

smooth

1. [smu:ð] *n*
 1. гладкая, ровная поверхность
 2. приглаживание; сглаживание
to give one's hair a smooth - пригладить волосы, провести рукой по волосам
◇ to take the rough with the smooth - стойко переносить превратности судьбы
2. [smu:ð] *a*
 1. 1) гладкий, ровный
smooth paper [surface, skin] - гладкая бумага [поверхность, кожа]
smooth road - хорошая /ровная/ дорога
smooth hair - гладкие волосы
smooth file - *тех.* личной напильник
to make smooth - а) приглаживать, разглаживать; б) выравнивать (*дорогу и т. п.*)
 - 2) стёртый, стёршийся
smooth tyre - изношенная /«лысая»/ шина
 2. однородный
smooth paste - однородное тесто, тесто без комков
 3. плавный; спокойный
smooth sea - спокойное море
smooth crossing /passage/ - спокойный переход /переезд/ морем /по морю/
smooth descent - плавный спуск (*тж. космического корабля*)
to have a smooth ride in a good car - ехать покойно /без тряски/ в хорошем автомобиле
 4. 1) лёгкий; приятный
smooth accent - приятное произношение
smooth to the touch - приятный на ощупь
smooth dancer - партнёр, с которым приятно танцевать
 - 2) спокойный, уравновешенный
smooth temper - ровный нрав; лёгкий нрав
 5. 1) вкрадчивый, льстивый
smooth words - сладкие речи
to have a smooth tongue - уметь говорить приятные вещи; лестью втираться в доверие
 - 2) ловкий
to reply in a smooth tone - ответить непринуждённым тоном /как ни в чём не бывало/
smooth handling of an embarrassing situation - умение выпутаться из затруднительного положения
 6. нетерпкий, нерезкий, лёгкий (*о вине и т. п.*)
◇ to be in smooth water - пройти все трудности, обойти все подводные камни; достичь тихой гавани
to make things smooth - облегчать положение, устранять затруднения
3. [smu:ð] *adv*
гладко, ровно, спокойно
4. [smu:ð] *v*
 1. (*тж.* smooth away, smooth down, smooth out, smooth over)
 - 1) приглаживать; сглаживать; разглаживать
to smooth (down) one's dress - одёрнуть платье
to smooth one's brow - разгладить чело
to smooth down one's hair - пригладить волосы
to smooth out the tablecloth - расправить скатерть
 - 2) сглаживаться; разглаживаться
 - 3) устранять, сглаживать
to smooth (away) differences [difficulties] - устранить разногласия [трудности]
to smooth friction - устранять трение
to smooth a quarrel - уладить ссору
to smooth things down for smb. - расчистить путь кому-л., облегчить чью-л. задачу
to smooth the way for smb., to smooth smb.'s path - устранить трудности с чьего-л. пути
to smooth the way for a treaty - проложить путь к заключению договора
there are some technical details to be smoothed out before we can fly - до вылета нам предстоит ещё утрясти некоторые мелкие технические вопросы
 - 4) гладить (*утюгом*)
 2. (*тж.* smooth down)
 - 1) успокаивать
to smooth down injured pride - успокоить уязвлённое самолюбие
 - 2) успокаиваться
their passion [enthusiasm] smoothed down - их страсть [энтузиазм] утихла [утих]
 3. смягчать, умасливать
 4. хорошенько размешивать, превращать в однородную массу
 5. *спец.* полировать, лощить
 6. выравнивать (*в статистике*)

smooth**smooth** [smooth smooths smoothed smoothing smoother smoothest] **adjective,**verb *BrE* [smuːθ] *NAmE* [smuːθ]**adjective** (**smooth·er**, **smooth·est**)**FLAT/EVEN****1.** completely flat and even, without any lumps, holes or rough areas

- a lotion to make your skin feel soft and smooth
- The water was as smooth as glass.
- a paint that gives a smooth, silky finish
- Over the years, the stone steps had worn smooth.

Opp: ↑rough**WITHOUT LUMPS****2.** (*of a liquid mixture*) without any lumps

- Mix the flour with the milk to form a smooth paste.

WITHOUT PROBLEMS**3.** happening or continuing without any problems

- They are introducing new measures to ensure the smooth running of the business.
- They could not ensure a smooth transfer of political power.

MOVEMENT**4.** even and regular, without sudden stops and starts

- The car's improved suspension gives you a smoother ride.
- The plane made a smooth landing.
- She swung herself over the gate in one smooth movement

MAN**5.** (*often disapproving*) (*of people, especially men, and their behaviour*) very polite and pleasant, but in a way that is often not very sincere**Syn:** ↑smarmy

- I don't like him. He's far too smooth for me.
- He's something of a **smooth operator** .

DRINK/TASTE**6.** pleasant and not bitter

- This coffee has a smooth, rich taste.

VOICE/MUSIC**7.** nice to hear, and without any rough or unpleasant sounds**see** take the rough with the smooth **at** ↑rough _n.Word Origin:

Old English smōth, probably of Germanic origin, though no cognates are known. The verb dates from Middle English.

Thesaurus:**smooth** **adj.** (*often approving*)

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flat • • **level** • • **horizontal** •**Opp:** rougha smooth/flat/level/horizontal **surface**a smooth/flat/level **road/floor**a smooth/flat **rock/stone**Example Bank:

- The project got off to a remarkably smooth start.
- The steps had been worn smooth by the thousands of passing feet.
- The surface should be sanded smooth.
- This cream makes even the roughest hands silky smooth.
- a fairly smooth transition to democracy
- her beautifully smooth complexion
- the deceptively smooth surface of the glacier
- He's something of a smooth operator.
- I don't like him. He's far too smooth for me.
- Try using a lotion to make your skin feel soft and smooth.
- Use a paint that gives a smooth, silky finish.

Idioms: ↑smooth ruffled feathers ▪ ↑smooth the wayDerived Word ↑smoothness

verb

- to make sth smooth
 - ~ **sth (back/down/out)** He smoothed his hair back.
 - She was smoothing out the creases in her skirt.
 - ~ **sth + adj.** He took the letter and smoothed it flat on the table.
- ~ **sth on/into/over sth** to put a layer of a soft substance over a surface
 - Smooth the icing over the top of the cake.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	smooth
	BrE /smu:ð/
	NAme /smu:ð/
he / she / it	smooths
	BrE /smu:ðz/
	NAme /smu:ðz/
past simple, past participle	smoothed
	BrE /smu:ðd/
	NAme /smu:ðd/
-ing form	smoothing
	BrE /smu:ðɪŋ/
	NAme /smu:ðɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- Her mother smoothed back Alice's hair.
- She smoothed his hair gently.
- Use an iron to smooth out any creases.
- The receptionist is there to smooth the process of making appointments.
- We're always looking for ways to smooth the flow of clients through the bureau.
- We're trying to smooth the way for women who want to resume their careers.

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I. **smooth**¹ **W3** /smu:ð BrE¹ AmE¹ *adjective* (comparative **smoother**, superlative **smoothest**)

[Word Family: noun: ↑smoothness, ↑smoothie; verb: ↑smooth; adverb: ↑smoothly; adjective: ↑smooth]

[Language: Old English; Origin: smoth]

1. **SURFACE** a smooth surface has no rough parts, lumps, or holes, especially in a way that is pleasant and attractive to touch **OPP** rough:

- Her skin felt smooth and cool.
- a smooth pebble
- The stone steps had been worn smooth.

2. **HAPPENING WITHOUT PROBLEMS** happening or operating successfully, without any problems

smooth running/operation

- Sarah is responsible for the smooth running of the sales department.
- The new government has promised a smooth transition of power. ⇒ **go smoothly** at ↑smoothly(2)

3. **MOVEMENT** [only before noun] with no sudden movements or changes of direction, especially in a way that is graceful or comfortable:

- Swing the tennis racket in one smooth motion.
- The jet made a smooth landing.

smooth flight/ride (=a comfortable trip in an airplane or car)

- It wasn't a very smooth ride.

4. **PERSON** someone who is smooth is polite, confident, and relaxed, but is often not sincere:

- a smooth salesman
- He was a smooth talker.
- George is a smooth operator (=someone who does things in a smooth way).

5. **LIQUID MIXTURE** a liquid mixture that is smooth has no big pieces in it **OPP** lumpy:

- Beat the eggs and flour until they are smooth.

6. **SOUND** a voice or music that is smooth is soft and pleasant to listen to:

- smooth jazz
- He has one of those silky smooth (=very smooth) voices.

7. **TASTE** a drink such as wine, coffee, ↑whisky, or beer that is smooth is not bitter but tastes pleasant:

- a smooth full-bodied wine

—**smoothness** *noun* [uncountable]:

- the smoothness of his skin

⇒ ↑smooth-talking

ii. smooth² BrE ^u AmE ^u verb [transitive]

[Word Family: noun: ↑smoothness, ↑smoothie; verb: ↑smooth; adverb: ↑smoothly; adjective: ↑smooth]

1. to make something such as cloth or hair flat by moving your hands across it:

▪ Liz smoothed her skirt and sat down.

smooth something back/down

▪ She smoothed back her hair.

2. (also **smooth down**) to make a rough surface flat and even:

▪ The wood was smoothed and trimmed to size.

▪ Smooth down all the surfaces before you start painting.

3. [always + adverb/preposition] to rub a liquid, cream etc gently over a surface or into a surface

smooth something into/over something

▪ She smoothed suntan lotion over her legs.

4. **smooth the way/path for something** to make it easier for something to happen, by dealing with any problems first:

▪ Staff helped smooth the way for the new administration.

smooth something ↔ away phrasal verb

to get rid of problems or difficulties:

▪ A few objections have to be smoothed away before we can start the project.

smooth something ↔ out phrasal verb

1. to make something such as paper or cloth flat by moving your hands across it:

▪ They smoothed out the map on the table.

▪ Smooth out all the wrinkles.

2. to make something happen in an even regular way:

▪ Sometimes central banks intervene to smooth out price fluctuations.

3. to get rid of problems or difficulties

smooth something ↔ over phrasal verb

if you smooth over problems, difficulties etc, you make them seem less serious and easier to control, especially by talking to the people who are involved in the problem:

▪ Sally managed to smooth over the bad feelings between them.

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