

nest

1. [nest] n

1. гнездо
birds' nests - птичьи гнёзда
nest of mice - мышиное гнездо
2. 1) выводок
to take a nest - разорить гнездо, брать яйца *или* птенцов
- 2) стая, рой (*насекомых*)
3. 1) родное гнездо, свой дом; пристанище, кров, прибежище
some poor man's nest - хижина бедняка
- 2) уютный уголок, гнёздышко
to make oneself a nest of cushions - уютно устроиться среди подушек
4. (of)
 - 1) притон
nest of robbers - разбойничий притон
nest of vice - притон разврата
nest of crime - рассадник преступности
 - 2) шайка; сборище, банда; гнездо
nest of criminals - шайка преступников
nest of vipers - «змеиное гнездо» (*о группе злодеев, злопыхателей, сплетниц и т. п.*)
wasps' /hornets'/ nest - осиное гнездо, скопище врагов
to stir up a wasps' /a hornets'/ nest - разворошить осиное гнездо, навлечь на себя гнев /озлобление/
5. (of)
 - 1) группа
nest of alleys - лабиринт переулков
nest of riflemen - *воен.* группа стрелков
nest of resistance - *воен.* узел сопротивления
 - 2) комплект предметов, вставляющихся в одноместилище *или* друг в друга
nest of drawers - комод, шифоньер, шкафчик с ящиками (*особ.* канцелярский), картотечный шкаф
nest of tables - комплект столиков постепенно уменьшающихся размеров, вставляющихся один в другой
nest of shelves - стеллаж, полки (*несколько полок в одной раме*)
 - 3) *тех.* блок (*зубчатых колёс*)
 6. *геол.* карман
 7. *воен. разг.*
 - 1) аэродром
 - 2) база
◇ to feather one's nest - ≅ нагреть руки, набить себе карман
the wind was in its nest - ветер улётся
mare's nest *см.* mare1 ◇

2. [nest] v

1. вить гнездо; гнездиться
to nest in trees [holes, bushes] - гнездиться на деревьях [в норах, в кустах]
2. 1) свить себе гнездо (*тж.* to nest oneself)
pirates nested themselves on the island - на острове свили себе гнездо пираты
- 2) = nestle 3
cottages nested among the wooded hills - среди лесистых холмов уютились домики
3. охотиться за гнёздами, разорять гнёзда (*обыкн.* to go nesting)
4. вставлять один предмет в другой

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nest [nest nests nested nesting] *noun, verb* *BrE* [nest] ^ˈ *NAmE* [nest] ^ˈ

noun birds



1. **countable** a hollow place or structure that a bird makes or chooses for laying its eggs in and sheltering its young
 - sparrows building a nest of twigs and dry grass
2. **countable** a place where insects or other small creatures live and produce their young
 - a wasps' nest
 - a nest of mice
3. **singular** a secret place which is full of bad people and their activities
 - a nest of thieves
4. **singular** the home, thought of as the safe place where parents bring up their children
 - to **leave the nest** (= leave your parents' home)

see also ↑empty nest

5. **countable, usually singular** a group or set of similar things that are made to fit inside each other

- a nest of tables

see feather your (own) nest at ↑feather_{v.}, fly the nest at ↑fly_{v.}, a hornets' nest at ↑hornet, a mare's nest at ↑mare

Word Origin:

Old English, of Germanic origin; related to Latin **nidus**, from the Indo-European bases of ↑**nether** (meaning 'down') and ↑**sit**.

Example Bank:

- A rat took the egg while the mother was away from the nest.
- Her children have flown the nest.
- The female spends all her time on the nest.
- The litters of several different females often occupy the same nest.
- The male and female take turns to sit on the nest.
- The male uses song to attract a female to his nest site.
- The snake will attack if disturbed inside its nest.
- You should avoid disturbing the nest until after the eggs are hatched.

verb

1. **intransitive** to make and use a nest

- Thousands of seabirds are nesting on the cliffs.

2. **transitive ~ sth (technical)** to put types of information together, or inside each other, so that they form a single unit

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	nest
	BrE /nest/
	NAme /nest/
he / she / it	nests
	BrE /nests/
	NAme /nests/
past simple, past participle	nested
	BrE /nested/
	NAme /nested/
-ing form	nesting
	BrE /nestɪŋ/
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1. **nest**¹ /nest/ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ noun [countable]

[Language: Old English]



1. **BIRDS** a place made or chosen by a bird to lay its eggs in and to live in:

- a bird's nest
- In May the females build a nest and lay their eggs.
- Young eagles leave the nest after only two months.

2. **INSECTS/ANIMALS** a place where insects or small animals live:

- a field mouse's nest

3. **leave / fly the nest** to leave your parents' home and start living somewhere else when you are an adult:

- Both daughters were ready to fly the nest.

4. **nest of spies/thieves/intrigue etc** a place where people are secretly doing a lot of illegal or dishonest things

5. **nest of tables/boxes etc** a set of tables etc that fit inside each other

⇒ feather your nest at ↑feather²(1), ⇒ mare's nest at ↑mare(2), ⇒ ↑love nest

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- **build/make a nest** Swallows build their nests out of mud.
- **leave the nest** Barn owls leave the nest at two to three months.

■ types of nest

- **a bird's/eagle's/crow's etc nest** an abandoned bird's nest
- **a wasps'/hornets' nest** a wasps' nest in the attic
- **an ants' nest** a red ants' nest

II. nest² *BrE* *AmE* *verb*

1. **[intransitive]** to build or use a nest:

They say eagles used to nest in those rocks.

2. **[transitive]** to organize information, especially in a computer program, so that some of the information is recognized as separate but is included or contained in a larger part of the information:

Phrases are nested in the dictionary entry for the first major word.

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Freakuency Pack

12500 **3801**^{MCW}

15000 **2849**^{COCA}

RANGE: **3k** NEST⁹²⁶³

nest 5508

nests 1710

nesting 1448

nested 597

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

2910 **6952**⁵¹¹⁵ *nn1*

192 **50834**²¹⁶ *vv0*

146 **57366**¹⁷² *vvi*

5 **389659**⁵ *np1*