

stair *n*

1. ступень, ступенька
2. **обыкн. pl** ступеньки, лестница
flight of stairs - лестничный марш
winding [escape] stair - винтовая [пожарная] лестница
at the foot of the stairs - на нижней площадке (*лестничной клетки*)
to go down [up] stairs - спускаться [подниматься] по лестнице
3. **редк.** лестница, лестничный марш
4. **pl мор.** трап, сходни
5. **pl** причал (*на Темзе*)
◇ above stairs - в жилых комнатах; в хозяйских комнатах, «наверху»
below stairs - а) в кухне и в помещении для прислуги; б) среди слуг; the discord was noticed below stairs - прислуга заметила этот разлад

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- **I. stair** [stair stairs] *BrE* [steə(r)] ^ˈ *NAmE* [ster] ^ˈ **noun**
 - 1. **stairs plural** a set of steps built between two floors inside a building
 - We had to carry the piano up three **flights of stairs** .
 - The children ran **up/down the stairs** .
 - at **the bottom/top of the stairs**
 - He remembered passing her **on the stairs** .
 - see also** †downstairs, †upstairs
 - 2. **countable** one of the steps in a set of stairs
 - How many stairs are there up to the second floor?
 - 3. **singular (literary) = †staircase**
 - The house had a panelled hall and a fine oak stair.
- Idiom:** †below stairs

Word Origin:Old English stæŋger, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **steiger** 'scaffolding', from a base meaning 'climb'.Example Bank:

- He sat waiting on the bottom stair.
- My kids sat on the basement stairs.
- Take the back stairs.
- The carpet was held in place by brass stair rods.
- The stairs creaked as I went down.
- The third stair creaked as I stepped on it.
- We went up three flights of stairs.
- a closet under the stairs
- the stairs to the third floor

- **II. stair** **adjective only before noun**

- the stair carpet

Main entry: †stair ^{derived}**stair**

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stair **S2 W3** /steə \$ ster/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ **noun**

[Language: Old English; Origin: stæger]



1. **stairs [plural]** a set of steps built for going from one level of a building to another ⇒ **upstairs, downstairs**
up/down the stairs
" Jerry ran up the stairs.
the top/head of the stairs
" I left my briefcase at the top of the stairs.
the bottom/foot of the stairs

" 'Lisa,' he cried from the foot of the stairs.

" We walked up four flights of stairs (=sets of stairs).

2. [countable] one of the steps in a set of stairs:

" Lucy sat down on the bottom stair.

3. [singular] *literary* a †staircase

4. **below stairs** *British English old-fashioned* in the servants' part of a large house, in the past

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stairs ¹²⁶⁰⁹

stair ⁸⁴⁸

upstairs ⁷⁸²⁰

downstairs ⁵²⁷⁴

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