

## pitch

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1. [pitʃ] *n*

1) смола; вар; дёготь; пек

2) битум

a vessel coated with pitch - просмолённое судно

◇ black /dark/ as pitch - чёрный как смоль

as dark as pitch - тьма кромешная

to touch pitch - иметь дело с сомнительным субъектом /с тёмной личностью/

he who touches pitch shall be defiled - ≅ грязью играть - руки марать

2. [pitʃ] *v*

смолить

II

1. [pitʃ] *n*

1. 1) бросок

it was a fine pitch - это был отличный бросок

2) подача, бросок (*гольф, крикет, бейсбол*)3) бросаемый, подаваемый предмет (*особ. мяч*)

4) место удара мяча о землю

5) = pitchout 2)

2. количество брошенного за один раз, охапка, полная лопата *и т. п.*

the pitch of hay on the prong - навильник, количество сена, которое можно подцепить вилами

3. партия товара, выброшенного на рынок

pitch of hops [of cheese] - партия хмеля [сыра]

4. *мор.* килевая качка

roll and pitch of a vessel - боковая и килевая качка судна

the ship gave a pitch - корабль зарылся носом

at every pitch waves rolled over the deck - каждый раз, когда корабль зарывался носом, волны перекатывались через палубу

5. 1) высота (*тона, звука*)relative pitch - относительная высота (*звук*)

absolute pitch - а) абсолютная высота тона; б) абсолютный слух

the pitch of a voice - высота /тембр/ голоса

to rise in pitch - брать /взять/ выше

to go off pitch - фальшивить

to give the orchestra the pitch - дать ноту оркестру

2) (стандартная) частота камертона

to raise the pitch of the piano by a quarter tone - настроить фортепьянона четверть тона выше

6. уровень; степень; сила; интенсивность; напряжение

the pitch of light - сила /интенсивности/ света

the highest pitch of excellence - высшая степень совершенства

at shouting pitch - срываясь на крик

to fall to a low pitch - упасть, опуститься, понизиться

the noise rose to a deafening pitch - шум сделался оглушительным

excitement rose to the utmost pitch - волнение достигло предела

the poor man has reached the lowest pitch of bad fortune - несчастья /неудачи/ совсем доконали беднягу

happy to the pitch of ecstasy - (совсем) обезумевший от счастья

the writer rose to the highest pitch of greatness - этот писатель достиг самой вершины славы /стал одним из самых выдающихся /

7. 1) верх; вершина; высота

the pitch of perfection - верх совершенства

the pitch of merriment - разгар веселья

at the pitch of one's voice - во весь голос, что есть мочи

to enjoy the pitch of success - наслаждаться всеми плодами успеха

2) высота, с которой ястреб *и т. п.* бросается на свою жертву8. 1) постоянное место (*уличного торговца, нищего, продавца газет и т. п.*); обычное место выступления (*уличного оратора, артиста и т. п.*)a high pitch - *амер. сл.* торговля с автомобиля, повозки, лоткаa low pitch - *амер. сл.* торговля, при которой товары разложены на земле (*тротуаре, мостовой*)

when he arrived at the market the best pitches were gone - когда он прибыл на рынок, лучшие места были уже заняты

two pitches were made in the town for members of Parliament to speak - в городе были устроены две трибуны для выступления членов парламента

2) = pitchman

9. *спорт.*

1) часть крикетного поля между линиями подающих, отбивающего и боулера

2) поле, площадка

football pitch - футбольное поле

hockey pitch - хоккейная площадка

10. уклон, скат, наклон; покатость; угол наклона

to build on the pitch of a hill - строить на склоне холма

houses with roofs of steep pitch - дома с островерхими крышами

11. **слец.** тангаж

pitch angle - а) угол тангажа; б) питч-угол

12. короткий и очень крутой участок восхождения (**альпинизм**)

13. **геол.** падение (**пласта**)

across the pitch - вкрест падения (*по простиранию*)

14. **тех.** шаг (*заклёпочного шва, винтовой резьбы или линии, обмотки и т. п.*); модуль, питч

15. **амер. разг.**

1) шутки, прибаутки (*уличного торговца*)

2) болтовня

to have a pitch - поговорить, поболтать

3) похвала; речь в защиту (*чего-л.*); восхваление

4) рекламирование; расхваливание на все лады (*товара продавцом*)

to make a pitch for smth. - нахваливать, расхваливать что-л.; ≅ набивать цену

to make a strong sales pitch - отлично/убедительно/ обрисовать достоинства продаваемого /предлагаемого/ товара

5) рекламное объявление, реклама (*по радио, телевидению*)

the length of pitches - продолжительность рекламных объявлений /вставок/

16. **амер. разг.**

1) довод

2) предложение

to make a pitch - сделать деловое предложение (*особ. при продаже*)

17. план действий; линия; подход

to tackle a problem again using a new pitch - подойти к решению проблемы по-новому, применить новый подход к решению проблемы

18. **амер. разг.** намерение, цель, задача

I think I get the pitch - мне кажется, я понимаю, в чём задача

what's the pitch? - в чём дело?

19. 1) привал; стоянка; лагерь; бивуак

midday pitch - дневной привал

having made their pitch the Gypsies began to cook dinner - разбив свои шатры, цыгане принялись готовить обед

2) выбор места для лагеря, стоянки, привала

20. **амер. сл.** кадрёж

21. **амер. сл.** положение дел; расклад

22. 1) карточная игра

2) объявление козыря (*карты*)

◇ to fly a pitch - высоко подняться

to fly at a higher pitch than smb. - превзойти кого-л.

he flies a pitch above common mischief - это уже не обычные проказы /не просто шалости/

to queer smb.'s /the/ pitch - разрушить (чьи-л.) планы; разбить (чьи-л.) надежды; ≅ подложить кому-л. свинью

to water the pitch - подготавливать почву

## 2. [pitʃ] v

1. 1) врывать, вбивать в землю; сооружать, устанавливать; ставить (*крикетные ворота*)

to pitch a tent - разбить палатку [*ср. тж.* ◇ ]

to pitch camp - разбивать лагерь

2) располагаться (лагерем); быть расположенным

a village pitched on a hill - деревня, расположенная на холме

they pitched by i an mountain stream - они расположились /разбили палатки/ у горного ручья

3) **редк.** ставить

to pitch a ladder against a wall - приставить лестницу к стене

4) **редк.** усесться, расположиться; обосноваться; поселиться; осесть где-л.

2. 1) бросать, кидать, швырять; подбрасывать

to pitch a stone into a lake - бросить камень в озеро

to pitch hay - бросать вилами сено

to pitch sides - **спорт.** выбирать ворота

2) **спорт.** бросать, подавать, посылать мяч (*гольф, крикет, бейсбол*)

he nearly always pitches too far - он всегда бьёт /бросает/ слишком далеко

he pitched a good game - он хорошо подавал в этой игре

3) закручивать, гнать мяч (*гольф*)

4) подавать мяч игроку с битой (*бейсбол*)

5) играть за *или* вместо подающего (*бейсбол*)

3. 1) выставлять на продажу

a large consignment of goods [of grain] was pitched yesterday - вчера была выставлена на продажу большая партия товара [пшеницы]

2) **амер. разг.** продавать (*что-л.*), торговать (*чем-л.*); продавать с лотка (*на улице*)

he pitches kitchen gadgets and household items - он продаёт всякие кухонные и хозяйственные приспособления

4. **мор.** испытывать килевую качку

our boat pitched heavily - нашу лодку бросало то вверх, то вниз

5. 1) падать; ударяться

to pitch on one's head - упасть /удариться/ головой

the ball pitched on a stone - мяч ударился о камень

2) зарываться; погружаться

the skier lost his balance and pitched into a snowdrift - лыжник потерял равновесие и влетел/зарылся головой в сугроб

3) (upon) выбрать, остановиться на ком-л., чём-л.

he pitched upon the wrong man - он выбрал не того /неподходящего/ человека

4) (upon) случайно наткнуться на кого-л., что-л.

5) (into) **разг.** набрасываться, нападать на кого-л.

pitch into him! - задайте ему хорошенько!

he apologized for pitching into me yesterday - он извинился, что вчера так резко выступил против меня

6. (into) **разг.** наброситься, энергично приняться за что-л.

you sit down and pitch into those sandwiches а - вы садитесь и расправляетесь с этими бутербродами

7. 1) задавать тон, настраивать на какой-л. лад; придавать определённую окраску; преподносить, подавать определённым образом

to pitch a story in a sentimental strain - подать историю несколько сентиментально

the conversation was pitched in a minor key - разговор получался /выходил/ невесёлый

2) **муз.** иметь, задавать или придавать определённую высоту, тон; настраивать; давать основной тон

to pitch a tune higher [lower] - транспонировать мелодию для более высокого [низкого] голоса

to pitch one's voice higher [lower] - повысить [понизить] голос

to pitch one's voice correctly - петь в тон

you pitch the tune too low [too high] - вы взяли слишком низко [высоко]

8. устанавливать на определённом уровне, намечать; оценивать

to pitch an estimate too low [too high] - дать слишком низкую [высокую] оценку; занижить [завысить] что-л.

to pitch one's aspirations too high - иметь /строить/ слишком честолюбивые планы

she was pitching her hopes too high - у неё были слишком /чересчур/ большие надежды

9. иметь наклон, уклон; (резко) понижаться

10. **редк.** стравливать (кого-л. с кем-л.); противопоставлять (кого-л. кому-л.)

11. **амер. разг.**

1) рассказывать басни, преувеличивать, привирать

2) хвастаться, «привирать»

12. **разг.** прикорнуть, подремать

13. **карт.**

1) объявлять козырь

2) заходить с козыря

14. 1) мостить брусчаткой

2) обтёсывать (камень)

3) сооружать каменное основание

4) облицовывать (камнем)

15. **тех.** зацеплять (о зубцах); соединять

16. **театр. проф.** отправиться на гастроли или в поездку

17. **амер. разг.** устроить вечеринку

18. **амер. разг.** расхваливать, навязывать что-л.

19. **амер. разг.** ухаживать, кадриться

◇ to pitch one's tent - обосноваться где-л. [**ср. тж.** 1, 1])

to pitch smb. over the bar - **сл.** лишить кого-л. звания адвоката

to be pitched off one's horse - а) быть выбитым из седла; б) быть поставленным в тупик

to pitch a tale /a yarn/, to pitch a /the/ fork - рассказывать басни, привирать, заливать

to pitch it (too, a bit, rather) strong - а) заходить слишком далеко, перегибать палку; б) рассказывать небылицы «загибать», «свистеть»; в) действовать решительно

you'll have to pitch it strong at the meeting - вам нужно будет как следует выступить на собрании

to pitch a [the] woo - а) ухаживать; б) ласкать; обнимать; в) крутить роман

## pitch

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**pitch** [pitch pitches pitched pitching] noun, verb BrE [pɪtʃ] <sup>а</sup> NAmE [pɪtʃ] <sup>а</sup>  
noun

### FOR SPORT

1. (BrE) (also **field** NAmE, BrE) **countable** an area of ground specially prepared and marked for playing a sports game

• a **football/cricket/rugby pitch**

• The rugby tour was a disaster both on and off the pitch.

• After the game fans invaded the pitch.

### OF SOUND

2. **singular, uncountable** how high or low a sound is, especially a musical note

• A basic sense of rhythm and pitch is essential in a music teacher.

**see also** ↑perfect pitch

### DEGREE/STRENGTH

3. **singular, uncountable** the degree or strength of a feeling or activity; the highest point of sth

• a frenetic pitch of activity

- Speculation has reached such a pitch that a decision will have to be made immediately.
- see also †feverpitch

## TO SELL STH

4. **countable**, usually **singular** talk or arguments used by a person trying to sell things or persuade people to do sth
- an aggressive **sales pitch**
  - the candidate's campaign pitch
  - Each company was given ten minutes to **make its pitch** .

## IN BASEBALL

5. **countable** an act of throwing the ball; the way in which it is thrown

## BLACK SUBSTANCE

6. **uncountable** a black sticky substance made from oil or coal, used on roofs or the wooden boards of a ship to stop water from coming through

## IN STREET/MARKET

7. **countable** (BrE) a place in a street or market where sb sells things, or where a street entertainer usually performs

## OF SHIP/AIRCRAFT

8. **uncountable** (**technical**) the movement of a ship up and down in the water or of an aircraft in the air
- compare** †roll *n.* (5)

## OF ROOF

9. **singular**, **uncountable** (**technical**) the degree to which a roof slopes
- more at** queer sb's pitch/queer the pitch for sb **at** †queer *v.*

### Word Origin:

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### Thesaurus:

**pitch** *noun* C (BrE)

- The game ended in chaos with fans invading the pitch.

**field** • • **playing field** • • **stadium** • • **arena** • |BrE **ground** • |AmE **park** • • **ballpark** •

**on/off** the pitch/field/playing field

a **sports** pitch/field/ground/stadium/arena

a **football/cricket/rugby** pitch/field/ground/stadium

a **baseball** field/stadium/park

**Pitch, field or ground?** Both **field** and **pitch** are used to talk about the area of land where a sport is played. **Ground** also includes the buildings, seating, etc. around the place where a game is played.

### Synonyms:

#### throw

toss • hurl • fling • chuck • lob • bowl • pitch

These words all mean to send sth from your hand through the air.

**throw** • to send sth from your hand or hands through the air: ▪ Some kids were throwing stones at the window. ◇▪ She threw the ball and he caught it.

**toss** • to throw sth lightly or carelessly: ▪ She tossed her jacket onto the bed.

**hurl** • to throw sth violently in a particular direction: ▪ Rioters hurled a brick through the car's windscreen.

**fling** • to throw sb/sth somewhere with a lot of force, especially because you are angry or in a hurry: ▪ She flung the letter down onto the table.

**chuck** • (*especially BrE, informal*) to throw sth carelessly: ▪ I chucked him the keys.

**lob** • (*informal*) to throw sth so that it goes high through the air: ▪ They were lobbing stones over the wall.

**bowl** • (in cricket) to throw the ball to the batsman

**pitch** • (in baseball) to throw the ball to the batter

to throw/toss/hurl/flip/chuck/lob/bowl/pitch sth **at/to** sb/sth

to throw/toss/flip/chuck sth **aside/away**

to throw/toss/hurl/flip/chuck/lob/bowl/pitch a **ball**

to throw/toss/hurl/flip/chuck **stones/rocks/a brick**

to throw/toss/hurl/flip sth **angrily**

to throw/toss sth **casually/carelessly**

### Example Bank:

- Excitement rose to feverpitch the day before the game.
- Farley was about to make a pitch to a big client.
- He was the best player on the pitch today.
- Her voice fell in pitch as she grew older.

- His pitch to the business community was based on common sense.
- Marcelo will be making his pitch to a small number of potential clients.
- Negotiations about his transfer are continuing off the pitch.
- Police could do nothing to stop the pitch invasion.
- The executives listened open-mouthed as she seamlessly delivered a pitch for their business.
- The instrument is not tuned to the correct pitch.
- The pitch was invaded by angry fans.
- The players have just come off the pitch.
- a strong pitch delivered by advertising executives
- to reach a high pitch of excitement
- Having perfect pitch means that I can hear a note and tell you that it's a G, or a B flat, or whatever.
- The game ended in chaos with fans invading the pitch.
- The pitch of the drum can be raised by tightening the skin.
- The pitch of the roof is 45 degrees.

Idioms: ↑make a pitch for somebody ▪ ↑make a pitch to somebody ▪ ↑pitch a line

Derived ↑pitch in ▪ ↑pitch into somebody ▪ ↑pitch into something ▪ ↑pitch something in ▪ ↑pitch up

verb

## THROW

- 1. transitive ~ sb/sth + adv./prep.** to throw sb/sth with force
  - The explosion pitched her violently into the air.
  - (figurative) The new government has already been pitched into a crisis.

## IN SPORTS

- 2. intransitive, transitive ~ (sth)** (in ↑baseball) to throw the ball to the person who is **batting**
- 3. intransitive, transitive ~ (sth) + adv./prep.** (of the ball in the games of ↑cricket or ↑golf) to hit the ground; to make the ball hit the ground
  - The ball pitched a yard short.
- 4. transitive, intransitive ~ (sth)** (in ↑golf) to hit the ball in a high curve

## FALL

- 5. intransitive + adv./prep.** to fall heavily in a particular direction
  - With a cry she pitched forward.

## OF SHIP/AIRCRAFT

- 6. intransitive** to move up and down on the water or in the air
  - The sea was rough and the ship pitched and rolled all night.

## SET LEVEL

- 7. transitive** to set sth at a particular level
  - ~ sth (+ adv./prep./adj.) They have pitched their prices too high.
  - ~ sth (at sth) The test was pitched at too low a level for the students.

## TRY TO SELL

- 8. transitive** to aim or direct a product or service at a particular group of people
  - ~ sth (at sb) The new software is being pitched at banks.
  - ~ sth (as sth) Orange juice is to be pitched as an athlete's drink.
- 9. transitive, intransitive** to try to persuade sb to buy sth, to give you sth or to make a business deal with you
  - ~ sth Representatives went to Japan to pitch the company's newest products.
  - ~ (for sth) We were pitching against a much larger company for the contract.

## SOUND/MUSIC

- 10. transitive ~ sth + adj.** to produce a sound or piece of music at a particular level
  - You pitched that note a little flat.
  - The song was pitched too low for my voice.

see also ↑high-pitched, ↑low-pitched

## TENT

- 11. transitive ~ sth** to set up a tent or a camp for a short time
  - We could **pitch our tent** in that field.
  - They **pitched camp** for the night near the river.

see also ↑pitched

Verb forms:

present simple	
I / you / we / they	pitch
	BrE /pɪtʃ/
	NAmE /pɪtʃ/
he / she / it	itches
	BrE /pɪtʃɪz/
	NAmE /pɪtʃɪz/
past simple, past participle	pitched
	BrE /pɪtʃt/
	NAmE /pɪtʃt/
-ing form	pitching
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Example Bank:

- Estimates have been deliberately pitched on the conservative side.
- Her voice was pitched low.
- If they hit any unseen obstacle they would be pitched headlong into the snow.
- My dream was to pitch for the Yankees.
- Perez has pitched effectively this spring.
- The boat pitched violently in a heavy swell.
- The price has been pitched quite high.
- The test is pitched at a high GCSE standard.
- There was a loud bang and he was pitched from his seat.
- He pitched against UCLA last week.
- Orange juice is being pitched as an athlete's drink.
- The pitcher pitched the ball right down the middle of the plate.
- The product is pitched primarily at telecommunications companies.

See also: ↑field

pitch

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I. **pitch**<sup>1</sup> **S3 W3** /pɪtʃ/ BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup> noun

[Sense 1-5, 7-9: Date: 1400-1500; Origin: ⇒ ↑pitch<sup>2</sup>]

[Sense 6: Language: Old English; Origin: pic, from Latin pix]

1. **SPORTS FIELD** [countable] **British English** a marked out area of ground on which a sport is played **SYN field** football/cricket/rugby etc pitch

- the world-famous Wembley football pitch
- He ran the length of the pitch and scored.

on the pitch (=playing a sport)

- Jack was on the pitch for his school in the Senior Cup Final.

2. **STRONG FEELINGS/ACTIVITY** [singular, uncountable] a strong level of feeling about something or a high level of an activity or a quality:

- The controversy reached such a pitch (=become so strong) that the paper devoted a whole page to it.

a pitch of excitement/excellence/perfection etc (=a high level of excitement etc)

- He screamed at her in a pitch of fury.
- The goal roused the crowd to feverpitch (=a very excited level).

3. **MUSIC**

a) [singular, uncountable] how high or low a note or other sound is:

- Ultrasonic waves are at a higher pitch than the human ear can hear.

b) [uncountable] the ability of a musician to play or sing a note at exactly the correct level:

- She's got perfect pitch.

4. **PERSUADING** [countable] **informal** the things someone says to persuade people to buy something, do something, or accept an idea:

- an aggressive salesman with a fast-talking sales pitch
- make a/sb's pitch (for something) (=try to persuade people to do something)
- He made his strongest pitch yet for standardized testing in schools.

5. **BASEBALL** [countable] a throw of the ball, or a way in which it can be thrown:

- His first pitch was high and wide.

6. **BLACK SUBSTANCE** [uncountable] a black sticky substance that is used on roofs, the bottoms of ships etc to stop water coming through:

- The night was as black as pitch (=very dark). ⇒ ↑pitch-black, ↑pitch-dark

7. **SHIP/AIRCRAFT** [uncountable] an up and down movement of a ship or an aircraft ⇒ roll:

- the pitch and roll of the ship

8. **SLOPE** [singular, uncountable] the degree to which a roof slopes or the sloping part of a roof:

the steep pitch of the roof

9. **STREET/MARKET** [countable] *British English* a place in a public area where someone goes to sell things or where an entertainer goes to perform:

" We found the boy at his usual pitch at the bottom of the Acropolis.

⇒ **queer sb's pitch/queer the pitch for somebody** at ↑*queer*<sup>3</sup>

II. **pitch**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* *AmE* verb

[Date: 1100-1200; Origin: Origin unknown]

1. **THROW** [transitive always + adverb/preposition] to throw something with a lot of force, often aiming carefully:

" She crumpled up the page and pitched it into the fire.

2.



### BALL GAMES

a) [intransitive and transitive] to aim and throw a ball in baseball

**pitch to**

" Stanton pitched to two batters in the ninth inning.

b) [intransitive] if a ball pitches in ↑*cricket* or golf, it hits the ground

c) [transitive] to hit the ball in a high curve in golf

d) [transitive] to make the ball hit the ground when you are ↑*bowling* in ↑*cricket*

3. **FALL** [I, T always + adv/prep] to fall or be moved suddenly in a particular direction, or to make someone or something do this

**pitch (somebody/something) forward/backward/over etc**

" She slipped and pitched forward onto the ground.

**pitch somebody/something into/onto/through etc something**

" Without a seat belt, you can easily be pitched right through the windscreen.

4. **SHIP/PLANE** [intransitive] if a ship or an aircraft pitches, it moves up and down in an uncontrolled way with the movement of the water or air ⇒ ↑*roll*<sup>2</sup>(4), ↑*yaw*

5. **SET A LEVEL** [transitive usually passive]

a) to set a speech, examination, explanation etc at a particular level of difficulty

**pitch something at a high level/the right level etc**

" The projects were pitched at a number of different levels.

" Some questions were pitched too high for intermediate students.

b) *British English* to set prices at a particular level

**pitch something at something**

" Room rates are pitched at £69 for a single.

6. **AIM PRODUCT** [transitive usually passive] to aim a product at a particular type of organization, group of people etc, or to describe it in a particular way, in order to sell it

**pitch something at somebody/something**

" The new machine will be pitched at users in the hotel and air reservation business.

**pitch something as something**

" It is pitched as a cheaper alternative to other workstations.

7. **BUSINESS DEALS** [intransitive and transitive] *informal* to try to persuade someone to do business with you, buy something etc

**pitch for business/contracts/custom etc**

" Booksellers are keen to pitch for school business.

**pitch to**

" For many companies, pitching to investors has become almost a full-time job.

sales reps pitching new gadgets

8. **VOICE/MUSIC** [transitive always + adverb/preposition] if you pitch your voice or another sound at a particular level, the sound is produced at that level

**pitch something high/low etc**

" Her voice is pitched a little too high. ⇒ ↑*high-pitched*, ↑*low-pitched*

9. **pitch a tent/pitch camp** to set up a tent or a camp for a short time:

" Try and pitch your tent on level ground.

10. **SLOPE** [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] to slope down

**pitch gently/steeply etc**

" The roof pitches sharply to the rear of the house. ⇒ ↑*pitched*

11. **pitch somebody a line** *American English informal* to tell someone a story or give them an excuse that is difficult to believe:

" She pitched me some line about a bomb scare on the metro.

**pitch in** *phrasal verb informal*

1. to join others and help with an activity:

If we all pitch in, we'll have it finished in no time.

**pitch in with**

Everyone pitched in with efforts to entertain the children.

**2. to join others and pay part of the money towards something:**

They all pitched in and the money was collected within a few days.

**3. British English to start to eat hungrily:**

Pitch in – there's plenty.

**pitch into somebody/something phrasal verb British English informal**

**1. to suddenly start criticizing someone or hitting them:**

She pitched into me as soon as I started to speak.

**2. to start doing something, especially quickly and eagerly:**

Rick pitched into decorating the house at once.

**pitch up phrasal verb British English spoken**

to arrive somewhere **SYN turn up:**

Wait a bit longer – Bill hasn't pitched up yet.

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**THESAURUS**

**to throw a ball in a sport**

- **pass** to throw the ball to another member of your team: He passed the ball to Wilkinson, who kicked the ball over the goalposts.
- **pitch** to throw the ball to the batter in a game of baseball: Stoddard pitched for the Chicago White Sox.
- **bow** to throw the ball towards the person who is batting in a game of cricket: Harmison bowled superbly and took 5 wickets.

**pitch**

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