

1. [li:p] n

- 1) прыжок, скачок
large leaps - длинные прыжки
to take a leap - прыгнуть
- 2) резкое изменение, скачок
prices went up with a leap - цены внезапно подскочили
his heart gave a leap - сердце у него дрогнуло /ёкнуло/
- 2. препятствие
to clear /to take/ a leap - взять препятствие
- 3. небольшой водопад
the stream makes five leaps in its descent - низвергаясь, поток образует пять каскадов
- 4. покрытие (самки)
- 5. **геол.** сброс, дислокация
◇ a leap in the dark - прыжок /шаг/ в неизвестность; рискованный шаг
to take a leap in the dark - шагнуть в неизвестность
by leaps and bounds - а) стремительно сломя голову; б) семимильными шагами

2. [li:p] v (leapt, leaped [-li:pʃt])

- 1) прыгать, скакать
to leap through a window - выпрыгнуть из окна
to leap into the saddle - вскочить в седло
to leap with /for/ joy - прыгать от радости
to leap to /upon/ one's feet - вскочить на ноги
to leap aside - отскочить
fish leaps out of the water - рыба выскакивает /прыгает/ из воды
- 2) перепрыгивать, перескакивать через (что-л.)
to leap (over) a hedge [a brook, a ditch] - перепрыгнуть через изгородь [через ручей, через канаву]
- 3) заставить перепрыгнуть
to leap a horse over an obstacle - послать лошадь через препятствие
- 2. 1) внезапно появляться
an idea leaped into his mind - у него вдруг возникла /родилась/ идея
- 2) (at) жадно хвататься за что-л.
to leap at the chance /an opportunity/ - ухватиться /уцепиться/ за возможность
he leapt at my offer - он ухватился за моё предложение
- 3) перескакивать, резко переходить от одного предмета **и т. п.** к другому
leaping ahead - забегая вперёд
he leaped from one trifling matter to another - он перескакивал с одного пустяка на другой
- 3. забиться (о сердце, пульсе)
his heart leapt with /for/ joy - его сердце радостно забилося /ёкнуло/
- 4. покрыть (самку)
◇ ready to leap out of one's skin /арх. out of oneself/ - вне себя от радости
look before you leap - **посл.** сначала посмотри, а потом прыгай; ≅ семь раз отмерь, а один отрежь

leap

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leap [leap leaps leaped leapt leaping] **verb, noun** **BrE** [li:p] **NAmE** [li:p] **verb** (leapt, leapt **BrE** [lept] ; **NAmE** [lept]) or (leaped, leaped)

- 1. **intransitive, transitive** to jump high or a long way
 - + **adv./prep.** A dolphin leapt out of the water.
 - We leapt over the stream.
 - ~ **sth** The horse leapt a five-foot wall.
- 2. **intransitive + adv./prep.** to move or do sth suddenly and quickly
 - She leapt out of bed.
 - He leapt across the room to answer the door.
 - I **leapt to my feet** (= stood up quickly) .
 - They **leapt into action** immediately .
 - (figurative) She was quick to **leap to my defence** (= speak in support of me) .
 - The photo seemed to **leap off the page** (= it got your attention immediately) .
 - His name **leapt out at me** (= I saw it immediately) .
- 3. **intransitive ~ (in sth) (from...) (to...)** to increase suddenly and by a large amount

Syn: ↑shoot up

• The shares leapt in value from 476p to close at 536p.

more at jump/leap to conclusions jump/leap to the conclusion that... **at** ↑conclusion, your heart leaps **at** ↑heart

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	leap
	BrE /li:p/
	NAmE /li:p/
he / she / it	leaps
	BrE /li:ps/
	NAmE /li:ps/
past simple, past participle	leapt
	BrE /lept/
	NAmE /lept/leaped
	BrE /li:pt/
	NAmE /li:pt/
-ing form	leaping
	BrE /'li:piŋ/
	NAmE /'li:piŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English hlēapan (verb), hlyƿ (noun), of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **lopen**, German **laufen** (verb), and Dutch **loop**, German **Lauf** (noun), all meaning 'run', also to **lope**.

Example Bank:

- Don't be so nervous— anyone would think I was about to leap on you.
- He almost leaped down the stairs when he heard who it was.
- He leaped down from the ladder and ran over to her.
- He leaped onto his horse and rode off.
- He leaped out of bed when he heard the telephone.
- Rose immediately leaped to her feet.
- She leaped across the puddles.
- She leaped clear of the water.
- The horse leaped over high fences.
- The photograph seemed to leap off the page at her.
- children leaping about with excitement
- A dolphin suddenly leapt out of the water.
- Shares leapt in value from 476p to close at 536p.
- She was quick to leap to my defence.
- The company saw pre-tax profits leap to £14.5 million in 2004.
- The horse galloped on, leaping fences and hedges as it came to them.
- The people on the shore were leaping up and down and shouting.

Idioms: **by leaps and bounds** ▪ **leap in the dark** ▪ **look before you leap**

Derived **leap at something**

noun

1. a long or high jump

- a leap of six metres
- She took a **flying leap** and landed on the other side of the stream.
- (**figurative**) His heart gave a sudden leap when he saw her.
- (**figurative**) Few people successfully make the leap from television to the movies.

2. ~ (in sth) a sudden large change or increase in sth

- a leap in profits

see also **quantum leap**

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- He made a flying leap at the ball.
- His technique has come on in leaps and bounds this season.
- I chose to take a leap of faith and do the movie.
- There has been a quantum leap in profits since 1995.
- They've made a great leap forward with their building in the last few years.
- a dramatic leap in the number of people out of work
- a great leap into the unknown
- a leap from \$632 to \$735
- a leap in prices

leap

1. **leap** ¹ /li:p/ **BrE** ² **AmE** ³ **verb** (past tense and past participle **leapt** /lept/ **especially British English**, **leaped especially American English**)

[Language: Old English; Origin: hleapan]

1. JUMP

a) [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] to jump high into the air or to jump in order to land in a different place:

" She leapt over the fence.

" The smaller animals can easily leap from tree to tree.

b) [transitive] *literary* to jump over something:

" Brenda leaped the gate and ran across the field.

2. **MOVE FAST** [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] to move very quickly and with a lot of energy:

" I leapt up the stairs three at a time.

" He leapt out of bed.

" She leapt to her feet (=stood up quickly) and started shouting.

3. **INCREASE** [intransitive] to increase quickly and by a large amount **OPP** tumble

leap to

" Profits leapt to £376m.

" He leapt 27 places to second spot.

4. **leap at the chance/opportunity** to accept an opportunity very eagerly:

" I leapt at the chance of studying abroad.

5. **leap to sb's defence** *British English*, **leap to sb's defense** *American English* to quickly defend someone:

" When her younger brother was being bullied she leapt to his defence.

6. **HEART** [intransitive] *literary* if your heart leaps, you feel a sudden surprise, happiness, or excitement:

" My heart leaped when I saw Paul at the airport.

⇒ **look before you leap** at ↑look¹(12)

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• **jump** *verb* [intransitive and transitive] to push yourself up into the air, over something etc, using your legs: The cat jumped up onto the table. | He jumped over the stream. | His horse jumped the fence successfully.

• **skip** *verb* [intransitive] to move forwards with little jumps between your steps, especially because you are feeling happy: The little girl was skipping down the street.

• **hop** *verb* [intransitive] to jump or move around on one leg: He was hopping around because he'd injured his foot.

• **leap** *verb* [intransitive and transitive] *especially written* to suddenly jump up high or a long way: The deer leapt over the fence. | Tina leapt onto the boat as it was moving away. | Fish were leaping out of the water.

• **bounce** *verb* [intransitive] to jump up and down several times, especially on something that has springs in it: Children love bouncing on beds.

• **dive** *verb* [intransitive] to jump into water with your head and arms first: Zoë dived into the swimming pool.

• **vault** /vɔːl/ \$ vɔːlt *verb* [intransitive and transitive] *especially written* to jump over something in one movement, using your hands or a pole to help you: He vaulted the ticket barrier and ran for the exit. | Ben tried to vault over the bar.

leap out at somebody *phrasal verb*

if a word or phrase in a piece of writing leaps out at you, you notice it particularly, because it is interesting, important etc **SYN**

jump out at

II. **leap**² *BrE* ^{AmE} *noun* [countable]

1. a big jump **SYN** bound:

" He threw a stick into the river and the dog went after it in a flying leap.

2. a large increase or change

quantum/great/huge etc leap

" a quantum leap (=very great increase or change) in population levels

leap in

" a 16% leap in pre-tax profits

leap forward

" the huge leap forward that took place in the 1980s

3. **by/in leaps and bounds** if something increases, develops, grows etc by leaps and bounds, it does it very quickly:

" Lifeboat technology has advanced by leaps and bounds.

4. **a leap of (the) imagination** (also **an imaginative leap**) a mental process that is needed to understand something difficult or see the connection between two very different ideas

5. **leap in the dark** something you do without knowing what will happen as a result

6. **leap of faith** something you do even though it involves a risk, hoping that it will have a good result

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