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1. [strəʊk] *n*

## 1. удар

mortal stroke - смертельный удар

the stroke of a hammer - удар молота

a stroke of lightning - а) удар молнии; б) удар грома

with one stroke of the sword - одним ударом шпаги

at the first stroke - с первого удара; разом

at one stroke, at a stroke - одним ударом, одним махом; в один миг; в два счёта

to aim a stroke at smb. - направить удар на кого-л.

2. *мед.* припадок, приступ; удар; паралич (*тж.* paralytic stroke)

he has had a stroke - у него был удар; его разбил паралич

heat stroke - тепловой удар

3. взмах; отдельное движение *или* усилие

a stroke of the oar - гребок; взмах весла

a stroke of the skate - ход конька

to row a fast [a slow] stroke - быстро [медленно] грести

## 4. приём, ход

clever stroke - ловкий ход

a stroke of policy - (удачный) политический приём /ход/

it was a stroke of genius - это было гениально

## 5. неожиданный случай

a stroke of luck - удача, везение

a stroke of misfortune - нежданная беда

## 6. 1) штрих, мазок

thin [thick] strokes - тонкие [жирные] мазки /штрихи/

to portray with a few strokes - обрисовать несколькими штрихами

with one /a/ stroke of the pen - одним росчерком пера

## 2) черта

a stroke of vanity - элемент тщеславия

3) *разг.* дробь, косая черта

seventy-sevenstroke seventy-eight (77/78) - семьдесят семь дробь семьдесят восемь

## 7. бой часов

(up)on the stroke of twelve - когда начнёт бить двенадцать

it is on the stroke of twelve now - сейчас пробьёт двенадцать

to be [to arrive] on the stroke (of time) - быть [явиться] вовремя /точно, минута в минуту/

8. биение (*сердца*)9. стиль (*плавания*)

broad stroke - пронос руки стороной

10. *спорт.* загребной; гребец

to row /to pull/ stroke - задавать темп при гребле

11. *тех.*1) ход (*поршня, клапана*); такт (*работы двигателя*); длина хода (*тж.* length of stroke)

up [down] stroke - ход поршня вверх [вниз]

return stroke - обратный ход

2) удар (*молота*)

◇ stroke of state - *редк.* государственный переворот

not to do a stroke of work - ничего не делать; ≅ палец о палец не ударить

with many strokes is an oak overthrow a little strokes fell great oaks - *посл.* ≅ капля (и) камень долбит /точит/

2. [strəʊk] *v*1. задавать темп (*гребцам*)

## 2. испещрять полосами; штриховать; перечёркивать; проводить черту

## 3. перечёркивать

he stroked out my name - он вычеркнул мою фамилию

to stroke the t's - сделать чёрточку на букве t

4. *спорт.* бить по мячу5. *разг.* заниматься (*чем-л.*); справляться (*с каким-л. делом*)

to stroke a problem - обмозговать вопрос

II

1. [strəʊk] *n*

## 1. поглаживание рукой

to give the cat a stroke - погладить кошку

2. *амер. разг.*

## 1) похвала; лестное замечание; награда, лстящая самолюбию

the ability to give strokes is a skill - умение вовремя похвалить - это искусство

2) умение убедить, уговорить, умаслить; умение оказывать влияние (*на кого-л.*) *или* вертеть (*кем-л.*)

to have stroke with smb. - пользоваться влиянием /авторитетом/ у кого-л.

2. [strəʊk] *v*

1. гладить (*рукой*); поглаживать; ласкать  
to stroke a cat - гладить кошку  
to stroke one's chin [one's beard] - поглаживать подбородок [бороду]  
to stroke down one's hair - приглаживать волосы  
to stroke one's hair up - откинуть волосы со лба

2. *амер. разг.*

- 1) хвалить; льстить; ≅ гладить по головке  
a bunch of egomaniacs stroking themselves - кучка себялюбцев, занимающихся самовосхвалением
- 2) уговаривать, умасливать; оказывать влияние; нажимать (*на кого-л.*)  
to stroke a client - обхаживать клиента  
◇ to stroke smb. down - успокоить кого-л.  
to stroke smb. (up) the wrong way, to stroke smb.'s hair /smb.'s fur/ the wrong way, to stroke smb. against the hair - гладить кого-л. против шерсти; раздражать кого-л.

**stroke**

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**stroke** [stroke strokes stroked stroking] noun, verb BrE [strəʊk] <sup>1</sup> NAmE [straʊk] <sup>2</sup>  
[straʊk] <sup>3</sup>  
noun

**HITTING MOVEMENT**

1. an act of hitting a ball, for example with a ↑bat or ↑racket
  - What a beautiful stroke!
  - He won by two strokes (= in ↑golf, by taking two fewer strokes than his opponent) .
2. a single movement of the arm when hitting sb/sth
  - His punishment was six strokes of the cane.

**IN SWIMMING/ROWING**

3. any of a series of repeated movements in swimming or ↑rowing
  - She took a few more strokes to reach the bank.
  - He swam with long powerful strokes.
4. (often in compounds) a style of swimming
  - Butterfly is the only stroke I can't do.

see also ↑backstroke, ↑breaststroke
5. the person who sets the speed at which everyone in a boat ↑rows

**GENTLE TOUCH**

6. usually singular (especially BrE) an act of moving your hand gently over a surface, usually several times
  - He gave the cat a stroke.

**OF PEN/BRUSH**

7. a mark made by moving a pen, brush, etc. once across a surface
  - to paint with fine brush strokes
  - At the stroke of a pen (= by signing sth) they removed thousands of people from the welfare system .

**ACTION**

8. ~ (of sth) a single successful action or event
  - Your idea was a **stroke of genius** .
  - It was a **stroke of luck** that I found you here.
  - It was a **bold stroke** to reveal the identity of the murderer on the first page.
  - She **never does a stroke (of work)** (= never does any work) .

see also ↑masterstroke

**OF CLOCK**

9. each of the sounds made by a clock or bell giving the hours
  - At the first stroke it will be 9 o'clock exactly .
  - on the stroke of three (= at 3 o'clock exactly)

**ILLNESS**

10. a sudden serious illness when a blood ↑vessel (= tube) in the brain bursts or is blocked, which can cause death or the loss of the ability to move or to speak clearly
  - to **have/suffer a stroke**
  - The stroke left him partly paralysed.

Word Origin:

Old English strācian 'caress lightly', of Germanic origin; related to Dutch streek 'a stroke', German streichen 'to stroke', also to ↑strike. The earliest noun sense 'blow' is first recorded in Middle English.

Example Bank:

- He played some powerful backhand strokes throughout the game.

- He swam back with long slow strokes.
- I had a sudden stroke of inspiration.
- I will outline in broad strokes our main ideas.
- She caught his likeness with a few bold brush strokes.
- She had a massive stroke and lost her speech.
- The Romanian rowers pulled ahead with fast, powerful strokes.
- The stroke left him in a wheelchair.
- The stroke left him paralysed down his right side.
- They lost half their fortune at a stroke.
- This regimen substantially reduces the risks of recurrent stroke.
- With a stroke of the pen our names were removed from the register.
- Woods leads by two strokes.
- You can't swim more than four strokes before you reach the other side.
- a stroke of genius

Idioms: ↑at a stroke ▪ ↑at one stroke ▪ ↑put somebody off their stroke

verb

### TOUCH GENTLY

1. ~ **sth** (especially BrE) to move your hand gently and slowly over an animal's fur or hair

- He's a beautiful dog. Can I stroke him?

see also ↑pet

2. ~ **sth/sb** to move your hand gently over a surface, sb's hair, etc

- He stroked her hair affectionately.

### MOVE STH GENTLY

3. ~ **sth + adv./prep.** to move sth somewhere with a gentle movement

- She stroked away his tears.
- He stroked the ball between the posts.

### BE NICE TO SB

4. ~ **sb** (informal, especially NAmE) to be very nice to sb, especially to get them to do what you want

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	stroke
	BrE /straɪk/
	NAmE /stroʊk/
he / she /it	strokes
	BrE /straɪks/
	NAmE /stroʊks/
past simple, past participle	stroked
	BrE /straɪkt/
	NAmE /stroʊkt/
-ing form	stroking
	BrE /straɪkɪŋ/
	NAmE /stroʊkɪŋ/

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Thesaurus:

**stroke** verb T

- He stroked her hair tenderly.

**caress** • • **fondle** • |especially AmE **pet** • |disapproving **grope** •

stroke/pet a **dog/cat/horse**

stroke/caress/fondle sb's **hair/ears/face/neck**

stroke/caress sb/sth **gently/lightly/tenderly/absently**

Example Bank:

- He stroked back his hair.
- He stroked his beard thoughtfully.
- She gently stroked away his tears.
- She stroked his hair absently.
- She stroked the cat absently.
- He stroked her hair tenderly.
- He's a beautiful dog. Can I stroke him?

**stroke**I. **stroke**<sup>1</sup> **S3** /strəʊk \$ stroʊk/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable][Date: 1200-1300; Origin: Probably from an unrecorded Old English *strac*]

1. **ILLNESS** if someone has a stroke, an **↑artery** (=tube carrying blood) in their brain suddenly bursts or becomes blocked, so that they may die or be unable to use some muscles:

▪ She died following a massive stroke.

**have/suffer a stroke**

▪ I looked after my father after he had a stroke.

▪ a stroke patient

2. **SWIMMING/ROWING**

a) one of a set of movements in swimming or rowing in which you move your arms or the **↑oar** forward and then back:

▪ She swam with strong steady strokes.

b) a style of swimming or rowing:

▪ the breast stroke

3. **SPORT** the action of hitting the ball in games such as tennis, **↑golf**, and **↑cricket**:

▪ a backhand stroke

4. **PEN/BRUSH**

a) a single movement of a pen or brush when you are writing or painting:

▪ A few strokes of her pen brought out his features clearly.

b) a line made by a pen or brush:

▪ the thick downward strokes of the characters

5. **at a/one stroke** with a single sudden action:

▪ At one stroke, the country lost two outstanding leaders.

6. **on the stroke of seven/nine etc** at exactly seven o'clock etc:

▪ She arrived home on the stroke of midnight.

▪ The only goal of the match came on the stroke of half time.

7. **stroke of luck/fortune** something lucky that happens to you unexpectedly:

▪ In a stroke of luck, a suitable organ donor became available.

8. **stroke of genius/inspiration etc** a very good idea about what to do to solve a problem:

▪ It was a stroke of genius to film the movie in Toronto.

9. **HIT** an action of hitting someone with something such as a whip or thin stick:

▪ He cried out at each stroke of the whip.

10. **A MOVEMENT OF YOUR HAND** a gentle movement of your hand over something:

▪ I gave her hair a gentle stroke.

11. **with/at a stroke of the pen** if someone in authority does something with a stroke of the pen, they sign an official document to make a decision with important and serious results:

▪ He had the power to order troops home with a stroke of his pen.

12. **not do a stroke (of work)** *British English informal* to not do any work at all

13. **stroke of lightning** a bright flash of lightning, especially one that hits something

14. **CLOCK/BELL** a single sound made by a clock giving the hours, or by a bell, **↑gong** etc

15. **put somebody off their stroke** *British English informal* to make someone stop giving all their attention to what they are doing:

▪ Seeing Frank watching me put me off my stroke.

16. **IN NUMBERS** *British English* used when you are saying a number written with the mark (/) in it **SYN slash**:

▪ The serial number is seventeen stroke one (=17/1).

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**COLLOCATIONS**■ **verbs**

▪ **have/suffer a stroke** My father had a stroke.

▪ **a stroke leaves somebody paralysed** (=someone can no longer move as the result of a stroke) Two years later she had a stroke which left her paralysed.

■ **adjectives**

▪ **a massive/major stroke** (=one that has very bad effects) Her brother has just died of a massive stroke.

▪ **a minor/mild stroke** (=one that does not have very bad effects) She had a minor stroke five years ago.

▪ **a fatal stroke** (=one that kills someone) He suffered a fatal stroke in April.

■ **stroke + NOUN**

▪ **a stroke patient/victim** Some stroke victims recover fully.

II. **stroke**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* *AmE* *verb* [transitive][Sense 1-2,4: Language: Old English; Origin: *stracian*][Sense 3: Date: 1900-2000; Origin: ⇒ **↑stroke**<sup>1</sup>]



1. to move your hand gently over something:

He reached out and stroked her cheek tenderly.

2. [always + adverb/preposition] to move something somewhere with gentle movements of your hand:

He lifted her face and stroked her hair from her eyes.

3. [always + adverb/preposition] to hit or kick a ball with a smooth movement in games such as tennis, golf, and ↑cricket:

He stroked the ball into an empty net, with a minute to go.

4. **stroke sb's ego** to say nice things to someone to make them feel good, especially because you want something from them

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## THESAURUS

### ■ touch somebody gently or lovingly

- **stroke** to move your hand gently over something, especially in a loving way: She stroked the child's hair. | Our cat won't let people stroke him.
- **pat** to touch an animal or child lightly several times, with your hand flat: He knelt down to pat the dog. | She patted the little boy's head.
- **pet** to touch and move your hand gently over someone, especially an animal or child: The goats, pigs, sheep, and cows here allow you to pet them.
- **caress** /kə'res/ to gently touch a part of someone's body in a loving way: a mother caressing her child | She caressed his cheek.
- **fondle** to touch a part of someone's body in a loving or sexual way – use this especially about touching someone in a sexual way that is not wanted: He tried to fondle her and she immediately pulled away from him.

## stroke

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RANGE: **3k** STROKE 15531

stroke 8560

strokes 4119

stroked 1582

stroking 1270

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COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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774 **18372**<sup>1244</sup> *vv0*

441 **32226**<sup>490</sup> *vvi*

9 **261190**<sup>10</sup> *nnu*

5 **380562**<sup>5</sup> *jj*