

head**1. [hed] n**

I

1. 1) голова

bald head - лысая голова, лысина

bullet head - круглая голова

taller by a head, a head taller - на голову выше

a blow on the head - удар по голове

a nod of the head - утвердительный кивок головы

to shake one's head - отрицательнопокачать головой [*ср. тж.* ◇]

to toss one's head - тряхнуть головой

to fall head first - упасть головой вперёд

to dive head downwards /foremost/ - а) нырять головой вниз; б) действовать опрометчиво /необдуманно/

to feel heavy in the head - ощущать тяжесть в голове

to cut off smb.'s head - обезглавить кого-л.; снести кому-л. голову

to win by a head *спорт.* - а) опередить на голову; б) еле-еле выиграть (*на скачках; тж.* to win by short head)

a price was set on his head - за его голову была назначена награда

my head aches - у меня болит голова

my head swims - у меня голова кружится, у меня всё плывёт перед глазами

the blood rushed (in)to his head - кровь бросилась ему в голову

2) головной портрет, изображение головы**3) жизнь**

it will cost him his head - он поплатится за это головой, это будет стоить ему жизни

2. 1) ум, рассудок; способности

a clear head - ясный ум

a cool head - трезвый ум, рассудительный человек [*см. тж.* ◇]

a hot head - горячая голова, горячий /вспыльчивый/ человек

a wise head - а) умная голова, умница; б) *ирон.* умник

a wooden head - тупица

to have a (good) head on one's shoulders - иметь хорошую /светлую/ голову

to use one's head - шевелить мозгами

use your head - подумай хорошенько

to trouble /to bother/ one's head about smth. - а) беспокоиться о чём-л.; б) ломать голову над чем-л.

to take smth. into one's head, to take it into one's head to do smth. - вбить /забрать/ себе что-л. в голову

to keep smth. in one's head - держать что-л. в голове; хранить что-л. в памяти

to be above smb.'s head - быть выше чьего-л. понимания /разумения/

he has a good [a poor] head for figures - ему хорошо [плохо] даётся арифметика

it came into his head - ему пришло /взбрело/ в голову

it never entered his head to help me - ему и в голову не пришло помочь мне

something put /sent/ it out of my head - это почему-то вылетело /выскочило/ у меня из головы, я почему-то забыл об этом

2) (физиологическая) переносимость, способность

he has a good head for heights - он хорошо переносит высоту

he has a good /strong/ head for drink - он может много выпить

3. человек

the wiser heads - мудрецы

the crowned heads (of Europe) - коронованные особы (Европы)

ten dollars a /per/ head - по десяти долларов с человека /с каждого/

to count heads - считать по головам (*присутствующих*)**4. (pl без измен.) голова скота**

a thousand head of cattle - тысяча голов скота

the park feeds about 40 head of deer - в парке насчитывается около 40 оленей

5. 1) стадо; стая (птиц)

a large head of game - огромное скопление дичи

2) с.-х. поголовье**6. амер. разг. головная боль (особ. с похмелья)**

he has a head - у него голова болит с похмелья

I've got a bad /awful, thick/ head - у меня голова раскалывается /трещит/

7. сл. рот

to keep one's head shut - не болтать, помалкивать, попридержать язык

8. рога (оленья)**9. уст. причёска; волосы**

I combed his head - я причесал его

10. амер. сл.**1) наркоман****2) фанатик; страстный поклонник, болельщик**

a film head - большой любитель кино

II

1. 1) верхняя часть (чего-л.); верх, верхушка

the head of a mountain - вершина горы

- the head of the stairs - верхняя площадка лестницы
- 2) **мор.** топ (*мачты*)
2. 1) передняя, головная часть (*чего-л.*); перёд
the head of a procession [of a column] - голова процессии [колонны]
heads of a bridge - головные части моста
the head of the street - начало улицы
at the head of the page [of the list, of the chapter] - в начале страницы [списка, главы]
at the head of the table - во главе стола, на почётном месте
at the head of the bed - у изголовья кровати
to be at the head of the field /race/ - **спорт.** вести бег
I waited at the head of the line - я был первым в очереди
- 2) **мор.** передняя, носовая часть судна; нос (*судна*)
head to sea - против волны
down by the head - а) на нос; б) **образн.** подвыпивший
be in the position **«head to wind»** - «стать в левентик» (*парусный спорт*)
3. продвижение вперёд, прогресс
to make (no) head - (не) двигаться вперёд
we are making head at last - мы, наконец, добились сдвигов
the movement gathered head - движение набирало силу
4. крона (*дерева*)
5. 1) головка
the head of a flower - головка цветка
a head of cabbage - кочан капусты
- 2) колос, метёлка (*злаковых*)
6. главный исток, верховье (*реки*)
7. заглавие, заголовок; рубрика, параграф
heads of chapters - названия глав
a document arranged under five heads - документ, состоящий из пяти разделов /пунктов/
under different heads - под разными рубриками
8. 1) **мед.** назревшая головка (*нарыва*)
to come /to draw/ to a head, to gather head - назреть (*о нарыве*) [**см. тж.** 2)]
- 2) критическая точка, перелом; кризис
to come to a head - достигнуть критической стадии [**см. тж.** 1)]
trouble coming to a head - беда, которая вот-вот разразится
to bring smth. to a head - а) обострять что-л.; вызывать кризис; б) доводить что-л. до конца, заканчивать что-л.
9. 1) головка (*булавки, винта и т. п.*); цилиндрическая головка (*болта*)
- 2) шляпка (*звезда*)
- 3) обух (*топора*); боёк (*молота*); лоб (*зубила*)
- 4) набалдашник (*трости*)
- 5) наконечник (*стрелы*)
- 6) головка (*теннисной ракетки*)
- 7) **воен.** головка снаряда
- 8) **тех.** насадка, ригель
- 9) **вчт.** головка
print head - печатающая головка
10. **pl** лицевая сторона (*монеты*); орёл
heads or tails? - орёл или решка?
heads I win, tails you lose - если выпадет орёл, я выигрываю, а если решка - ты проигрываешь; ты проигрываешь в любом случае
11. 1) пена (*на пиве и т. п.*)
with a head on - с шапкой пены, пенящийся
- 2) сливки (*на молоке*)
12. подъёмный навес; откидной верх (*экипажа, автомобиля*)
a car with a folding /sliding/ head - автомобиль с открывающимся верхом, открытый автомобиль
13. 1) днище (*бочки, цистерны и т. п.*)
- 2) **редк.** кожа, натянутая на барабане
14. **элк., радио** магнитная головка (**тж.** magnetic head)
15. **тех.** бабка (*станка*)
16. **тех.** подвижной штамп
17. **стр.** верхний брус (*оконной или дверной коробки*)
18. **архит.** капитель, замочный камень (*свода*)
19. 1) **тж. pl горн.** богатый концентрат
- 2) **pl хим.** головной погон, головная фракция (*при перегонке*)
20. **гидр.** разность уровней; напор, высота напора, давление (*столба жидкости*)
to flow by heads - течь прерывистой струёй /толчками/; течь с перебоями
21. **метал.** литник, прибыль (*при литье*)
22. **геогр.** мыс (*часто в названиях*)
23. **амер.**
- 1) **мор. жарг.** гальюн

2) **прост.** уборная, туалет

III

1. 1) глава, руководитель, начальник; главный, старший

the Head - **разг.** начальник, главный, старший

the head of the family - глава семьи

the head of a department - **амер.** руководитель отделения колледжа *или* университета

Head of Government [of State] - глава правительства [государства]

the head of a party - руководитель партии

the Head of the Army - командующий вооружёнными силами, главнокомандующий

2) **вождь; вожак; предводитель**

the head of a clan - вождь племени

3) = headmaster

2. **верхушка; руководство; головка**

3. **ведущее, руководящее положение**

at the head of the whole business - во главе всего предприятия

to be at [to rise to] the head of one's class - быть [стать] первым /лучшим/ учеником в классе

4. **лингв.** вершина, стержневое слово, «хозяин» (**конструкции**)

head of a nominal expression - вершина /главный член/ именной конструкции

◇

a head of hair - шапка /копна/ волос

a good head of hair - густая шевелюра

raw head and broody bones - а) изображение черепа с двумя скрещёнными костями; б) пугало, что-л. страшное

scare head - **амер.** большой сенсационный заголовок (*в газете*)

an old head on young shoulders - ≅ мудрый не по летам

big head and little wit - ≅ лоб широк, да мозгу мало

off /out of/ one's head - сошедший с ума, спятивший; не в своём уме

to go off /out of/ one's head - сойти с ума, рехнуться

on one's head - а) на чьей-л. ответственности б) на чьей-л. совести; в) = standing on one's head

standing on one's head - легко, без труда

I can do it standing on my head - мне ничего не стоит это сделать; я сделаю это с закрытыми глазами

soft /weak/ in the head - придурковатый, глупый, слабоумный

he is weak in the head - у него слабые умственные способности

light in the head - а) испытывающий головокружение; it made him feel light in the head - от этого у него закружилась голова; б)

глупый; в) спятивший, сумасшедший

he is touched in the head - ≅ у него не все дома; у него винтика не хватает

out of one's own head - из собственной головы, выдуманный, сочинённый

by the head and ears - насильно

overhead and ears, head over ears (in love, in debt) - по уши (*влюблённый, в долгу*)

head over heels, heels overhead - а) вверх тормашками, вверх ногами; б) кубарем, кувыркком; поспешно; в) до крайности, весьма

head over heels in love - влюблённый по уши

from head to foot /heel/ - с головы до пят

over /above/ smb.'s head - а) через чью-л. голову, не поставив в известность кого-л.; б) выше чьего-л. понимания /разумения/

one's head off - до крайней степени; весьма; изо всех сил

to work one's head off - работать до упаду /как вол/

to shout one's head off - кричать во всю глотку /что есть мочи/

be snored his head off - он громко храпел

to eat one's head off - а) наесться; объесться; есть много *или* долго; б) не окупать себя, не оправдывать своей работой стоимости содержания; в) ручаться

I'll eat my head off, I'll give my head for it - даю голову на отсечение, ручаюсь

to talk smb.'s head off - заговорить кого-л., замучить кого-л. разговорами

to bite off smb.'s head, to snag /to eat/ smb.'s head off - резко, грубо оборвать кого-л. /огрызнуться/

to beat smb.'s head off - разбить кого-л. наголову

to be head and shoulders above others - быть на голову /неизмеримо/ выше других

heads up! - а) берегись!, осторожнее!; б) посторонись!; heads up, everybody! - посторонись!, с дороги!; в) усилить наблюдение за воздухом! (*команда*); г) внимание!; мяч!; сверху! (*возглас игрока, пытающегося привлечь внимание к летящему мячу*)

to keep [to lose] one's head - сохранять спокойствие /присутствие духа/ [потерять голову]

to keep a cool head - сохранять хладнокровие, не терять голову [**см. тж.** I 2]

to lift up one's head - снова поднять голову, воспрянуть духом

to show one's head - появляться публично

to turn smb.'s head - вскружить кому-л. голову

to take the head - а) понести, закусить удила (*о лошади*); б) выйти из повиновения, пуститься во все тяжкие

to hide one's head - стыдиться; не знать, куда деваться от стыда, прятать глаза

to hang /to have/ one's head down - а) стыдиться; б) повесить голову

to stand with one's head down - стоять понуриив голову

to hold one's head up, to carry one's head high - высоко держать голову

to keep one's head down - затаиться

to shake one's head at smth. - а) усомниться в чём-л.; б) не одобрять чего-л.; [**ср. тж.** I 1, 1)]

to stake one's head on smth., to give one's head for smth. - ручаться головой за что-л., давать голову на отсечение

to put one's head in a noose - самому в петлю лезть
to make head against smb., smth. - а) подниматься /восставать/ против кого-л., чего-л.; успешно сопротивляться б)
продвигаться вперёд, несмотря на противодействие
to break one's head over smth. - ломать голову над чем-л.
to bury /to hide/ one's head in the sand - зарывать /прятать/ голову в песок; придерживаться страусовой политики
to hold /to keep/ one's head above water - едва сводить концы с концами, едва перебиваться
to keep one's head above ground - выжить
to get a swelled head, to go about with one's head in the air - важничать, задаваться
to beat /to bang/ one's head against the wall - ≅ биться головой об стену, пытаться прошибить лбом стену
to have one's head in the clouds - ≅ витать в облаках
to give one's head for the washing - покорно сносить оскорбления
to wash an ass's head - попусту стараться, затрачивать энергию зря
to knock smb.'s heads together - решительными мерами примирить ссорящихся
to lay /to put/ heads together - совещаться; совместно консультироваться, обсуждать
to make head or tail of smth. - понять что-л., разобраться в чём-л.
not to /to be unable to/ make head or tail of smth. - запутаться в чём-л., не суметь /быть не в состоянии/ разобраться в чём-л.
to give smb. his head - дать кому-л. волю; разрешить кому-л. действовать по своему усмотрению
to go to the head - а) опьянить, броситься в голову (о *вине*); the whisky has gone to his head - виски ударило ему в голову; б)
вскружить голову
his successes have gone to his head - успех вскружил ему голову
to stand on one's head - ≅ ходить на голове
to hit the nail on the head - попасть в точку, угадать
to have a cold in the head - простудиться
he has a cold in the head - он простудился, у него насморк
to knock smth. on the head - положить конец чему-л., покончить с чем-л.
to fling oneself at smb.'s head - ≅ вешаться кому-л. на шею
to do smth. on one's own head - сделать что-л. с лёгкостью /без труда/
on your head be it - а) пусть это будет на вашей совести; вы за это ответите б) пусть возмездие обрушится на вашу голову
to cut /to make/ shorter by the head - обезглавить
heads will /would, are likely to/ roll - ≅ многих /кое-кого/ накажут /снимут с работы/
two heads are better than one - *посл.* ≅ ум хорошо, а два лучше
better be the head of a dog, than the tail of a lion - *посл.* ≅ лучше быть первым в деревне, чем последним в городе

2. [hed] а

1. 1) верхний; передний; головной

2) главный, старший

head nurse - старшая медицинская сестра
head waiter - метрдотель
head electrician - *кино* бригадир осветителей
the head man of the tribe - старейшина племени

2. встречный

head tide - встречное течение
head wind - встречный /противный/ ветер
head sea - встречная волна

3. предназначенный для ношения на голове; головной

3. [hed] в

1. возглавлять, стоять во главе; идти, стоять впереди

to head an army [a procession, a parade, an expedition] - возглавлять армию [процессию, парад, экспедицию]
to head the poll - получить большинство голосов

2. превосходить; быть первым

he heads all the records - он бьёт все рекорды

3. 1) озаглавливать; начинать (*какими-л. словами*)

to head a section - озаглавить раздел
to head a letter with the date - поставить число в начале письма
the article is headed ... - статья озаглавлена ...

2) начинать, быть началом, открывать (*текст и т. п.*)

these words head the charge - так /такими словами/ начинается обвинительное заключение
his name heads the list - в списке его имя стоит первым

4. 1) направлять

to head a boat towards shore - направить лодку к берегу
to head smb. to the proper door - показать кому-л. нужную дверь, направить кого-л. в нужную комнату
he headed his flock for home - он погнал стадо домой

2) направляться; держать курс (*куда-л.*)

to head south - держать курс на юг
to head straight for one's destination - направиться прямо к месту назначения
how does the ship head? - куда направляется судно?

5. 1) мешать, препятствовать (*движению*)

to head a flock of sheep - преградить путь стаду овец

2) уступать (*кому-л.*) дорогу

3) подниматься к истокам (*реки, ручья и т. п.*); обходить (*реку, ручей и т. п.*)

the traveller headed the stream instead of crossing it - путешественник не стал переправляться через ручей, а обошёл

/обогнул/ его

4) двигаться навстречу (чему-л.)

he headed the driving snow - он шёл в пургу против ветра, снег бил ему в лицо

5) (for) навлекать на себя, напрашиваться

to head for trouble - навлекать на себя неприятности ≅ лезть на рожон

you are heading for disaster - ты неминуемо попадёшь в беду

6. брать начало, вытекать (о реке)

the Potomac heads in the Alleghanies - река Потомак берёт начало в Аллеганских горах

7. насаживать, приделывать головку (к булавке, звезде, стреле и т. п.; тж. head up)

to head (up) a barrel - вставлять днище в бочку

8. (тж. head up)

1) завиваться, образовывать кочаны (о капусте и т. п.)

2) колоситься (о злаковых)

9. 1) нарвать, созреть (о нарыве)

2) достигать наивысшей, критической точки

10. 1) срезать верхушку (дерева, растения; тж. head down)

2) снимать, обрезать (корку)

3) обезглавливать

to head and gut fish - удалить у рыбы голову и внутренности

11. отбивать мяч головой; играть головой (тж. head in; футбол)

to head the ball - отбить мяч головой

he headed the goal to equalize - он головой забил гол и сравнял счёт

◇ to head a trick - карт. бить /брать взятку/ старшей картой

head

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head [head heads headed heading] noun, verb BrE [hed] ^ə NAmE [hed] ^ə
noun

PART OF BODY

1. **countable** the part of the body on top of the neck containing the eyes, nose, mouth and brain

- She **nodded her head** in agreement.
- He **shook his head** in disbelief.
- The boys **hung their heads** in shame.
- The driver suffered head injuries.
- She always **has her head in a book** (= is always reading).
- He still has **a good head of hair** (= a lot of hair).



see also †death's head

MIND

2. **countable** the mind or brain

- I sometimes wonder what goes on in that head of yours.
- I wish you'd **use your head** (= think carefully before doing or saying sth).
- The thought **never entered my head**.
- I can't work it out **in my head** — I need a calculator.
- I **can't get** that tune **out of my head**.
- When will you **get it into your head** (= understand) that I don't want to discuss this any more!
- For some reason, she's **got it into her head** (= believes) that the others don't like her.
- Who's been **putting** such weird ideas **into your head** (= making you believe that)?
- Try to **put** the exams **out of your head** (= stop thinking about them) for tonight.

see also †hothead

MEASUREMENT

3. **a head singular** the size of a person's or animal's **head**, used as a measurement of distance or height

- She's a good head taller than her sister.
- The favourite won **by a short head** (= a distance slightly less than the length of a horse's head).

PAIN

4. **countable, usually singular (informal)** a continuous pain in your head

Syn: †headache

- I woke up with a really bad head this morning.

OF GROUP/ORGANIZATION

5. **countable, uncountable** the person in charge of a group of people or an organization

- the **heads of government/state**
- She resigned as **head of department** .
- the **crowned heads** (= the kings and queens) of Europe
- the **head gardener/waiter, etc.**
- (BrE) the **head boy/girl** (= a student who is chosen to represent the school)

OF SCHOOL/COLLEGE

6. **countable** (*often* **Head**) (BrE) the person in charge of a school or college

Syn: ↑headmaster, **Syn:** headmistress, **Syn:** ↑head teacher

- I've been called in to see the Head.
- the deputy head

SIDE OF COIN

7. **heads uncountable** the side of a coin that has a picture of the head of a person on it, used as one choice when a coin is **tossed** to decide sth

compare ↑tails *n.* (7)

END OF OBJECT

8. **countable, usually singular ~ (of sth)** the end of a long narrow object that is larger or wider than the rest of it

- the head of a nail

see also ↑bedhead

TOP

9. **singular ~ of sth** the top or highest part of sth

- at the head of the page
- They finished the season at the head of their league.

OF RIVER

10. **singular the ~ of the river** the place where a river begins

Syn: ↑source

OF TABLE

11. **singular the ~ of the table** the most important seat at a table

- The President sat at the head of the table.

OF LINE OF PEOPLE

12. **singular the ~ of sth** the position at the front of a line of people

- The prince rode at the head of his regiment.

OF PLANT

13. **countable ~ (of sth)** the mass of leaves or flowers at the end of a ↑stem

- Remove the dead heads to encourage new growth.

ON BEER

14. **singular** the mass of small bubbles on the top of a glass of beer

OF SPOT

15. **countable** the part of a spot on your skin that contains a thick yellowish liquid (= ↑pus)

see also ↑blackhead

IN TAPE/VIDEO RECORDER

16. **countable** the part of a ↑tape recorder or ↑video recorder that touches the tape and changes the electrical signals into sounds and/or pictures

NUMBER OF ANIMALS

17. **~ of sth plural** used to say how many animals of a particular type are on a farm, in a ↑herd, etc.

- 200 head of sheep

OF STEAM

18. **a ~ of steam singular** the pressure produced by steam in a confined space

- The old engine still manages to build up a good head of steam.

SEX

19. **uncountable** (taboo, slang) ↑oral sex (= using the mouth to give sb sexual pleasure)

- to give head

LINGUISTICS

20. countable the central part of a phrase, which has the same **↑grammatical** function as the whole phrase. In the phrase 'the tall man in a suit', man is the head.

more at like a bear with a sore head **at** **↑bear** *n.*, put/lay your head/neck on the block **at** **↑block** *n.*, not bother yourself/your head with/about sth **at** **↑bother** *v.*, drum sth into sb/into sb's head **at** **↑drum** *v.*, have eyes in the back of your head **at** **↑eye** *n.*, hold/put a gun to sb's head **at** **↑gun** *n.*, not harm/touch a hair of sb's head **at** **↑hair**, let your heart rule your head **at** **↑heart**, hit the nail on the head **at** **↑hit** *v.*, put ideas into sb's head **at** **↑idea**, I'll knock your block/head off! **at** **↑knock** *v.*, laugh your head off **at** **↑laugh** *v.*, need (to have) your head examined **at** **↑need** *v.*, (have) an old head on young shoulders **at** **↑old**, a price on sb's head **at** **↑price** *n.*, sth rears its (ugly) head **at** **↑rear** *v.*, ring in your ears/head **at** **↑ring** *v.*, have a roof over your head **at** **↑roof** *n.*, scratch your head **at** **↑scratch** *v.*, sb's thick head **at** **↑thick** *adj.*, off the top of your head **at** **↑top** *n.*

Word Origin:

Old English hēafod, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **hoofd** and German **Haupt**.

Thesaurus:

head **noun**

1. C

• I can't get that tune out of my head.

mind • • **brain** •

a thought **enters** sb's head/mind

Head or mind? **Head** is slightly more informal than **mind**, and is used to talk about thoughts and ideas that **get into** or that you can't **get out of** your head.

2. C

• The Bishop is head of the Church in Kenya.

leader • • **president** • • **director** • • **chairman** • • **chief executive** • |BrE **governor** • • **managing director** • |informal **boss** • |especially **journalism chief** •

be **appointed** (as) head/leader/president/director/chairman/chief executive/governor/managing director/chief

take over as head/leader/president/chairman/chief executive/managing director

resign/stand down/step down as head/leader/president/director/chairman/chief executive/governor/managing director/chief

Collocations:

Physical appearance

A person may be described as **having** :

Eyes

(bright) blue/green/(dark/light) brown/hazel **eyes**

deep-set/sunken/bulging/protruding **eyes**

small/beady/sparkling/twinkling/(*informal*) shifty **eyes**

piercing/penetrating/steely **eyes**

bloodshot/watery/puffy **eyes**

bushy/thick/dark/raised/arched **eyebrows**

long/dark/thick/curlly/false **eyelashes/lashes**

Face

a flat/bulbous/pointed/sharp/snub **nose**

a straight/a hooked/a Roman/(*formal*) an aquiline **nose**

full/thick/thin/pouty **lips**

dry/chapped/cracked **lips**

flushed/rosy/red/ruddy/pale **cheeks**

soft/chubby/sunken **cheeks**

white/perfect/crooked/protruding **teeth**

a large/high/broad/wide/sloping **forehead**

a strong/weak/pointed/double **chin**

a long/full/bushy/wispy/goatee **beard**

a long/thin/bushy/droopy/handlebar/pencil **moustache/ (especially US) mustache**

Hair and skin

pale/fair/olive/dark/tanned **skin**

dry/oily/smooth/rough/leathery/wrinkled **skin**

a dark/pale/light/sallow/ruddy/olive/swarthy/clear **complexion**

deep/fine/little/facial **wrinkles**

blonde/blond/fair/(light/dark) brown/(jet-)black/auburn/red/(BrE) ginger/grey **hair**

straight/curlly/wavy/frizzy/spiky **hair**

thick/thin/fine/bushy/thinning **hair**

dyed/bleached/soft/silky/dry/greasy/shiny **hair**

long/short/shoulder-length/cropped **hair**

a bald/balding/shaved **head**

a receding **hairline**

a bald **patch/spot**

a side/centre/(US) center (BrE) **parting/ (NAme) part**

Body

a long/short/thick/slim/slender/*(disapproving)* scrawny **neck**
 broad/narrow/sloping/rounded/hunched **shoulders**
 a bare/broad/muscular/small/large **chest**
 a flat/swollen/bulging **stomach**
 a small/tiny/narrow/slim/slender/28-inch **waist**
 big/wide/narrow/slim **hips**
 a straight/bent/arched/broad/hairy **back**
 thin/slender/muscular **arms**
 big/large/small/manicured/calloused/gloved **hands**
 long/short/fat/slender/delicate/bony **fingers**
 long/muscular/hairy/shapely/*(both informal, often disapproving)* skinny/spindly **legs**
 muscular/chubby/*(informal, disapproving)* flabby **thighs**
 big/little/small/dainty/wide/narrow/bare **feet**
 a good/a slim/a slender/an hourglass **figure**
 be of slim/medium/average/large/athletic/stocky **build**

Example Bank:

- Don't bother your pretty little head with things like that!
- For some reason she got it into her head that the others don't like her.
- He could feel his head spinning after only one drink.
- He dived head first into the water.
- He hung his head in shame.
- He is only the nominal head of the company.
- He lay writhing on the ground, clutching his head in pain.
- He looked at me as if I needed my head examined.
- He put his head around the door.
- He put his head in his hands, exasperated.
- He scratched his head, not understanding a word.
- He scratched his head. 'I don't understand,' he said.
- He shaved his head and became a monk.
- He threw his head back and laughed out loud.
- He won by a head.
- Her head tilted to one side as she considered the question.
- His head drooped and tears fell into his lap.
- I called heads and it came down tails.
- I can't get that tune out of my head.
- I can't work it out in my head— I need a calculator.
- I decided to go for a walk to clear my head.
- I have a good head for figures.
- I wish you'd use your head.
- I'm normally asleep as soon as my head hits the pillow.
- It never entered my head that he might be lying.
- It was an accident, said a voice inside his head.
- It was the first name that popped into my head.
- Peter is a head taller than you.
- She buried her head in the pillow.
- She declined with a brief shake of the head.
- She jerked her head in the direction of the door.
- She needed to keep a clear head if she was to remain in control.
- She rested her head on his shoulder.
- She sat with bowed head.
- She shook her head in disbelief.
- She's taller by a head.
- Simply counting heads reveals that men are far better represented at senior management level than women.
- The Queen is titular head of the Church of England.
- The ambassador dismissed him with a curt nod of the head.
- The city gates were adorned with severed heads.
- The favourite was a short head in front.
- The firm opened for business with an initial head count of 20 staff.
- The meal cost £15 a head.
- The message was sent to all the crowned heads of Europe.
- The message was sent to all the crowned heads= kings and queens of Europe.
- The soldiers were ordered to fire over the heads of the crowd.
- The thunder burst with a grand crash above our heads.
- They nodded their heads in agreement.
- Try to put the exams out of your head for tonight.
- When will you get it into your head that I don't want to discuss this any more!
- When will you get it into your head= understand that I don't want to discuss this any more!
- Who's been putting such weird ideas into your head?
- a summit meeting of heads of state

- a woman with a beautiful head of chestnut hair
- I remember sitting outside the Head's office waiting to be called in.
- I've been called to see the Head.
- It is a parliamentary democracy with a president as head of state.
- She is deputy head of Greenlands Comprehensive, a struggling inner city school.
- She resigned as head of department.
- The Bishop is head of the Church in Kenya.
- The chairman's resignation finally brought matters to a head.
- The dispute finally came to a head in March that year.
- The minister has written to every secondary head in Scotland.
- The thought never entered my head.
- Things came to a head when several of the nurses made a formal complaint.

Idioms: ↑bang your heads together ▪ ↑banging your head against a brick wall ▪ ↑bite somebody's head off ▪ ↑bring something to a head ▪ ↑bury your head in the sand ▪ ↑can't make head nor tail of something ▪ ↑come to a head ▪ ↑do somebody's head in ▪ ↑do something standing on your head ▪ ↑from head to toe ▪ ↑get your head down ▪ ↑get your head round something ▪ ↑give somebody their head ▪ ↑go head to head ▪ ↑go to somebody's head ▪ ↑have a good head on your shoulders ▪ ↑have a head for something ▪ ↑have your head in the clouds ▪ ↑have your head screwed on ▪ head and shoulders above somebody ▪ ↑head first ▪ ↑head over heels in love ▪ ↑heads or tails? ▪ ↑heads will roll ▪ ↑hold up your head ▪ ↑hold your head high ▪ ↑in over your head ▪ ↑keep a cool head ▪ ↑keep your head ▪ ↑keep your head above water ▪ laugh/scream your head off ▪ ↑lose your head ▪ ↑on your head be it ▪ ↑out of your head ▪ ↑over somebody's head ▪ ↑put our heads together ▪ ↑take it into your head that ... ▪ ↑take it into your head to do something ▪ ↑turn somebody's head ▪ ↑turn something on its head ▪ ↑two heads are better than one

Derived ↑head somebody off ▪ ↑head something off ▪ ↑head something up ▪ ↑heading for something

verb

MOVE TOWARDS

1. intransitive (also **be headed** especially in NAmE) + **adv./prep.** to move in a particular direction

- Where are we heading?
- Where are you two headed?
- Let's head back home.
- She headed for the door.
- We headed north.
- Head towards the mall.
- The boat was heading out to sea.
- (figurative) Can you forecast where the economy is heading?

GROUP/ORGANIZATION

2. transitive ~ **sth** (also **head sth up**) to lead or be in charge of sth

- She has been appointed to head the research team.

LIST/LINE OF PEOPLE

3. transitive ~ **sth** to be at the top of a list of names or at the front of a line of people

- Italy heads the table after two games.
- to **head a march/procession**

BE AT TOP

4. transitive, usually passive ~ **sth** to put a word or words at the top of a page or section of a book as a title

- The chapter was headed 'My Early Life'.

FOOTBALL

5. transitive ~ **sth** to hit a football with your head

- Walsh headed the ball into an empty goal.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	head
	BrE /hed/
	NAmE /hed/
he / she / it	heads
	BrE /hedz/
	NAmE /hedz/
past simple, past participle	headed
	BrE /hedd/
	NAmE /hedd/
-ing form	heading
	BrE /hedɪŋ/
	NAmE /hedɪŋ/

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Thesaurus:

head verb

1. I (always used with an adverb or preposition)

- Where are we heading?

make for sth • make your way • go • get • move • travel •

head/make your way/go/get/move/travel **to** sb/sth

head/make **for** sb/sth

head/make for/make your way/go/get **home**

2. T

- He was appointed to head the research team.

lead • chair • captain • |formal| preside •

head/lead/captain a **team**

head/lead a (political) **party/the government**

head/lead/chair/preside over a/an **commission/committee /inquiry**

Head or lead? A person who **heads** sth has the official position of being the head of it. A person who **leads** sth may also have an official position, but the verb **lead** emphasizes their leadership qualities. An individual usually **heads** sth, but a group of people can **lead** sth.

Example Bank:

- He turned and headed for the door.
- She has been appointed to head up the research team.
- She stood up and headed towards/toward the exit.
- The committee will be headed jointly by two men.
- The delegation will be headed by Lord Arthur.
- We headed straight back to school.
- We headed west for two days.
- heading towards London
- 8 out of 10 children came from a family headed by both natural parents.
- He ended up heading a minority government

See also: ↑head something up ▪ ↑headed ▪ ↑headed for something

head

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I. head¹ **S1 W1** /hed/ BrE^ˈ AmE^ˈ noun

[Word Family: noun: ↑head, ↑heading, ↑overhead ↑header, ↑headship; adjective: ↑overhead ↑heady, ↑headless, ↑headed; verb: ↑head, ↑behead; adverb: ↑overhead]

[Language: Old English; Origin: heafod]

1. TOP OF BODY [countable] the top part of your body that has your face at the front and is supported by your neck:

- He kissed the top of her head.
- Alan fell asleep as soon as he put his head on the pillow.
- They dived head first into the water.
- She was dressed in black from head to toe (=over all her body).
- He still has a full head of hair (=has all his hair, even though he is getting rather old).

2. MIND [countable] your mind or mental ability:

- The problem only exists inside his head.

do something in your head (=calculate something mentally)

- I can't do those figures in my head.

• Use your head to work out the answer.

come into/pop into your head

- Jackie said the first thing that came into her head.

get something into your head (=understand something)

- 'It's over, Jake,' she said. 'Try and get that into your head.'

take/get it into your head (to do something) (=decide to do something, especially something stupid)

- At about two in the morning, Alan took it into his head to go for a swim.

get/put something out of your head (=stop thinking or worrying about something)

- Try to put it out of your head for the time being.

put something into sb's head (=make someone think or believe something)

- What's put that idea into her head?

get your head round something British English (=be able to understand something)

- I just can't get my head round what's been going on here.

3. CALM/SENSIBLE

a) keep your head to remain calm and sensible in a difficult or frightening situation:

- We need a candidate who can keep his or her head even when clients get aggressive.

keep a clear/cool/calm head

- Get to sleep early tonight – you'll need to keep a clear head tomorrow at the trial.

b) lose your head to become unable to behave calmly or sensibly in a difficult or frightening situation:

- You'll be OK as long as you don't lose your head and forget he's the real enemy.

c) have your head screwed on (straight/right) informal to be sensible and able to deal with difficult situations:

- He wondered what Gemma thought about it all. She seemed to have her head screwed on.

4. PERSON IN CHARGE [countable]

a) a leader or person in charge of a group or organization

head of

" You should discuss the matter with your head of department.

" A meeting of Commonwealth heads of state will be held next month.

head waiter/chef/gardener etc (=the person in charge of a group of waiters etc)

b) (also **head teacher**) *British English* the person in charge of a school **SYN principal** *American English*:

" From now on all violent incidents should be reported directly to the head. ⇒ ↑crowned head, ↑head boy, ↑head girl,

↑headmaster, ↑headmistress

5. FRONT/LEADING POSITION [singular] the front or the most important position

(at) the head of something

" Jenny marched proudly at the head of the procession.

" At the head of the table (=the place where the most important person sits) sat the senior partners.

at sth's/sb's head

" The band of soldiers marched into the yard, their defeated captain at their head.

6. CRAZY [countable usually singular] used in particular phrases to talk about someone being crazy or very stupid:

" People going out in conditions like this need their heads examined.

be off your head *British English*:

" You must be off your head if you think that.

" If I walk in looking like that, they'll think I'm not right in the head.

7. a head/per head for each person:

" Dinner works out at \$30 a head.

" average incomes per head

8. RIVER/VALLEY [countable usually singular] the place where a river, valley etc begins

9. come to a head (also **bring something to a head**) if a problem or difficult situation comes to a head, or something brings it to a head, it suddenly becomes worse and has to be dealt with quickly:

" Things came to a head in the summer of 1997.

10. FLOWER/PLANT [countable] the top of a plant where its flowers or leaves grow:

" She was outside cutting the dead heads off the roses.

head of

" a head of lettuce

11. HEIGHT/DISTANCE [singular] the length of a head, used to measure height or distance:

" She saw her father, a head above the rest of the crowd.

by a (short) head (=used to say that a horse won or lost a race but only by a small amount)

12. COIN heads the side of a coin that has a picture of a person's head on it

heads or tails? *British English spoken* (=used to decide something, by asking someone which side of a coin they guess will be showing when you throw it in the air and it lands) ⇒ **tails** at ↑tail¹(5b)

13. laugh/shout/scream etc your head off *informal* to laugh, shout etc very loudly:

" Fans were screaming their heads off.

14. have a good/fine/thick etc head of hair to have a lot of hair on your head

15. get/put your head down *informal*

a) to start working in a quiet determined way:

" It's time you got your head down and did some revision.

b) *British English* to sleep

16. keep your head down to try to avoid being noticed or getting involved in something:

" Do what you're told and keep your head down.

17. as soon as your head hits the pillow if you fall asleep as soon as your head hits the pillow, you fall asleep as soon as you lie down

18. be out of/off your head *informal*

to not know what you are doing because you have taken drugs or drunk too much alcohol:

" He was off his head on various drugs.

19. go to sb's head *informal*

a) if alcohol goes to your head, it quickly makes you feel drunk

b) if success goes to someone's head, it makes them feel more important than they really are:

" She never let fame go to her head.

20. TOOL [countable usually singular] the wide end of a long narrow tool or piece of equipment

21. put your heads together to discuss a difficult problem together:

" The next morning, we all put our heads together to decide what should be done.

22. go over sb's head

a) to be too difficult for someone to understand:

" The explanation went completely over my head.

b) to do something without discussing it with a particular person or organization first, especially when you should have discussed it with them

23. can't make head or/nor tail of something *informal* to be completely unable to understand something

24. have your head in the clouds to think about something in a way that is not practical or sensible, especially when you think things are much better than they really are

25. have a (good) head for figures/facts/business etc to be naturally good at doing calculations, remembering facts etc

26. head for heights the ability to look down from high places without feeling ill or nervous

27. a big head *informal* the opinion that you are much better, more important, more skilful etc than you really are:

I suppose I did do OK, but I'd be silly to get a big head about it.

28. **keep your head above water** to manage to continue to live on your income or keep your business working when this is difficult because of financial problems:

" For years they struggled to keep their heads above water.

29. **be/stand head and shoulders above somebody** to be much better than other people:

" One contestant stood head and shoulders above the rest.

30. **hold up your head** (also **hold your head high**) to show pride or confidence, especially in a difficult situation:

" If you do this, you'll never be able to hold your head up again.

31. **be (like) banging/bashing etc your head against a brick wall** *spoken* used to say that you are making no progress at all in what you are trying hard to do:

" I've tried to talk some sense into them, but it's like banging my head against a brick wall.

32. **bang/knock sb's heads together** *spoken* used to say that two people or groups should be forced to stop arguing and start to behave sensibly

33. **bite/snap sb's head off** to talk to someone very angrily with no good reason:

" I offered to help her, but she just bit my head off.

34. **turn/stand something on its head** to make people think about something in the opposite way to the way it was originally intended:

" The attorney quickly turned his main defense argument on its head.

35. **give somebody their head** to give someone the freedom to do what they want to do

36. **be/fall head over heels in love** to love or suddenly start to love someone very much:

" Sam was head over heels in love with his new bride.

37. **heads will roll** *spoken* used to say that someone will be punished severely for something that has happened:

" Heads will roll for this!

38. **on your own head be it** *spoken* used to tell someone that they will be blamed if the thing they are planning to do goes wrong

39. **do your head in** *British English spoken informal* to make you feel confused and annoyed:

" Turn that noise down – it's doing my head in!

40. **be/get in over your head** to be or get involved in something that is too difficult for you to deal with:

" In business, start small and don't get in over your head.

41. **be over your head in debt** *American English* to owe so much money that there is no possibility of paying it all back

42. **go head to head with somebody** to deal with or oppose someone in a very direct and determined way:

" Rather than go head to head with their main rivals, they decided to try a more subtle approach.

43. **heads up!** *American English spoken* used to warn people that something is falling from above

44. **BEER** [countable] the layer of small white ↑bubbles on the top of a glass of beer

45. **ELECTRONICS** [countable] a piece of equipment that changes information on a recording tape, a computer ↑hard disk etc into electrical messages that electronic equipment can use

46. **head of cattle/sheep etc** [plural] a particular number of cows, sheep etc:

" a farm with 20 head of cattle

47. **head of water/steam** pressure that is made when water or steam is kept in an enclosed space

48. **get/build up a head of steam** to become very active after starting something slowly

49. **LAND** [singular] *British English* a high area of land that sticks out into the sea – used in names:

" Beachy Head

50. **INFECTION** [countable] the centre of a swollen spot on your skin

51. **give (somebody) head** *informal* to perform ↑oral sex on someone

⇒ **bury your head in the sand** at ↑bury(8), ⇒ **knock something on the head** at ↑knock¹(16), ⇒ **off the top of your head** at ↑top¹(18), ⇒ **somebody can do something standing on their head** at ↑stand¹(40), ⇒ **turn sb's head** at ↑turn¹(18), ⇒ **two heads are better than one** at ↑two(8)

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- **turn your head** John turned his head to look at the boy.
- **shake your head** (=move it from side to side, especially to show disagreement) 'It's too much,' he said, shaking his head.
- **nod your head** (=move it up and down, especially to show agreement) The audience nodded their heads enthusiastically.
- **sb's head hurts/aches/throbs** Her head was throbbing and she needed to lie down.
- **raise/lift your head** (=look up) Tom raised his head to listen, then went back to his book.
- **bow/bend/lower your head** (=look down) He bowed his head and tried not to look at her.
- **hang your head** (=look down, especially because you are ashamed) She hung her head, not sure how to reply.
- **scratch your head** (=especially because you do not understand something) He scratched his head and started looking through the drawers again.
- **cock your head** (=hold your head at an angle) The big dog cocked his head to one side and raised his ears.

■ adjectives

- **bare** The sun beat down on her bare head.
- **bald** His bald head shone with sweat.
- **sb's blonde/dark/grey etc head** (=with blonde etc hair) I saw my son's blond head sticking out from the car window.

■ head + NOUN

- **head injury** Wearing a helmet reduces the risk of head injuries.

II. **head**² **S2 W2 BrE** ^{AmE} **verb**

[Word Family: noun: ↑head, ↑heading, ↑overhead ↑header, ↑headship; adjective: ↑overhead ↑heady, ↑headless, ↑headed; verb: ↑head, ↑behead; adverb: ↑overhead]

1. **GO TOWARDS** (also **be headed**) [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] to go or travel towards a particular place, especially in a deliberate way

head for/towards/back etc

- " The ship was heading for Cuba.
- " It's about time we were heading home.

head north/south etc

- " We headed south towards the capital.
- " Where are you guys headed?

2. **FUTURE be heading** (also **be headed**) [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] if you are heading for a particular situation, especially a bad one, it seems likely to happen

be heading for

- " Forecasters predict the region's economy is heading for disaster.
- " Where is your life heading?

3. **BE IN CHARGE** (also **head up**) [transitive] to be in charge of a team, government, organization etc:

- " David was asked to head up the technical team.
- " an interim government headed by the former Prime Minister

4. **AT TOP** [transitive]

a) to be at the top of a list or group of people or things:

- " The movie heads the list of Oscar nominations.

b) **be headed** if a page is headed with a particular name, title, image etc, it has it on the top:

- " The page was headed 'Expenses'.
- " officially-headed writing paper

5. **AT FRONT** [transitive] to be at the front of a line of people:

- " a procession headed by the Queen

6. **FOOTBALL** [intransitive, transitive always + adverb/preposition] to hit the ball with your head, especially in football

head off *phrasal verb*

1. to leave to go to another place:

- " I'm heading off now.

2. **head something** ↔ **off** to prevent something from happening, especially something bad:

- " The President intervened to head off the conflict.

3. **head somebody** ↔ **off** to stop someone going somewhere by moving in front of them:

- " Soldiers headed them off at the border.

head

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