

fall

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1. [fɔ:l] *n*

1. 1) падение

- a fall from one's horse - падение с лошади
- the fall of an apple - падение яблока
- the fall of the hammer - удар молотка (*на аукционе*)
- intentional fall - *спорт.* преднамеренное падение
- pin fall - падение на обе лопатки (*борьба*)
- to have a fall - упасть
- to take a fall - быть сбитым с ног

2) падение, закат

- the rise and fall of the Roman Empire - расцвет и упадок Римской империи

2. понижение, падение; спад

- fall in temperature - понижение /падение/ температуры
- the rise and fall of the waves - волнение моря /воды/
- a fall in prices - падение цен

3. *обыкн. pl* водопад

- Niagara Falls - Ниагарский водопад

4. уклон, обрыв, склон (*холма*)

- the fall of the plain - понижение равнины

5. выпадение (*волос, зубов*)6. *амер.* осень

- fall fashions - осенние моды
- fall overcoat - (мужское) осеннее пальто

7. выпадение (*осадков и т. п.*)

- a heavy fall of rain - сильный дождь, ливень
- a two-inch fall of snow - снежный покров в два дюйма толщиной
- a fall of rocks blocked the road - камнепад завалил дорогу
- fall of leaves - опадение листвы

8. впадение реки

9. 1) окот, рождение (*ягнят и т. п.*)

2) выводок, помёт

10. 1) рубка леса

2) срубленный лес

11. 1) покрывало, вуаль

2) ниспадающий воротник

3) накладные волосы в виде «конского хвоста»; шиньон из длинных волос

12. *спорт.* круг, схватка, раунд

- he won two falls out of three - он выиграл две схватки из трёх
- to try a fall with smb. - побороться /помериться силами/ с кем-л.

13. *тех.* напор; высота напора14. 1) *тех.* канат подъёмного блока (*обыкн.* block and fall)2) *мор.* фал15. *муз.* каданс16. (the Fall) *рел.* грехопадение, первородный грех (*тж.* a fall from grace)

- before [after] the Fall - до [после] грехопадения

- ◇ to ride for a fall - а) неосторожно ездить верхом; б) действовать безрассудно, неосмотрительно во вред себе
- pride will have a fall - кто высоко заносится, тот низко падает, всякой гордыне приходит конец

2. [fɔ:l] *v (fell; fallen)*

I

1. падать

- to fall to the ground - упасть на землю [*см. тж.* ◇]
- I fell and hurt my knee я упал и ушиб колено
- to fall out of a window - вывалиться из окна
- to fall down a precipice - сорваться с обрыва
- to fall over a chair in the dark - наткнуться на стул в темноте и упасть
- to fall full length - упасть плашмя, растянуться (во весь рост)
- to fall on (to) one's knees - пасть на колени

2. 1) опускаться, спускаться

- the curtain falls - занавес падает
- her hair falls loosely on her shoulders - волосы (свободно) спадают ей на плечи
- dress falling freely - платье, ниспадающее свободными складками
- to fall in smb.'s estimation - упасть в чьих-л. глазах

2) низко опускаться, склоняться

- her head fell on his shoulder - она склонила голову ему на плечо
- his eyes fell - он опустил глаза

3) наступать, опускаться

- darkness fell - стемнело

a mist fell - опустился туман
night is falling fast - надвигается ночь

4) **охватывать, одолевать**

sleep fell upon them - их свалил /одолеп/ сон
fear fell upon him - его охватил страх

3. 1) **падать, понижаться**

the temperature fell - температура упала
the glass has fallen - барометр упал
prices have fallen - цены упали
the market is falling - цены на рынке падают
stocks fell several points - акции упали на несколько пунктов
the river has fallen - уровень воды в реке понизился, вода в реке спала

2) **стихать, ослабевать**

the wind fell - ветер стих
here his voice fell - он заговорил тише; он сказал это упавшим голосом
the flames rose and fell - пламя то разгоралось, то затихало
the music rose and fell - музыка звучала то громче, то тише
his anger suddenly fell - его гнев внезапно иссяк
the conversation fell for a few minutes - разговор стих на несколько минут

3) **ухудшаться, портиться**

my spirits fell - у меня упало настроение

4. 1) **пасть; погибнуть**

to fall in (a) battle - пасть в бою
to fall by the sword - пасть от меча
two elephants fell to his gun - он убил двух слонов
the fortress [the town] fell - крепость пала [город пал]
the Cabinet fell - правительство пало

2) **дохнуть**

large numbers of cattle fell in the drought - во время засухи был большой падеж скота

5. **устремляться, направляться**

when his eye fell on me - когда он увидел меня
his eye fell on a misprint - опечатка бросилась ему в глаза
the sunlight fell upon the mountain - лучи солнца осветили гору
music fell on his ear - он услышал музыку, до него донеслась музыка

6. **опускаться; идти под уклон**

the plain fell to the north - равнина понижалась к северу

7. **рушиться, обваливаться, оседать**

many houses fell in the earthquake - во время землетрясения было разрушено много домов
the bank fell - берег осел

8. 1) (он, урон) **распространяться, ложиться (на кого-л., что-л.); падать (на кого-л., что-л.)**

suspicion fell on him - подозрение пало на него
the lot fell on him - жребий пал на него
the responsibility falls on me - ответственность падает /ложится/ на меня
the expense fell on him - расплачиваться пришлось ему
the accent falls (up) on the last syllable - ударение падает на последний слог
May Day this year falls on Monday - Первомайский праздник в этом году приходится на понедельник

2) (to) **выпадать (на чью-л. долю); доставаться (кому-л.)**

to fall to smb.'s share /to smb.'s lot/ - доставаться, выпадать на чью-л. долю
it fell to me to break the news to her - на мою долю выпало /мне пришлось/ сообщить ей эту новость
his property falls to his wife - его имущество переходит к жене /наследует жена/
it fell upon me to open the exhibition - мне довелось /пришлось/ открывать выставку

9. **срывать с уст**

not a word fell from his lips - с его уст не сорвалось ни единого слова
to let fall a word - проронить слово
the excellent advice that fell from his lips - превосходные советы, которые он раздавал
I agree with what has fallen from the last speaker - я согласен с тем, что сказал последний оратор

10. **сл. угодить в тюрьму**

he fell twice - он два раза сидел

11. **пасть (о женщине); утратить целомудрие**

II A

1. 1) **опадать (о листьях и т. п.; тж. fall off)**

blossoms fall from the trees - цвет опадает с деревьев
the petals are falling off the flower - цветок осыпается

2) **выпадать (о волосах, зубах; часто fall out)**

a child's first teeth fall - у ребёнка выпадают молочные зубы
his hair is falling - у него выпадают /лезут/ волосы

2. **идти, выпадать (о дожде, снеге)**

rain is falling - идёт дождь
snow fell - выпал снег

3. **впадать (о реке)**

rivers that fall into the sea - реки, впадающие в море

4. попадать (в ловушку и т. п.)

to fall into a snare /a trap/ - попасть в ловушку

to fall into smb.'s clutches - попасть в чьи-л. лапы

to fall to temptation - поддасться искушению

5. распадаться (на части)

to fall (in)to pieces, to fall apart /asunder/ - распадаться на части

the work falls into three divisions - работа делится на три части

they fell into two factions - они раскололись на две фракции

6. западать (в голову); приходить (на ум)

when this strange idea fell into his mind - когда ему пришла на ум эта странная идея

it fell into my mind to write you a letter - мне вдруг захотелось написать вам письмо

7. рождаться (о ягнятах, щенятах и т. п.)

II Б

1. to fall across smb., smth. наталкиваться на кого-л., что-л.; неожиданно встретить (кого-л.); налететь, нарваться (на что-л., на кого-л.)

2. to fall on /upon/ smb., smth.

1) наталкиваться на кого-л., что-л.

she had fallen on hard times - для неё наступили тяжёлые времена

2) нападать, набрасываться, бросаться на кого-л., что-л.

to fall upon smb.'s neck - кинуться на шею кому-л.

3. to fall among smb. попадать в какое-л. общество

to fall among evil companions - попасть в дурную компанию

to fall among thieves - а) попасть в руки /в лапы/ грабителей/мошенников/; б) **библ.** попасться разбойникам

4. to fall under smth.

1) подвергаться чему-л.; испытывать что-л.

to fall under smb.'s displeasure - заслужить чью-л. немилость, попасть у кого-л. в немилость

to fall under suspicion - попасть под подозрение

to fall under smb.'s power - попадать под чью-л. власть

these things do not fall under human observation - такие явления недоступны человеческому наблюдению

2) подпадать под какую-л. категорию и т. п., входить в какую-л. группу и т. п.

these facts fall into another category - эти факты относятся к другой категории

5. to fall within smth. входить в какие-л. границы, пределы и т. п.; находиться в пределах, сфере чего-л.

to fall within a certain sphere of influence - находиться в определённой сфере влияния

this doesn't fall within my province - это вне моей компетенции

6. to fall in(to) a state

1) приходить, впадать в какое-л. состояние; доходить до какого-л. состояния

to fall into a rage - впадать в ярость /в гнев/

to fall into error - впасть в ошибку /в заблуждение/

to fall in love - влюбиться

he falls in and out of love very easily - он очень влюбчивый человек

to fall into talk - заговорить, разговориться

the custom fell into abuse - этот обычай выродился

to fall into a spin - **ав.** войти в штопор

2) оказываться в каком-л. положении

to fall into disgrace /into disfavour/ - впадать в немилость

7. to fall to (doing) smth. браться, приниматься за что-л., начинать делать что-л.

one night I fell to thinking of the past - однажды ночью я задумался о прошлом

she fell to brooding again - она снова стала грустить; ею снова овладели грустные мысли

8. to fall for smb. **разг.** увлечься кем-л., влюбиться в кого-л.

every girl falls for him - все девушки без ума от него

9. to fall for smth. **разг.** попадаться на удочку

he at once fell for it - он тотчас же попался на эту удочку

he fell for the trick - он поддался обману, он попался на удочку

III А

как глагол-связка в составном именном сказуемом:

to fall asleep - засыпать

to fall sick - заболеть

to fall dumb - онеметь

to fall silent - замолчать

to fall vacant - освободиться

to fall due - подлежать оплате (о векселе и т. п.)

the rent falls due next Monday - срок квартирной платы в будущий понедельник

to fall a-laughing [a-crying] - **уст.** расхохотаться [расплакаться]



to fall at hand - надвигаться, приближаться

to fall flat - не иметь успеха, не удался; не произвести желаемого впечатления

his jokes all fell flat - его шутки никого не развеселили

to fall over one another doing smth. - а) делать что-л. с чрезмерным усердием; б) очень торопиться

to fall all over oneself - из кожи вон лезть; стараться изо всех сил

to fall foul *см.* foul III ◊

to fall from grace - а) терять расположение; б) грешить, сбиваться с пути истинного

to fall into line - а) *воен.* построиться; б) подчиниться, согласиться

to fall into place - вставить на (свое) место

when he told me his story all the facts I had known before fell into place - когда он рассказал мне свою историю, все факты известные мне и раньше, стали понятны

to fall into a habit - приобретать привычку, привыкать

to fall out of a habit - отвыкать

he fell out of the habit of smoking - он отвык от курения

to fall short (of) - а) потерпеть неудачу; б) не хватать; his income falls short of his expenditure by £500 - его доходы на 500 фунтов меньше, чем его расходы; в) не достигать цели; our efforts have fallen short - наши усилия не увенчались успехом

to fall on one's feet - счастливо отделаться, удачно выйти из трудного положения

to fall to the ground - рушиться, оказываться бесполезным /безрезультатным/ [*см.* *тж.* I 1]

to fall on one's face - провалиться (с треском); оскандалиться; потерпеть фиаско

to fall between two stools - сесть между двух стульев

his face fell - у него вытянулось лицо

II

[fɔ:l] *редк. см.* fall-trap

II

[fɔ:l] *n проф.*

1) крик, издаваемый китобоями при виде кита

2) охота на китов

fall

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fall [fall falls fell falling fallen] *verb, noun* *BrE* [fɔ:l] ^m *NAmE* [fɔ:l] ^m
verb (fell *BrE* [fel] ^m ; *NAmE* [fel] ^m fall-en *BrE* [ˈfɔ:ləŋ] ^m ; *NAmE* [ˈfɔ:ləŋ] ^m)

DROP DOWN

1. intransitive to drop down from a higher level to a lower level

- September had come and the leaves were starting to fall.
- They were injured by falling rocks.
- **+ adv./prep.** Several of the books had fallen onto the floor.
- One of the kids fell into the river.
- The handle had fallen off the drawer.
- He fell 20 metres onto the rocks below.
- The rain was falling steadily.

STOP STANDING

2. intransitive to suddenly stop standing

- She slipped on the ice and fell.
- **+ adv./prep.** I fell over and cut my knee.
- The house looked as if it was about to fall down.

see also ↑fallen

OF HAIR/MATERIAL

3. intransitive + adv./prep. to hang down

- Her hair fell over her shoulders in a mass of curls.

SLOPE DOWNWARDS

4. intransitive ~ (away/off) to slope downwards

- The land falls away sharply towards the river.

DECREASE

5. intransitive to decrease in amount, number or strength

- Their profits have fallen by 30 per cent.
- Prices continued to fall on the stock market today.
- The temperature fell sharply in the night.
- falling birth rates
- Her voice fell to a whisper.
- **+ noun** Share prices fell 30p.

Opp: ↑rise

BE DEFEATED

6. intransitive to be defeated or captured

- The coup failed but the government fell shortly afterwards.
- ~ **to sb** Troy finally fell to the Greeks.

DIE IN BATTLE

7. **intransitive** (literary) to be shot in battle; to be shot
- a memorial to those who fell in the two world wars

BECOME

8. **intransitive** to pass into a particular state; to begin to be sth

- **+ adj.** He had fallen asleep on the sofa.
- The book fell open at a page of illustrations.
- The room had fallen silent.
- She fell ill soon after and did not recover.
- **~ into sth** I had fallen into conversation with a man on the train.
- The house had fallen into disrepair.
- **+ noun** She knew she must not fall prey to his charm.

HAPPEN/OCCUR

9. **intransitive** (literary) to come quickly and suddenly

Syn: descend

- A sudden silence fell.
- Darkness falls quickly in the tropics.
- **~ on sb/sth** An expectant hush fell on the guests.

10. **intransitive + adv./prep.** to happen or take place

- My birthday falls on a Monday this year.

11. **intransitive + adv./prep.** to move in a particular direction or come in a particular position

- My eye fell on (= I suddenly saw) a curious object.
- Which syllable does the stress fall on?
- A shadow fell across her face.

BELONG TO GROUP

12. **intransitive + adv./prep.** to belong to a particular class, group or area of responsibility

- Out of over 400 staff there are just 7 that fall into this category.
- This case falls outside my jurisdiction.
- This falls under the heading of scientific research.

Rem: Idioms containing fall are at the entries for the nouns and adjectives in the idioms, for example fall by the wayside is at wayside.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	fall
	BrE /'fɔ:l/
	NAmE /'fɔ:l/
he / she / it	falls
	BrE /'fɔ:lz/
	NAmE /'fɔ:lz/
past simple	fell
	BrE /fel/
	NAmE /fel/
past participle	fallen
	BrE /'fɔ:lən/
	NAmE /'fɔ:lən/
-ing form	falling
	BrE /'fɔ:lɪŋ/
	NAmE /'fɔ:lɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English fallan, feallan, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **vallen** and German **fallen**; the noun is partly from the verb, partly from Old Norse **fall** 'downfall, sin'.

Thesaurus:

fall verb

1. |

- He fell onto the rocks below.

drop •• tumble •• plunge •• sink •• topple •• crash •

fall/drop/tumble/sink/crash **down**

fall/plunge **to your death**

2. | (usually used with an adverb or preposition)

- 70 millimetres of rain fell overnight

come down •• rain •• pour •

rain falls/comes down/pours

fall/rain **heavily/lightly/steadily**

Fall, come down or rain? Rain is the most frequent verb and is used with the subject **it**. **Fall** and **come down** are used with a subject such as **rain** or **snow**.

3. |

- She slipped and fell on the ice.

fall down •• fall over •• stumble •• trip •• slip •

Fall, fall down or fall over? Fall and **fall over** are only used about people in this meaning. **Fall down** can be used about people, buildings or other structures that can stand and then suddenly stop standing.

4. |

• The temperature fell sharply in the night.
drop • • **come down** • • **decline** • • **diminish** • |**formal decrease** • |**especially business sink** • • **slump** • • **plunge** • • **plummet** • • **tumble** •

Opp: rise

fall/drop/come down/decline/diminish/decrease/sink/slump/plunge/plummet/tumble **by** 100, 25%, a half, etc.

fall/drop/come down/decline/diminish/decrease/sink/slump/plunge/plummet/tumble **from** 1 500 to 1 000

prices fall/drop/come down/decline/decrease/sink/slump/plunge/plummet/tumble

fall/drop/decline/decrease/slump/plunge **dramatically**

Fall, drop or decline? All these words can be used about numbers, levels, prices, profits and sales. Use **decline** to talk about a loss of economic strength in an area:

• The city/industry has declined (in importance).

A person's health or people's support for sth **declines**. Voices and temperatures **fall** or **drop**. Things can **fall** or **decline** over a period of time, but **drop** cannot be used in the progressive tenses:

• Sales have been falling/declining.

✗ Sales have been dropping.

Language Bank:

fall

Describing a decrease

- Car crime in Oxford **fell significantly** ▪ last year.
- Car crime **fell** ▪ by about a quarter over a 12-month period.
- The number of stolen vehicles **dropped** ▪ from 1 013 to 780, **a fall of** ▪ 26 per cent.
- According to this data, 780 vehicles were stolen, 26% **down** ▪ on the previous year.
- There was an 11% **drop** ▪ in reported thefts from motor vehicles, from 1 871 to 1 737.
- These figures show that, as far as car crime is concerned, **the main trend is downwards** ▪.

Language Banks at ↑**expect**, ↑**illustrate**, ↑**increase**, ↑**proportion**

Example Bank:

- A tile fell off the roof.
- Demand is likely to fall by some 15%.
- Expenditure on education fell by 10% last year.
- He fell from the fourth floor.
- He fell overboard in heavy seas.
- He stumbled and almost fell.
- Her hands fell limply to her sides.
- Loose bricks were falling down onto the ground.
- One of the children fell over.
- Out of over 400 staff there are just 14 that fall into this category.
- She fell headlong, with a cry of alarm.
- She fell heavily to the ground.
- She lifted her arm, but then let it fall.
- Tears fell freely from her eyes.
- That topic falls outside the scope of this thesis.
- The number of people unemployed has fallen from two million to just over one and a half million.
- The plate fell to the floor.
- The price of coal fell sharply.
- This case falls squarely within the committee's jurisdiction.
- Winter temperatures never fall below 10°C.
- the snow falling on the fields
- 70 millimetres of rain fell in just a few hours.
- Falling birth rates could have an impact on future economic growth.
- He fell 23 metres onto the rocks below.
- She slipped and fell on the ice.

Idioms: ↑**break somebody's fall** ▪ ↑**take the fall**

Derived ↑**fall about** ▪ ↑**fall apart** ▪ ↑**fall away** ▪ ↑**fall back** ▪ ↑**fall back on somebody** ▪ ↑**fall behind** ▪ ↑**fall behind with something** ▪ ↑**fall down** ▪ ↑**fall for somebody** ▪ ↑**fall for something** ▪ ↑**fall in** ▪ ↑**fall in with somebody** ▪ ↑**fall into something** ▪ ↑**fall off** ▪ ↑**fall on somebody** ▪ ↑**fall out** ▪ ↑**fall over** ▪ ↑**fall over somebody** ▪ ↑**fall over yourself to do something** ▪ ↑**fall through** ▪ ↑**fall to somebody** ▪ ↑**fall to something**

noun

ACT OF FALLING

1. countable an act of falling

- I had a bad fall and broke my arm.
- She was killed in a fall from a horse.

OF SNOW/ROCKS

2. countable ~ (of sth) an amount of snow, rocks, etc. that falls or has fallen

- a heavy fall of snow

- a rock fall

WAY STH FALLS/HAPPENS

3. **singular** ~ **of sth** the way in which sth falls or happens
- the fall of the dice
 - the dark fall of her hair (= the way her hair hangs down)

OF WATER

4. **falls plural** (especially in names) a large amount of water falling down from a height
- Syn:** ↑waterfall
- The falls upstream are full of salmon.
 - Niagara Falls

AUTUMN

5. **countable (NAmE)** = ↑autumn
- in the fall of 2009
 - last fall
 - fall weather

DECREASE

6. **countable** ~ **(in sth)** a decrease in size, number, rate or level
- a steep fall in profits
 - a big fall in unemployment
- Opp:** ↑rise

DEFEAT

7. **singular** ~ **(of sth)** a loss of political, economic, etc. power or success; the loss or defeat of a city, country, etc. in war
- the fall of the Roman Empire
 - the **rise and fall** of British industry
 - the fall of Berlin

LOSS OF RESPECT

8. **singular** a situation in which a person, an organization, etc. loses the respect of other people because they have done sth wrong
- the TV preacher's spectacular **fall from grace**

IN BIBLE

9. **the Fall singular** the occasion when Adam and Eve did not obey God and had to leave the Garden of Eden
- more at** pride comes/goes before a fall **at** ↑pride _{n.}, be riding for a fall **at** ↑ride _{v.}

Word Origin:

Old English fallan, feallan, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **vallen** and German **fallen**; the noun is partly from the verb, partly from Old Norse **fall** 'downfall, sin'.

Thesaurus:

fall noun

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- Share prices suffered a fall yesterday.

drop • • **decline** • • **decrease** • • **downturn** • • **slump** • • **reduction** •

Opp: rise

a fall/drop/decline/decrease/downturn/slump/reduction **in** sth

a **20%** fall/drop/decline/decrease/reduction

a fall/drop/decline/decrease/reduction **of 20%**

see a fall/drop/decline/decrease/downturn/reduction

Fall, drop or decline? These words all describe a process that happens, not a deliberate action by sb: **We've seen a steady decline in profits this year.** **Fall** and **decline** can happen overtime, but a **drop** cannot:

- a gradual decline/fall

✗ a gradual drop

2. sing.

- the fall of Rome to the barbarians

downfall • • **overthrow** •

Opp: rise

bring about/lead to sb's fall/downfall/overthrow

Example Bank:

- He returned to school a month into the fall semester.
- He was hurt in a fall at his home yesterday.
- Luckily a bush broke his fall.
- New England's gorgeous fall foliage
- Share prices suffered a slight fall yesterday.

- She broke her neck in a fall from a horse.
- She took a bad fall while out riding.
- The chances of surviving a fall under a train are almost nil.
- The doctor says she's had a very nasty fall.
- The fall in age at first marriage occurred during the second half of the 18th century.
- The opinion polls show a significant fall in her popularity.
- The trees were on fire with vibrant fall colors.
- This figure represents a fall of 21% on the same period last year.
- This triggered the recent dramatic falls on the Tokyo stock exchange.
- a big fall in house prices
- a book charting the rise and fall of the Habsburg Empire
- a fresh fall of snow
- a large fall in share prices
- a projected fall of 2%
- covered by a light fall of volcanic ash
- the TV preacher's spectacular fall from grace
- the actions that led to his eventual fall from power
- He remained determined to prevent the fall of South Vietnam to the Communists.
- His diary charts his dramatic fall from grace.
- Napoleon's rise and fall
- The economic crisis worsened, bringing about the fall of the government
- The novel is set in the revolutionary period in France, following the fall of Louis Philippe.
- The scandal undoubtedly contributed to his fall from power.
- the fall of Rome to the barbarians

See also: ↑fall behind on something

fall

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I. **fall**¹ **S1 W1** /fɔːl/\$fɒl/ **BrE** " **AmE** " **verb** (past tense **fell** /fel/, past participle **fallen**)

/fɔːl/\$fɒl/

[Language: Old English; Origin: feallan]

1. MOVE DOWNWARDS [intransitive] to move or drop down from a higher position to a lower position:

- " The tree was about to fall.
- " The book fell from his hands.
- " Enough rain had fallen to flood the grounds.

fall down

- " Rob fell down the stairs.
- " She flushed and her eyes fell (=she looked down).

2. STOP STANDING/WALKING ETC [intransitive] to suddenly go down onto the ground after you have been standing, walking, or running, especially without intending to:

- " I fell and hit my head.

slip/stumble/trip etc and fall

- " He slipped and fell on the ice.

fall down

- " Lizzie fell down and hurt her knee.
- " Peter was playing by the river when he fell in (=fell into the water).

fall to/on your knees (=move down to the ground so that your body is resting on your knees)

- " She fell to her knees beside his body. ⇨ **fall flat on your face** at ↑flat³(5)

3. DECREASE [intransitive] to go down to a lower level, amount, price etc, especially a much lower one **OPP rise**:

- " The rate of inflation was falling.
- " The island is warm all year round and winter temperatures never fall below 10 degrees.
- " He believes that educational standards are falling.

fall from

- " Advertising revenue fell from \$98.5 million to \$93.3 million.

fall to

- " The number of subscribers had fallen to 1,000.

fall sharply/steeply (=by a large amount)

- " London share prices fell sharply yesterday.

REGISTER

In everyday English, people often say an amount or level **goes down** rather than **falls**:

- " House prices have gone down again.

4. BECOME [intransitive, linking verb] to start to be in a new or different state

fall adj

- " I'll stay with her until she falls asleep.
- " I think that I've fallen in love with Angela.
- " She fell ill with flu.
- " Albert fell silent and turned his attention to his food.

fall into

- " The house was empty for many years and fell into disrepair.

One false step can mean falling into debt.

He fell into despair.

5. BELONG TO A GROUP [intransitive always + preposition] to belong to or be part of a particular group, area of responsibility, range of things, or type of things

fall into

Many illnesses fall into the category of stress-related illnesses.

Leaders fall into two categories.

fall within

The judge said that this matter did not fall within the scope of the auditor's duties.

fall under

The job falls under the heading of 'sales and marketing'.

Meat production falls under the control of the Agriculture Department.

6. fall short of something to be less than the amount or standard that is needed or that you want:

This year's profit will fall short of 13%.

He would sack any of his staff who fell short of his high standards.

7. fall victim/prey to something/somebody to get a very serious illness or be attacked or deceived by someone:

Breastfed babies are less likely to fall victim to stomach disorders.

people who fall victim to violence

8. night/darkness/dusk falls if night etc falls, it starts to become dark at the beginning of the night:

It grew colder as night fell.

Darkness had fallen by the time we reached home.

9. silence/a hush/sadness etc falls *literary* used to say that a person, group, or place becomes quiet, sad etc:

A long silence fell between us.

10. START DOING SOMETHING [intransitive] to start doing something or being involved with something, often without intending to:

I fell into conversation with some guys from New York.

He had fallen into the habit of having a coffee every time he passed the coffee machine.

11. fall into place

a) if parts of a situation that you have been trying to understand fall into place, you start to understand how they are connected with each other:

Suddenly, all the details started falling into place.

b) if the parts of something that you want to happen fall into place, they start to happen in the way that you want:

I was lucky because everything fell into place at exactly the right time.

12. fall to pieces/bits

a) to break into many pieces **SYN fall apart**:

The book had been well used and finally fell to pieces.

b) if something such as a plan or a relationship falls to pieces, it stops working properly **SYN fall apart**:

The family is falling to pieces.

13. be falling to pieces/bits if something is falling to pieces, it is in very bad condition, especially because it is very old **SYN be falling apart**:

The house is falling to pieces.

14. fall flat if a joke, remark, or performance falls flat, it fails to interest or amuse people:

Marlow's attempts at jokes fell flat.

15. fall foul of somebody/something to do something which makes someone angry or which breaks a rule, with the result that you are punished:

He is worried that his teenage kids will fall foul of the law.

16. fall by the wayside to fail, or to stop being done, used, or made:

Health reform was one of his goals that fell by the wayside.

Luxury items fall by the wayside during a recession.

17. fall from grace/favour to stop being liked by people in authority:

He fell from grace for the first time when he was convicted of drink-driving.

18. fall from a great height to be forced to leave an important job or position, or lose the respect that people had for you

19. fall into the hands/clutches of somebody if something or someone falls into the hands of an enemy or dangerous person, the enemy etc gets control or possession of them:

He wants to prevent the business falling into the hands of a competitor.

We must not let these documents fall into the wrong hands.

20. fall into a trap/pitfall to make a mistake that many people make:

Don't fall into the trap of feeling guilty.

21. fall into step

a) to start to walk next to someone else, at the same speed as them

fall into step beside/with

Holly slowed her pace and fell into step with the old man.

b) to start doing something in the same way as the other members of a group

fall into step with

The other countries on the Council are expected to fall into step with the US.

22. fall into line to obey someone or do what other people want you to do, especially when you do not want to do it at first:

Most countries have signed the treaty but some are reluctant to fall into line.

23. HANG DOWN [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] to hang down loosely

fall over

His dark hair fell over his face.

24. LIGHT/SHADOW [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] to shine on a surface or go onto a surface:

The last rays of sunlight were falling on the fields.

Arthur's shadow fell across the doorway.

25. SPECIAL EVENT/CELEBRATION [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] to happen on a particular day or at a particular time:

I'd like to dedicate this record to all whose anniversaries fall at this time of year.

fall on

Her birthday will fall on a Friday this year.

26. LOSE POWER [intransitive] if a leader or a government falls, they lose their position of power:

The previous government fell after only 6 months in office.

27. BE TAKEN BY AN ENEMY [intransitive] if a place falls in a war or an election, a group of soldiers or a political party takes control of it

fall to

The city fell to the advancing Russian armies.

28. BE KILLED [intransitive] to be killed in a war **SYN die**

29. HIT [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] to hit a particular place or a particular part of someone's body

fall on

The first punch fell on his nose.

30. VOICE/SOUND [intransitive] if someone's voice or a sound falls, it becomes quieter or lower **OPP rise**

31. it's as easy as falling off a log *spoken* used to say that something is very easy to do

32. fall between two stools *British English* to be neither one type of thing nor another, or be unable to choose between two ways of doing something

33. fall on stony ground *British English* if a request, suggestion, joke etc falls on stony ground, it is ignored or people do not like it

34. fall from sb's lips *literary* if words fall from someone's lips, they say them

35. fall into sb's lap if an opportunity falls into someone's lap, they get it without having made any effort to get it

36. the stress/accent/beat falls on something used to say that a particular part of a word, phrase, or piece of music is emphasized or is played more loudly than the rest:

In the word 'report', the stress falls on the second syllable.

⇒ **be/fall under a spell** at ↑spell²(3), ⇒ **fall on your feet** at ↑foot¹(19), ⇒ **sb's face fell** at ↑face¹(2), ⇒ **stand or fall by/on at** ↑stand¹(33)

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THESAURUS

- **fall** (also **fall over**, **fall down**) to suddenly go down onto the floor when standing, walking, or running: She fell on the stairs and broke her ankle. | Children are always falling over.
- **trip on/over something** to fall or almost fall when you hit your foot against something: Someone might trip over those toys. | I tripped on a piece of wood.
- **slip** to fall or almost fall when you are walking on a wet or very smooth surface: She slipped and hurt her ankle. | I was scared I would slip on the highly polished floor.
- **stumble** to almost fall when you put your foot down in an awkward way: He stumbled and almost fell. | One of our porters stumbled on the rough ground.
- **collapse** to fall suddenly and heavily to the ground, especially when you become unconscious: One of the runners collapsed halfway through the race.
- **lose your balance** to become unsteady so that you start to fall over: She lost her balance on the first step and fell down the stairs. | Have something to hold onto, in case you lose your balance.
- **fall flat on your face** to fall forwards so you are lying on your front on the ground: She fell flat on her face getting out of the car.

fall about *phrasal verb British English*

to laugh a lot about something:

It was so funny everyone just fell about laughing.

fall apart *phrasal verb*

1. if an organization, system, relationship etc falls apart, it stops being effective or successful:

Don't be reckless or your plans may fall apart.

The health service is falling apart at the seams.

2. **be falling apart** to be in very bad condition:

Tommy's old bicycle was rusty and falling apart.

3. to break into pieces:

The book fell apart in my hands.

4. to be unable to deal with your personal or emotional problems:

She had to get some rest or she was going to fall apart.

5. **sb's world/life falls apart** if someone's world or life falls apart, something very bad and serious happens which changes their life:

When his wife left him, his world fell apart.

fall away *phrasal verb*

1. to slope down:

From where we stood, the ground fell away sharply to the valley floor.

2. to become separated from something after being fixed to it:

The paint was falling away in patches.

3. if a feeling falls away, you stop having it, usually suddenly:

The view from the top was wonderful and our tiredness fell away.

4. *British English* to decrease **SYN fall** **OPP rise**:

Demand for our more theoretical courses has fallen away.

fall back *phrasal verb*

1. if soldiers fall back, they move back because they are being attacked **SYN retreat**:

He yelled for his men to fall back.

2. to move backwards because you are very surprised, frightened etc:

▪ Scott fell back a pace in astonishment.

3. **British English** to decrease **SYN fall** **OPP rise**:

▪ When inflation started to rise, house prices fell back.

fall back into something *phrasal verb*

to go back to doing something or behaving in a way which you did before:

▪ I was amazed at how easily I fell back into the old routine.

fall back on somebody/something *phrasal verb*

to use something or depend on someone's help when dealing with a difficult situation, especially after other methods have failed

have somebody/something to fall back on

▪ She has no relatives to fall back on.

▪ Where negotiation fails, they must fall back on the law. ⇒ ↑**fallback**

fall behind (somebody/something) *phrasal verb*

1. to go more slowly than other people so that they gradually move further ahead of you:

▪ His mother was chatting and didn't notice that he had fallen behind.

▪ She hurt her ankle and had fallen behind the others.

2. to become less successful than other people, companies, countries etc:

▪ After her time in hospital, Jenny's parents are afraid she has fallen behind educationally.

▪ Companies that are not market-driven risk falling behind the competition.

3. to fail to finish a piece of work or pay someone money that you owe them at the right time

fall behind (somebody/something) with/on

▪ After losing his job, he fell behind with his mortgage payments.

▪ The project has fallen behind schedule.

fall down *phrasal verb*

1. **be falling down** if a building is falling down, it is in very bad condition:

▪ The bridge is falling down and will need a million dollars to repair it.

2. to fail because of a particular reason or in a particular way:

▪ That's where the whole argument falls down.

fall down on

▪ He is falling down on the supervisory aspects of his job.

▪ The local authority is falling down on the job of keeping the streets clean.

fall for somebody/something *phrasal verb informal*

1. to be tricked into believing something that is not true:

▪ He is too smart to fall for that trick.

2. to start to love someone:

▪ That was the summer I worked at the fairground, and met and fell for Lucy.

3. to like a place as soon as you see it

fall in *phrasal verb*

1. if the roof, ceiling etc falls in, it falls onto the ground **SYN collapse**

2. to start walking or forming a line of people behind someone else

fall in behind

▪ His men fell in behind him.

fall into something *phrasal verb*

1. to move somewhere quickly by relaxing your body and letting it fall on something:

▪ She turned and fell into his arms.

▪ We fell into bed, exhausted.

2. to start doing something by chance:

▪ I fell into the job really.

fall in with somebody/something *phrasal verb*

1. to accept someone's ideas, decisions etc and not disagree with them:

▪ Once she explained her problem, he was happy to fall in with her plans.

2. to become friendly with a person or group of people after meeting them by chance **SYN get in with**:

▪ She fell in with the wrong crowd in her teens.

fall off *phrasal verb*

1. **fall off (something)** if part of something falls off, it becomes separated from the main part:

▪ The door handle keeps falling off.

▪ A button had fallen off her jacket.

2. if the amount, rate, or quality of something falls off, it decreases **SYN fall** **OPP rise**:

▪ Audience figures fell off during the second series of the programme.

3. **somebody nearly/almost fell off their chair** *spoken* used to say that someone was very surprised when something happened:

▪ When I saw my brother on the stage I nearly fell off my chair.

⇒ **fall off the back of a lorry** at ↑**lorry**

fall on/upon somebody/something *phrasal verb*

1. if a duty or job falls on someone, they are responsible for doing it:

▪ The responsibility usually falls on the mother.

2. **literary** to eagerly start eating or using something:

▪ She fell on the food as if she hadn't eaten for days.

3. **literary** to suddenly attack or get hold of someone:

Some of the older boys fell on him and broke his glasses.

4. **sb's eyes/gaze/glance fall(s) on something** if your eyes etc fall on something, you notice it:

" His eyes fell on her bag. 'Are you going somewhere?'

5. **fall on hard/bad times** to experience difficulties and problems in your life such as not having enough money:

" The aim is to raise money for workers who have fallen on hard times.

6. **fall on your sword** to leave your job because your organization has done something wrong, and you are taking responsibility for it:

" It was clear that the Prime Minister wanted her to fall on her sword.

⇒ **fall on deaf ears** at ↑deaf(5)

fall out *phrasal verb*

1. to have a quarrel

fall out with

" Carrie's always falling out with people.

2. if a tooth or your hair falls out, it is then no longer attached to your body:

" The drugs made her hair fall out.

3. if soldiers fall out, they stop standing in a line and move away to different places

fall over *phrasal verb*

1. to fall onto the ground or to fall from an upright position:

" Tommy fell over and cut his knee badly.

" Her bike fell over.

2. **fall over something** to hit your foot against something by mistake and fall to the ground **SYN trip over**:

" She fell over the dog and broke her front teeth.

3. **fall over yourself to do something** to be very eager to do something, especially something you do not usually do:

" People were falling over themselves to help her.

fall through *phrasal verb*

if an agreement, plan, sale etc falls through, it is not completed successfully:

" The studio planned to make a movie of the book but the deal fell through.

fall to somebody/something *phrasal verb*

1. if a duty or job falls to someone, they are responsible for doing it, especially when this is difficult or unpleasant:

" It fell to me to give her the bad news.

2. **written** to start doing something:

" They fell to work with a will.

fall to doing something

" He fell to thinking about how nice a warm bath would be.

II. **fall**² **S2 W2 BrE** ^{AmE} *noun*

1. **MOVEMENT DOWN** [countable] movement down towards the ground or towards a lower position:

" the first fall of autumn leaves

" The rise and fall of the dancers' bodies creates a pattern.

" Mrs Evans had a fall (=fell to the ground) and broke her leg.

" He stretched out his hands to break his fall (=prevent himself from falling too quickly and hurting himself).

2. **REDUCTION** [countable] a reduction in the amount, level, price etc of something **OPP rise**

fall in

" There has been a fall in oil prices.

sharp/steep fall

" the sharp fall in the birth rate in European countries

fall of

" Their industrial output went down again in December, which meant a fall of 2.2% over the year.

3. **SEASON** [singular] *American English* the season between summer and winter, when leaves change colour and the weather becomes slightly colder **SYN autumn**:

" Eleanor plans to go to Southwestern Community College this fall.

" The area is beautiful in the fall.

4. **LOSS OF POWER/SUCCESS** [singular] a situation in which someone or something loses their position of power or becomes unsuccessful

fall from

" The president lived on for twenty years after his fall from power.

" the story of Napoleon's rise and fall (=period of success followed by failure)

" Rumours are that the company is heading for a fall (=is likely to fail soon).

5. **fall from grace** a situation in which someone stops being respected by other people or loses their position of authority, especially because they have done something wrong:

" He was the head of the intelligence service until his fall from grace.

6. **DEFEAT** [singular] a situation in which a country, city etc is defeated by an enemy

fall of

" the fall of Jerusalem in AD70

7. **falls** (also **Falls**) [plural] a place where a river suddenly goes straight down over a cliff:

" The spray from the falls is so dense that you can hardly see.

" Niagara Falls

8. **SPORT** [countable] an act of forcing your opponent onto the ground in ↑wrestling or ↑judo

9. **SNOW/ROCKS** [countable] an amount of snow, rocks etc that falls onto the ground

fall of

Fresh falls of snow were forecast.

The road is blocked by a rock fall.

10. **the Fall** (also **the fall**) the occasion in the Bible when God punished Adam and Eve by making them leave the Garden of Eden

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THESAURUS

- **decrease** used when the number, amount, or level of something becomes less than it used to be: There has been a significant decrease in the number of deaths from lung cancer. | a 5% decrease in housing prices
- **reduction** used when the price, amount, or level of something is made lower: There will be further price reductions in the sales. | A small reduction in costs can mean a large increase in profits.
- **cut** used when a government or company reduces the price, amount, or level of something: a 1% cut in interest rates | tax cuts | It is possible that there will be further job cuts.
- **drop/fall** used when the number, amount, or level of something goes down, especially by a large amount: The figures showed a sharp fall in industrial output. | There was a dramatic drop in temperature.
- **decline** used when the number, amount, level, or standard of something goes down, especially gradually: During the 1970s, there was a gradual decline in the birthrate. | a decline in educational standards

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