

- There was a communal toilet on the landing for the four flats.
- Could you tell me where the ladies' toilet is, please?
- The toilets are located in the entrance area.
- Toilet facilities for the disabled are available
- Who's in the toilet?

toilet

toilet S2 /'tɔɪlət, 'tɔɪlɪt/ BrE " AmE " noun

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: French; Origin: toilette 'cloth put around the shoulders while arranging the hair or shaving, toilette, toilet', from toile 'net, cloth', from Latin tela 'something woven']



1. **[countable]** a large bowl that you sit on to get rid of waste liquid or waste matter from your body:
He flushed the toilet (=pulled the handle so that water ran into the toilet to clean it).
2. **[countable]** *British English* a room or building containing a toilet **SYN bathroom, restroom** *American English*:
public toilets
3. **go to the toilet** *especially British English* to pass waste liquid or waste matter from your body:
Mummy, I need to go to the toilet!
4. **[uncountable]** *old-fashioned* the act of washing and dressing yourself:
She finished her toilet.
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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- **go to the toilet** (also **use the toilet** *especially British English*) He got up to go to the toilet in the middle of the night.
- **need the toilet** *British English* (=need to use the toilet) Does anyone need the toilet before we set off?
- **flush the toilet** (=make water go through it to clean it) I heard someone flush the toilet.

■ adjectives

- **a public toilet** *especially British English* He set off across the square in search of a public toilet.
- **a disabled toilet** *British English* (=one for disabled people) Is there a disabled toilet?
- **an outside toilet** (=one that is outside a house, not in it) The house was small, with no hot water and an outside toilet.
- **an indoor toilet** Many cottages lacked a bathroom or indoor toilet.

■ toilet + NOUN

- **toilet facilities** Toilet facilities are available at the bus station.
- **the toilet seat** He always left the toilet seat up.
- **the toilet bowl** She was scrubbing the toilet bowl.

■ COMMON ERRORS

- ▶ Do not say '**go to toilet**'. Say **go to the toilet**.
- ...

THESAURUS

- **toilet** *British English* a room with a toilet in it, in someone's house or in a public place: He locked himself in the toilet. | the public toilets
- **bathroom** a room with a toilet in it, in someone's house. In British English, **bathroom** is used especially when you want to be polite. In American English, it is the usual word to use: He asked to use the bathroom.
- **restroom** *American English* a room in a public place that has one or more toilets in it: She went into the store to use the restroom.
- **lavatory** *formal* a room with a toilet in it. In American English **lavatory** is used mainly for toilets in a public building or on a plane. In British English it is used both about public toilets and toilets in people's houses: public lavatories | He didn't have time to visit the lavatory.
- **loo** *British English informal, john* *American English informal* a room with a toilet in it. **Loo** is very common in everyday spoken British English: 'Where's Chris?' 'He's in the loo.' | Can I use your loo? | Where's the john?
- **bog** *British English informal* a very informal word for a toilet, which is not considered polite: The nearest bog was miles away.
- **the ladies** *British English, the ladies' room* *American English* a public toilet for women: Where's the ladies? | I need to go to the ladies' room.
- **the gents** *British English, the men's room* *American English* a public toilet for men: I followed him into the gents. | I've got to go to the men's room. Excuse me.
- **latrine** an outdoor toilet in a camp or military area: The latrines were in a shocking state.
- **urinal** a type of toilet for men that is attached to a wall: He was standing at the urinal.
- **potty** a bowl that babies use as a toilet: Does he need his potty?
- **commode** a chair with a bowl in it, used as a toilet, especially in hospitals and homes for old people: She has to use a

commode.

▪ **bedpan** a container which is used as a toilet, especially in hospitals by people who are too ill or weak to get out of bed: I had to change the bedpans.

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