

peak

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1. [pi:k] *n*
- 1) пик, остроконечная вершина; гора
here the high peaks begin to rise from the plain - а здесь уже кончается равнина и поднимаются высокие горы
 - 2) высшая точка
at the peak of glory - на вершине славы
the peak of the demand - наивысший спрос
at the peak of one's career - в расцвете творческих сил
 - 3) остриё (*крыши и т. п.*)
 - 4) гребень (*волны*)
the wind blew the waves into great peaks - ветер вздымал гребни волн
 2. 1) козырёк (*кепки, фуражки*)
 - 2) остроконечная часть головного убора (*спускающаяся на лоб*)
 - 3) торчащий вихор, кок
 3. острый конец, клинышек бороды
 4. *уст.* мыс лифа *и т. п.*
 5. *слец.* пик; высшая точка, максимум
flood peak - пик половодья
sales have reached a new peak - товарооборот достиг новой вершины
2. [pi:k] *a*
максимальный; рекордный; высший
peak month [year] - месяц [год] наивысшего подъёма /расцвета/ (*в экономике, торговле и т. п.*)
peak load - максимальная нагрузка
3. [pi:k] *v*
- 1) достигнуть апогея (*славы, власти и т. п.*); достигнуть полного расцвета; подняться до высшей точки
 - 2) повыситься до рекордного уровня (*тж. peak out*)
sales have now peaked and we expect them to decrease soon - товарооборот уже достиг максимума, и ожидается, что он скоро начнёт уменьшаться
 2. обострять акцентировать
to heighten and peak contradictions - усиливать и обострять противоречия
 3. *мор.* отопить (*рей*)
 4. брать вёсла на планшир
to peak the oars - брать «на валёк» вёсла
 5. поднимать хвост *или* хвостовые плавники прямо вверх (*при вертикальном нырянии - о ките*)
◇ to peak (the) flukes - *мор. жарг.* ложиться спать

II

- [pi:k] *v*
чахнуть, слабеть (*обыкн. to peak and pine*)

peak

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

peak [peak peaks peaked peaking] **noun, verb, adjective** BrE [pi:k] ^u NAmE

[pi:k] ^u**noun**

1. **usually singular** the point when sb/sth is best, most successful, strongest, etc.

Syn: ↑height

- Traffic **reaches its peak** between 8 and 9 in the morning.
- She's **at the peak of** her career.
- the **peaks and troughs** of married life
- Membership of the club has fallen from a peak of 600 people in 2006.

compare ↑off-peak

2. the pointed top of a mountain; a mountain with a pointed top

- a **mountain peak**
- **snow-capped/jagged peaks**
- The climbers made camp halfway up the peak.



3. any narrow and pointed shape, edge, etc

- Whisk the egg whites into stiff **peaks**.
- He combed his hair into a **peak**.

4. (BrE) (NAmE **bill, visor**) the stiff front part of a cap that sticks out above your eyes

Word Origin:

mid 16th cent.: probably a back-formation from peaked, variant of dialect picked 'pointed'.

Thesaurus:

peak noun

1. C, sing.+ sing./pl. v.

- She's at the peak of her career.

height • **top** • **high point** • **climax** • **prime** • **highlight** • **heyday** • |especially written **culmination** • |business journalism **high** •

Opp: trough

the peak/height/top/high point/climax/prime/highlight/culmination/heyday of sth
at its peak/its height/the top/a high point/its climax/its culmination/a high reach its peak/its height/the top/a high point/its climax/its culmination/a high

Peak or height? **Peak** is used before other nouns (**peak hours/demand/fitness**) but **height** is not. A person can be **at the peak/height of their career/powers**, but otherwise **height** is not used to talk about a person. You can talk about a **peak of** a particular number or level but not a **height of** a number or level.

2. C

- a mountain peak

summit • **ridge** • **mountain** •

on a/the peak/summit/ridge/mountain

climb a peak/ridge/mountain

Peak or summit? A mountain can have more than one **peak**; only the highest peak is the **summit**. A whole mountain can be called a **peak**; only the top is called the **summit**.

Example Bank:

- Economic life moves in cycles of peaks and troughs.
- Her performance is just past its peak.
- Production is rising back towards its 1999 peak.
- She is at the peak of her popularity.
- The crisis was now at its peak.
- The engine is tuned to peak efficiency.
- The graph shows two very sharp price peaks.
- The influx of tourists has reached its summer peak.
- The party's numbers reached a peak of 40 000 in 2001.
- The share index rose to a new all-time peak of 2112.
- We looked up at the rocky peaks towering above us.
- You want your hair to look in peak condition.
- at times of peak demand
- climbers on the distant mountain peaks
- peak-rate phone calls
- Membership of the club has fallen from a peak of 600 people in 2005.
- a mountain peak
- snow-capped/jagged peaks

verb intransitive

to reach the highest point or value

- Oil production peaked in the early 1980s.
- Unemployment peaked at 17%.
- an athlete who peaks (= produces his or her best performance) at just the right time

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	peak
	BrE /pi:k/
	NAme /pɪ:k/
he / she /it	peaks
	BrE /pi:ks/
	NAme /pi:ks/
past simple, past participle	peaked
	BrE /pi:kt/
	NAme /pi:kt/
-ing form	peaking
	BrE /pi:kɪŋ/
	NAme /pi:kɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- Athletes need to peak at the right time.
- North Sea oil production peaked in 1999.

adjective only before noun used to describe the highest level of sth, or a time when the greatest number of people are doing sth or using sth

- It was a time of **peak demand** for the product.
- March is one of the **peak periods** for our business.
- The athletes are all in **peak condition**.
- We need extra help during the **peak season**.

compare ↑off-peak

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See also: ↑bill ▪ ↑visor

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

I. **peak**¹ **W3** /piːk *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun* [countable]

[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: Perhaps from pike 'mountain, hill' (13-21 centuries), probably from a Scandinavian language]

1. **TIME** [usually singular] the time when something or someone is best, greatest, highest, most successful etc

at sth's peak

- The British Empire was at its peak in the mid 19th century.
- Sales this month have reached a new peak.
- Most athletes reach their peak in their mid 20s.
- He's past his peak as a tennis player.
- Oil production is down from its peak of two years ago.

at the peak of something

- Hotel rooms are difficult to find at the peak of the holiday season.
- the peaks and troughs of the US economy (=high and low points)

2. **MOUNTAIN**

a) the sharply pointed top of a mountain:

- snow-capped mountain peaks
- jagged peaks

b) a mountain ⇒ **summit**:

- Mount McKinley is Alaska's highest peak.

3. **POINT** a part that forms a point above a surface or at the top of something:

- Whisk the egg whites until they form stiff peaks.

4. **HAT** *especially British English* the flat curved part of a cap that sticks out in front above your eyes **SYN visor** *American English*

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

■ **verbs**

- **be at its peak** The strawberry season is now at its peak.
- **be past your peak** By the next Olympics, she will be past her peak.
- **reach a peak** (also **hit a peak** *informal*) The traffic reaches a peak between 5 and 6 pm. | The company's stock hit a peak of about \$23.
- **fall from a peak** Visitor numbers have fallen from a peak of 1.8 million per year to under 1 million.

■ **phrases**

- **peaks and troughs** (=high points and low points) Sales went through a number of peaks and troughs in the last fiscal year.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

■ **ADJECTIVES/NOUN + peak**

- **a mountain peak** All around are the spectacular mountain peaks of the Jungfrau region.
- **the highest peak** Mount McKinley is Alaska's highest peak.
- **a snowy/snow-capped peak** The snow-capped peaks of the Sorondo mountain range provide a dramatic backdrop.
- **a jagged peak** (=with several sharp points) At first all I could see was the hazy black outline of a jagged peak.
- **a rocky peak** The Castle is situated on a rocky peak.
- **a distant peak** The mist cleared to reveal the distant peaks across the valley.

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THESAURUS

- **mountain** a very high hill: the highest mountain in Austria
- **hill** an area of land that is higher than the land around it, which is like a mountain but smaller and usually has a rounded top: We went for a walk in the hills. | The house is surrounded by woods, farmland and gentle hills.
- **Mount** (also **Mt** *written abbreviation*) used in the names of mountains. Don't say 'Fuji Mountain' – say '**Mount Fuji**': Mount Everest
- **cliff** the steep side of an area of land, often next to the sea: the white cliffs of Dover
- **precipice** *especially literary* a very steep and dangerous cliff: They were standing on the edge of a precipice.
- **crag** a high steep rock or mountain: An eagle sailed over the high crags.
- **ridge** a long narrow area of high ground, especially at the top of a mountain: I could see a group of climbers high up on a ridge.
- **knoll** a small round hill: a grassy knoll
- **volcano** a mountain with a large hole at the top, through which ↑lava (=hot liquid rock) is sometimes forced out: the eruption of a volcano
- **summit** the very highest point of a mountain: the summit of Mt Everest

- **peak** *especially literary* the top of a mountain: the snow-covered peaks of the Himalayas | a distant peak
- **range/chain** a group of mountains or hills arranged in a line: the mountain range that is part of the border between Norway and Sweden
- **foothills** a group of smaller hills below a range of high mountains: the Sierra foothills

II. **peak**² *BrE* ^{AmE} *verb* [intransitive]

to reach the highest point or level:

- Sales peaked in August, then fell sharply.

peak at

- Wind speeds peaked at 105 mph yesterday.

III. **peak**³ *BrE* ^{AmE} *adjective* [only before noun]

1. used to talk about the best, highest, or greatest level or amount of something:

- Gasoline prices are 14% below the peak level they hit in November.
- a shampoo designed to keep your hair in peak condition
- If you phone during the day you pay the peak rate for calls.
- periods of peak demand for electricity

2. *British English* the peak time or period is when the greatest number of people are doing the same thing, using the same service

etc:

- Extra buses run at peak times.
- Hotel prices rise during the peak season.

peak

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12500 **2533**^{MCW}

15000 **1983**^{COCA}

RANGE: **3k** **PEAK** 17920

peak 11418

peaks 4536

peaked 1567

peaking 399

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

6640 **3800**¹⁰⁶⁴⁵ *nn1*

336 **37749**³⁷² *vvi*

267 **40587**³²⁷ *vv0*

37 **92985**⁶⁸ *np1*

6 **347673**⁶ *nnu*