

# button

## 1. [ˈbʌtn] n

1. пуговица
  - to sew on buttons - пришивать пуговицы
  - to undo buttons - расстёгивать пуговицы
2. кнопка, пуговка
  - button switch - *эл.* кнопочный выключатель
  - button torch - *воен.* карманный фонарь
  - to press the button - нажать кнопку (*звонка, механизма, машины*) [*см. тж.* ◇ ]
3. 1) то, что имеет форму пуговки, кнопки
  - button nose - нос пуговкой
- 2) почка (*на дереве*)
- 3) нераспустившийся бутон
- 4) молодой, маленький грибок *и т. п.*
- 5) *спорт.* шишечка на острие рапиры
4. *метал.* королёк
5. *спорт.* манжета (*кожаная*) на весле
6. (круглый) нагрудный значок; бляха (*с эмблемой компании, портретом кандидата на выборах и т. п.*)
7. завёртка (*род оконной задвижки*)
8. подбородок (*в боксе*)
9. *pl разг.* «орешки», овечий помёт
10. *pl разг.* мальчик-посыльный (*в отеле*)
11. мескаль (*водка из сока алоэ*)
  - ◇ on the button - *сл.* выполненный чётко
  - the timing of each action is right on the button - всё было сделано точно в срок /вовремя/
  - (to have) a button loose /missing/, (to be) a button short - ≅ винтика не хватает
  - not to have all one's buttons - ≅ шариков не хватает
  - not worth a button - ≅ гроша ломаного не стоит
  - to press the button - пустить в ход связи, нажать на все кнопки [*см. тж.* 2]
  - to touch the button - «нажать кнопку», пустить в ход машину
  - not to care a button - относиться с полным равнодушием; ≅ плевать
  - to take smb. by the button - задерживать кого-л. для разговоров, долго и нудно изливаться кому-л.

## 2. [ˈbʌtn] v

1. 1) застёгивать (*на пуговицы; обыкн.* button up)
- 2) застёгиваться
  - this dress buttons down the back - у этого платья застёжка на спине
  - my collar won't button - воротничок не застёгивается
- 3) *разг.* плотно закрывать
  - I buttoned my mouth and refused to talk - я наотрез отказался говорить
2. нашивать пуговицы; украшать пуговицами
3. нанести укол противнику (*фехтование*)

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**but·ton** [button buttons buttoned buttoning] noun, verb BrE [ˈbʌtn] <sup>u</sup> NAmE

[ˈbʌtn] <sup>u</sup>

noun



1. a small round piece of metal, plastic, etc. that is sewn onto a piece of clothing and used for fastening two parts together: (BrE) to do up/undo your buttons
  - (NAme) to button/unbutton your buttons
  - to sew on a button
  - shirt buttons
  - a row of gilt buttons
2. a small part of a machine that you press to make it work
  - the play/stop/rewind button
  - Adam pressed a button and waited for the lift.
  - Choose 'printer' from the menu and click with the right mouse button.
  - The windows slide down at the touch of a button .

see also ↑push-button
3. a small area on a computer screen that you click on to make it do sth
  - Click on the back button to go back to the previous screen.
4. (especially NAmE) a ↑badge, especially one with a message printed on it

• He wore a button saying 'Life begins at 40!'

see also ↑belly button

more at bright as a button at ↑bright<sub>adj.</sub>

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **bouton**, of Germanic origin and related to the verb ↑butt.

Thesaurus:

**button** noun C

• Press the red button.

**key** • • **control** • • **switch** • • **lever** • • **knob** • • **dial** •

(a) button/key/the controls/switch/lever/knob/dial **on** sth

**press** a button/key/switch/lever

**push** a button/switch/lever

**turn** a knob/dial

Example Bank:

- He carries around an old backpack with peace buttons on it.
- My coat has lost a button.
- She hit the alarm button as fast as she could.
- She wore a 'Vote Yes' lapel button.
- The candidates all distributed campaign buttons and bumper stickers.
- The remote control allows you to change channel at the touch of a button.
- The top button of his shirt was undone.
- There was a button missing from his shirt.
- They all wore buttons saying 'Stop the war'.
- Adam pressed a button and waited for the doors to open.
- His fingers fumbled to do up/button the small buttons on his shirt.
- I need to sew this button back on.
- The windows slide down at the touch of a button.
- the play/stop/rewind button
- to button/unbutton your buttons
- to do up/undo your buttons

Idioms: ↑button it! ▪ ↑on the button ▪ ↑push all the buttons ▪ ↑push somebody's buttons

verb

1. **transitive** ~ **sth (up)** to fasten sth with buttons

• She hurriedly buttoned (up) her blouse.

2. **intransitive** ~ **(up)** to be fastened with buttons

• The dress buttons (up) at the back.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	button
	BrE / 'bʌn/
	NAmE / 'bʌn/
he / she / it	buttons
	BrE / 'bʌnz/
	NAmE / 'bʌnz/
past simple, past participle	buttoned
	BrE / 'bʌnd/
	NAmE / 'bʌnd/
-ing form	buttoning
	BrE / 'bʌnɪŋ/
	NAmE / 'bʌnɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- He buttoned up his shirt.
- She buttoned the child into his coat.
- The dress buttons at the back.

See also: ↑press all the buttons ▪ ↑press somebody's buttons

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1. **but** ɪn<sup>1</sup> S2 /'bʌtn/ BrE<sup>1</sup> AmE<sup>1</sup> noun [countable]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: boton, from boter; ⇒ ↑butt<sup>2</sup>]

1. a small round flat object on your shirt, coat etc that you pass through a hole to fasten it:  
small pearl buttons

- " A button was missing from his shirt.
  - " She undid (=unfastened) the buttons of her blouse.
- do up a button** *British English* (=fasten a button)
2. a small part or area of a machine that you press to make it do something:
    - " Press the pause button.
    - " Click on the icon with the right mouse button. ⇒ ↑push-button
  3. a small area on a computer screen, especially on a website, that you ↑click on in order to perform an action
  4. *American English* a small metal or plastic pin with a message or picture on it **SYN badge** *British English*:
    - " presidential campaign buttons
  5. **button nose/eyes** a nose or eyes that are small and round
  6. **on the button** *especially American English informal* exactly right, or at exactly the right time:
    - " She got to our house at two, on the button.
  7. **press/push (all) the right buttons** to get what you want by behaving in a clever way:
    - " She seemed to push all the right buttons.
  8. **press/push sb's buttons** to make someone angry by doing or saying something that annoys them:
    - " He really knows how to push Dad's buttons.
  9. **at/with the push/touch of a button** used to emphasize how easy a machine is to use because it is controlled by pushing a button:
    - " The instrument can gauge a distance with the push of a button.
- ⇒ **as bright as a button** at ↑bright(7)
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## COLLOCATIONS

### ■ verbs

- **fasten a button** Small children can't fasten their own buttons.
- **do up a button** (=fasten it) He quickly did up the buttons on his shirt.
- **unfasten a button** Can you unfasten this button for me?
- **undo a button** (=unfasten it) I can't undo the buttons on the back of this dress.
- **a button is missing** Two of the buttons on the jacket were missing.
- **a button comes off something** A button has come off my skirt.
- **something has lost a button** His favourite shirt had lost a button.
- **sew on a button** It doesn't take a minute to sew on a button.

### ■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + button

- **the top/bottom button** He was wearing a white shirt with the top button undone.
- **a shirt/skirt/coat etc button** Is this your coat button?

## II. **button**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* " *AmE* " verb [intransitive and transitive]

1. (also **button up**) to fasten clothes with buttons, or to be fastened with buttons:
  - " Sam, make sure Nina buttons up her jacket.
2. **button it!** *British English*, **button your lip/mouth!** *American English spoken* used to tell someone in a rude way to stop talking

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 buttons 4679  
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 buttoned 633  
 unbutton 149  
 unbuttoning 152  
 unbuttons 118  
 unbuttoned 535

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 189 **52512**<sup>203</sup> *vv0*  
 145 **61344**<sup>151</sup> *vvi*  
 6 **281844**<sup>9</sup> *np1*  
 4 **426376**<sup>4</sup> *jj*