

steady**1. ['stedɪ] n**

1. опора, держатель

2. *разг.*1) молодой человек, постоянный друг (*девушки*)2) девушка, подруга (*молодого человека*)

she's my steady - она моя подружка /девушка/

2. ['stedɪ] a

1. прочный, твёрдый, устойчивый

steady foundation - прочное основание

steady nerves - крепкие нервы

to make a chair [a table] steady - укрепить *или* прочно установить стул [стол] (*чтобы не шатался*)

he is not steady on his legs - он нетвёрдо стоит /держится/ на ногах

hold the ladder steady! - держи лестницу так, чтобы она не шаталась!

2. 1) устойчивый, постоянный, стабильный, ровный, равномерный

steady alteration [improvement] - непрерывное изменение [улучшение]

steady speed - постоянная скорость

steady wind - ровный ветер

steady temperature - ровная температура

steady light - равномерное освещение

steady image - *кино* устойчивое изображение; устойчивый кинокадр

prices are steady - цены устойчивые, цены сохраняются на прежнем уровне

2) *мех.* установившийся (*о режиме*); спокойный (*о ходе*)

3. непоколебимый, твёрдый; верный

steady encouragement [faith] - твёрдая поддержка [вера]

steady resolve - непреклонное решение

steady hand - твёрдая /верная/ рука

to be steady in one's allegiance - не колебаться в своей приверженности

to be steady in one's purpose - неуклонно идти к своей цели

4. степенный, спокойный

steady young man - уравновешенный молодой человек

to lead a steady life - вести размеренную жизнь

5. надёжный, неизменный, постоянный

steady friend - преданный друг

to go steady - (постоянно) дружить (*о юноше и девушке*)**3. ['stedɪ] adv**

устойчиво; ровно

keep her steady!, steady as you go! - *мор.* так держать!**4. ['stedɪ] v**

1. 1) укреплять, делать прочным, придавать устойчивость

to steady a boat - привести лодку в равновесие

to steady oneself against smth. - (пошатнувшись) ухватиться за что-л., опереться на что-л.

2) укрепляться, приходить в устойчивое состояние, становиться прочным

the boat steadied - лодка пришла в равновесие

2. успокаивать, действовать успокаивающе

her calm steadied the nervous passengers - её невозмутимость успокоила перепуганных пассажиров

a glass of whisky will steady your nerves - рюмка виски снимет у вас нервное напряжение

3. (*мж.* steady down)

1) остепениться

a young man who has steadied down - остепенившийся молодой человек

2) придать степенность

marriage has steadied him down - после женитьбы он остепенился

4. (*мж.* steady down) *ком.*

1) стабилизировать

2) стабилизироваться

5. ['stedɪ] int

1. берегись!, спокойно!, осторожно!

2. *мор.* так держать!**steady**

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steady [steady steadies steadied steadying] adjective, verb, adverb, exclamationBrE ['stedɪ] ¹ NAmE ['stedɪ] ¹

adjective (stead·ier, steady·est)

1. developing, growing, etc. gradually and in an even and regular way**Syn:** ↑constant

• five years of steady economic growth

• a steady decline in numbers

• We are making slow but steady progress.

• The castle receives a **steady stream** of visitors.

2. not changing and not interrupted

Syn: ↑regular

- His breathing was steady.
- a **steady job/income**
- She drove at a steady 50 mph.
- They set off at a steady pace.
- a **steady boyfriend/girlfriend** (= with whom you have a serious relationship or one that has lasted a long time)
- to have a steady relationship

3. firmly fixed, supported or balanced; not shaking or likely to fall down

- He held the boat steady as she got in.
- I met his steady gaze.
- Such fine work requires a good eye and a **steady hand**.
- She's not very steady on her feet these days.

Opp: ↑unsteady

4. (of a person) sensible; who can be relied on

more at ready, steady, go! **at** ↑ready adj.

Word Origin:

Middle English (in the sense 'unwavering without deviation'): from ↑stead + ↑-y. The verb dates from the mid 16th cent.

Thesaurus:

steady adj.

1.

- She made slow but steady progress.

regular • • **constant** • • **consistent** • • **unchanging** • • **even** • |usually approving **stable** • |sometimes disapproving **especially** **business static** •

a/an steady/constant/even/stable **temperature**

a steady/constant/consistent **trend/rate**

(a) steady/regular/stable **relationship/employment**

Steady or regular? Both these words can be used to describe a **job, work, employment**, an **income**, the **supply** of sth or a **relationship** that continues for a long time and that you can rely on. A **regular job** is sometimes used in contrast to another job that is not regular.

- I decided to give up the freelance work and concentrate on my regular job.

✗ I decided to concentrate on my steady job.:

- If you want money, get a regular/steady job.

2.

- The work requires a steady hand.

stable • • **firm** • • **secure** •

Opp: unsteady

a steady/stable/firm/secure **foundation**

Example Bank:

- Hold the ladder steady!
- Inflation seems to be holding steady.
- Share prices have held steady over the last few days.
- She opened the letter with hands that were not quite steady.
- She's got a steady boyfriend.
- Such fine work requires a good eye and a steady hand.
- The last decade has seen a steady decline in the number of birds nesting here.
- The new position would provide him with a steady income.
- They wanted me to get a steady job.
- We've had five years of steady economic growth.

Idioms: ↑go steady ▪ ↑steady as a rock

Derived Words ↑steadily ▪ ↑steadiness

verb (stead-ies, steady-ing, stead-ied, stead-ied)

1. **transitive, intransitive** ~ (yourself/sb/sth) to stop yourself/sb/sth from moving, shaking or falling; to stop moving, shaking or falling

- She steadied herself against the wall.
- The lift rocked slightly, steadied, and the doors opened.

2. **intransitive** to stop changing and become regular again

- Her heartbeat steadied.
- ~ **against sth** The pound steadied against the dollar.

3. **transitive** ~ **sb/sth** to make sb/sth calm

- He took a few deep breaths to **steady his nerves**.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	steady
	BrE / 'stedɪ/
	NAmE / 'stedɪ/
he / she / it	steadies
	BrE / 'stedɪz/
	NAmE / 'stedɪz/
past simple, past participle	steadied
	BrE / 'stedɪd/
	NAmE / 'stedɪd/
-ing form	steadying
	BrE / 'stedɪŋ/
	NAmE / 'stedɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- The elevator **rocked** slightly, **steadied**, and the doors opened.

adverb

in a way that is steady and does not change or shake

- In trading today the dollar **held steady** against the yen.

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exclamation (informal)

1. ~ on (becoming old-fashioned) used to tell sb to be careful about what they are saying or doing, for example because it is extreme or not appropriate

- Steady on! You can't say things like that about somebody you've never met.

2. used to tell sb to be careful

- Steady! Don't fall off.

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steady

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1. steady ¹ **W3** /'stedɪ/ **BrE** ² **AmE** ³ **adjective**

[Date: 1200-1300; Origin: stead]

1. CONTINUOUS continuing or developing gradually or without stopping, and not likely to change:

- Paul is making steady progress.
- a steady rain

hold/remain steady

- Employment is holding steady at 96%.

steady stream/flow/trickle etc

- a steady stream of traffic

2. NOT MOVING firmly held in a particular position and not moving or shaking ⇒ **stable**

hold/keep something steady

- Keep the camera steady while you take a picture.
- It takes a steady hand to perform surgery.

3. steady job/work/income a job or work that will definitely continue over a long period of time:

- It's hard to find a steady, well-paying job.

4. VOICE/LOOK if someone's voice is steady, or they look at you in a steady way, they seem calm and do not stop speaking or looking at you:

- There were tears in her eyes, but her voice was steady.
- He could not meet Connor's steady gaze.

5. PERSON someone who is steady is sensible and you can depend on them:

- a steady worker

6. steady boyfriend/girlfriend someone that you have been having a romantic relationship with for a long time

7. steady relationship a serious and strong relationship that continues for a long time

—**steadily** **adverb**:

- The company's exports have grown steadily.
- Debt was increasing steadily.

—**steadiness** **noun** [uncountable]

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COLLOCATIONS

■ nouns

- **steady progress** We're making steady progress in reducing the unemployment rate.

- **steady growth** During the 1960s most of the Western world enjoyed steady economic growth.
- **a steady increase/rise** The campus has benefited from a steady increase in student numbers.
- **a steady decline** The result has been a steady decline in membership.
- **a steady stream/flow/trickle** All day long a steady stream of customers came and went.
- **a steady supply** They need a steady supply of educated workers.
- **a steady pace/rate** He moved at a slow and steady pace through the maze of corridors.

■ verbs

- **hold/remain steady** A recent poll showed his approval rating holding steady at 53 percent.

■ phrases

- **slow but/and steady** She is making a slow but steady recovery.

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■ people

- **trustworthy** *especially written* if someone is trustworthy, you can trust them because they are honest: Many people do not see politicians as trustworthy.
- **reliable** someone who is reliable can be trusted to do what they say they will do and not make any mistakes: a reliable employee | We need someone who is 100% reliable.
- **responsible** someone who is responsible can be trusted to behave in a sensible way: Sam's a good babysitter – he's responsible and the kids like him. | a responsible adult
- **dependable** someone who is dependable can be trusted to do what you need or expect: Britain is our most dependable ally.
- **steady** someone who is steady is sensible and you can depend on them: He's only sixteen, but he's steady and reliable.
- **loyal** someone who is loyal can be trusted to always give help or support to their friends, their country, their political party etc: She is fiercely loyal to her family. | He is one of the party's most loyal supporters.
- **faithful** someone who is faithful stays loyal to a person, belief, political party etc, and continues to support them, even in difficult situations: Daniel had been a faithful friend. | a faithful member of the Communist Party
- **can rely/depend on somebody** if you can rely or depend on someone, you can be sure that they will do what you want or need them to do: Don't worry about a thing – you can depend on me. | Patients rely on doctors to help them make the right decisions about their health care.

II. steady² BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ verb (past tense and past participle **steadied**, present participle **steadying**, third person singular **steadies**)

1. **[intransitive and transitive]** to hold someone or something so they become more balanced or controlled, or to become more balanced or controlled

steady yourself

- He reached the chair and steadied himself.
- The plane steadied, and the passengers relaxed.

2. **[intransitive]** to stop increasing or decreasing and remain about the same **SYN stabilize**:

- The dollar has steadied after early losses on the money markets.

3. **[intransitive and transitive]** to become calmer, or to make someone do this:

- Tamar took a deep breath to steady her nerves.
- Jess is a steadying influence on the rest of the team.

III. steady³ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ adverb

go steady (with somebody) to have a long regular romantic relationship with someone

IV. steady⁴ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ noun (plural **steadies**) [countable]

American English old-fashioned informal a ↑boyfriend or ↑girlfriend that someone has been having a romantic relationship with

V. steady⁵ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ interjection

1. used when you want to tell someone to be careful or not to cause an accident:

- Steady! You nearly knocked me over.

2. **steady on!** *British English informal* used when you think that what someone is saying or doing is too extreme:

- Steady on! That bottle's got to last all night.

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Frequency Pack

12500 **3205**^{MCW}

15000 **1871**^{COCA}

RANGE: **3k** **STEADY** 19793

steady 12254

unsteady 595

unsteadily 339

steadying 296

steadily 5271

steadies 145

steadied 423

steadier 210

steadiest 60

steadiness 200

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

8840 **3704**¹⁰⁹⁷³ *jj*

607 **27360**⁶⁵⁰ *vvj*
360 **36851**³⁸⁸ *rr*
234 **47682**²⁴³ *vv0*
