	NAme /ni:z/
past simple, past participle	kneel
	BrE /ni:d/
	NAme /ni:d/
-ing form	kneeling
	BrE /ni:ɪŋ/
	NAme /ni:ɪŋ/

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I. **knee**¹ **S2 W2** /ni/ *BrE* ² *AmE* ³ **noun** [countable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: cneow]

1. the joint that bends in the middle of your leg:

Lucy had a bandage round her knee.

on your knees

She was on her knees (=kneeling), weeding the garden.

sink/fall/drop to your knees (=move so that you are kneeling)

Tim fell to his knees and started to pray.

a knee injury

2. the part of your clothes that covers your knee:

His jeans had holes in both knees.

3. **on sb's knee** on the top part of your legs when you are sitting down:

Daddy, can I sit on your knee?

4. **knees knocking (together)** if your knees are knocking, you are feeling very afraid or very cold

5. **on your knees** in a way that shows you have no power but want or need something very much:

He went on his knees begging for his job back.

6. **bring somebody/something to their knees**

a) to defeat a country or group of people in a war:

The bombing was supposed to bring the country to its knees.

b) to have such a bad effect on an organization, activity etc that it cannot continue **SYN cripple** :

The recession has brought many companies to their knees.

7. **put/take somebody over your knee** *old-fashioned* to punish a child by hitting them

8. **on bended knee(s)** *old-fashioned* in a way that shows great respect for someone

⇒ **learn/be taught something at your mother's knee** at ↑mother¹(4), ⇒ **the bee's knees** at ↑bee(5), ⇒ **weak at the knees** at ↑weak(13)

II. **knee**² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *verb* [transitive + in]

to hit someone with your knee:

I kneed him in the groin.

knee

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