

[teɪl] *n*

1. 1) рассказ; история; повесть

stirring tale - волнующий рассказ

romantic tale - романтическая история

the Winter's Tale - Зимняя сказка (*пьеса Шекспира*)

folk tales - былины

tales of the court of King Arthur - рассказы рыцарей круглого стола Короля Артура; рассказы о Короле Артуре

there's a tale that ... - существует предание, что ...

to tell smb. the tale of one's adventures - рассказать кому-л. о своих приключениях

2) свидетельство

his drawn face told the tale of his sufferings - его измождённое лицо говорило о пережитом

that tells its own tale - это говорит само за себя, после этого никаких других доказательств не требуется

2. *часто pl*

1) слухи, рассказы

it's only a tale - это всего лишь разговоры

this is the tale that's going about - вот что об этом рассказывают, вот какие слухи ходят об этом

I've heard some pretty tales about you - мне кое-что о тебе порассказали

2) *разг.* сплетни, выдумки; враки, сказки; ложь

he told me a tale - он солгал мне

I've heard that tale before - эту байку я уже слышал

tales lose nothing in the telling - (красивая) выдумка не становится хуже от повторения

3. что-л. несуществующее, фикция

if it were not for them the town would have been a mere tale - если бы не они, от города остались бы одни воспоминания

4. *мк. sing ycm.*

1) счёт, перечисление; число

by tale - на счёт, поштучно

to sell smth. by tale or by weight - продавать что-л. поштучно или на вес

the tale is complete - все на месте, все в сборе

the tale of dead and wounded - число убитых и раненых

2) сумма, список, совокупность

the yearly tale - сумма за год

the tale of traits - совокупность черт (*характера*)

◇ a Canterbury tale, a tale of a tub, old wives' /travellers/ tales - выдумки, басни, бабушкины сказки, бабьи сплетни, охотничьи рассказы, небылицы

to tell the tale - рассказывать о несчастьях

he lived to tell the tale - ≅ есть живой свидетель этих (трагических) событий

to tell /to bring, to carry/ tales - разванивать (*что-л.*, *о чём-л.*), разглашать секреты; сплетничать, разносить сплетни

to tell tales out of school - а) разбалтывать чьи-л. секреты; ≅ выносить сор из избы; б) ябедничать, наушничать, доносить

to hold /to make, to live, to tell/ no tale of smth. - не придавать чему-л. значения

thereby hangs a tale - об этом есть что порассказать

his tale is told - его песенка спета, с ним всё кончено

tale

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tale [teɪl tɪəlz] *BrE* [teɪl] ^m *NAmE* [teɪl] ^m noun

1. a story created using the imagination, especially one that is full of action and adventure

• Dickens' 'A Tale of Two Cities'

• a **fairy/moral/romantic, etc. tale**

• His latest book is a delightful children's tale about talking animals.

see also ↑folk tale

2. an exciting spoken description of an event, which may not be completely true

• I love listening to his tales of life at sea.

• I've heard tales of people seeing ghosts in that house.

• The team's **tales of woe** continued on Saturday (= they lost another match) .• Her experiences provide a **cautionary tale** (= a warning) for us all.**see also** ↑telltale, **see** an old wives' tale **at** ↑old, live, etc. to tell the tale/tell a different story/taletell its own tale/storytell tales **at** ↑tellWord Origin:

Old English talu 'telling, something told', of Germanic origin; related to Dutch taal 'speech' and German Zahl 'number', also to ↑tell.

Example Bank:

• She regaled us with tales of her wild youth.

• She was tired of hearing the same dreary tale of drunkenness and violence.

• Winning the French Open was a fairy-tale end to her career.

• a dark tale of sexual obsession

• a tale about a hungry snake

• a tale set in 19th-century Moscow

• a tall tale that would fool no one

- an epic tale of courage and heroism
- tales of adventure
- the curious tale of the man who sold his hair
- the rags-to-riches tale of an orphan who becomes a star
- the sorry tale of his marriage breakdown
- Dickens' 'A Tale of Two Cities'
- Her experiences provide a cautionary tale for us all.
- His latest book is a delightful children's tale about talking animals.
- I've heard tales of people seeing ghosts in that house.
- It's a moral tale about a baker and a shoemaker.
- The team's tale of woe continued on Saturday.

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tale **W3** /teɪl/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun* [countable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: talu]

1. a story about exciting imaginary events

tale of

- tales of adventure
- a book of old Japanese folk tales (=traditional stories)
- a fairy tale by Hans Christian Andersen
- a cautionary tale (=one that is told to warn people about the dangers of something)

2. a description of interesting or exciting things that happened to someone, often one which is not completely true about every detail

tale of/about

- tales of her life in post-war Berlin

tale of/about how

- He was in the middle of telling me a long tale about how he once met the Redskins' manager.

3. **tell tales** *British English* to tell someone in authority about something wrong that someone else has done **SYN** **tattle** *American English*

tell tales to

- Don't go telling tales to the teacher!

4. **tale of woe**

a) a description of events that made you unhappy

b) a series of bad things that happened to someone:

- The England team's tale of woe continued, and they lost the next three games.

⇒ **fairy tale**, ⇒ **old wives' tale** at **old(24)**

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meanings 1 & 2)

■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + tale

- **a fairy tale** It looked like a castle in a fairy tale.
- **a folk tale** (=a traditional story) a book of Scottish folk tales
- **a cautionary tale** (=one that is told to warn someone about the dangers of something) This cautionary tale illustrates the dangers of looking for quick profits.
- **a tall tale** (=one that is difficult to believe and unlikely to be true) She enjoyed making up tall tales to tell the children.

■ verbs

- **tell a tale** He liked telling tales of his adventures in the wilderness.

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- **story** a description of how something happened that is intended to entertain people, and may be true or imaginary: a ghost story | a love story | It's a story about a man who loses his memory. | a book of short stories
- **tale** a story about strange imaginary events, or exciting events that happened in the past: a fairy tale by Hans Christian Andersen | I loved hearing tales of his travels.
- **myth** *noun* [uncountable and countable] a very old imaginary story about gods and magical creatures: an ancient myth | Greek and Roman myths
- **legend** *noun* [uncountable and countable] an old story about brave people or magical events that are probably not true: popular legends of the creation of the world | According to legend, King Arthur was buried there.
- **fable** a traditional imaginary short story that teaches a moral lesson, especially a story about animals: the fable of the tortoise and the hare | a Chinese fable
- **epic** a story told in a long book, film, or poem which is about great or exciting events, especially in history: an epic about 13th-century Scottish hero William Wallace
- **saga** a story about a series of events that take place over a long period of time, especially events involving one family: a family saga beginning in the 1880s
- **yarn** *informal* a long exciting story that is not completely true: The movie's a rattling good yarn and full of action.

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