

**steep**

I

1. [sti:p] *n*
  - 1) круча, крутизна; обрыв, пропасть
  - 2) *поэт.* небо
2. [sti:p] *a*
  1. крутой  
steep roof [staircase] - крутая крыша [лестница]  
steep climb - *ав.* крутой набор высоты, крутой подъём  
steep dipping - *геол.* крутопадающий
  2. 1) *разг.* чрезмерный, преувеличенный  
steep demands - завышенные требования
  - 2) вздутый, очень высокий (о цене)
  3. *разг.* невероятный, неправдоподобный (о рассказе)  
it seems a bit steep - это уж слишком

II

1. [sti:p] *n*
  1. погружение (в жидкость); пропитка, пропитывание; замочка, мочка
  2. *спец.*
    - 1) замочная жидкость
    - 2) ванна для пропитки; замочный чан, мочило
2. [sti:p] *v*
  1. 1) погружать (в жидкость)
  - 2) вымачивать, замачивать  
steep the vegetables for two hours in water - положите овощи на два часа в воду
  - 3) топить, заливать  
to steep one's grief in wine - топить горе в вине
  2. настаивать, делать настой  
to steep tea - дать чаю настояться
  3. окутывать (о тумане, дыме и т. п.)
  4. *часто refl* погружаться, уходить с головой; погрязнуть  
to steep oneself in a subject [in a language] - погрузиться в изучение какого-л. предмета [какого-л. языка]  
steeped in crime [in misery, in prejudice] - погрязший в преступлениях [в нищете, в предрассудках]  
steeped in slumber - погружённый в дремоту
  5. (in) пропитывать  
steeped in some aseptic - пропитанный каким-л. асептическим раствором  
steeped in traditions - пронизанный традициями  
to be steeped in tears - обливаться слезами, утопать в слезах
  6. *спец.* бучить, выщелачивать  
◇ to steep one's hands in blood - обагрить руки в крови /кровью/

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**steep** [steep steeped steeping steeper steepest] adjective, verb BrE[sti:p] <sup>а</sup> NAmE [sti:p] <sup>а</sup>

adjective (steeper, steepest)

1. (of a slope, hill, etc.) rising or falling quickly, not gradually
  - a steep hill/slope/bank
  - a steep climb/descent/drop
  - a steep flight of stairs
  - The path grew steeper as we climbed higher.
2. usually before noun (of a rise or fall in an amount) sudden and very big  
**Syn:** †sharp
  - a steep decline in the birth rate
  - a steep rise in unemployment
3. (informal) (of a price or demand) too much; unreasonable  
**Syn:** †expensive
  - £2 for a cup of coffee seems a little steep to me.

Word Origin:

adj. Old English stēap 'extending to a great height' West Germanic †steepel †stoop

v. Middle English Germanic †stoup

Example Bank:

- an incredibly steep hill
- He wants to move in here with us? That's a bit steep!

Idiom: †steeped in somethingDerived Words †steeply ▪ †steepnessDerived †steep something in something ▪ †steep yourself in something

## Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	steep
	BrE /sti:p/
	NAmE /sti:p/
he / she / it	steeps
	BrE /sti:ps/
	NAmE /sti:ps/
past simple, past participle	steeped
	BrE /sti:pt/
	NAmE /sti:pt/
-ing form	steeping
	BrE /sti:piŋ/
	NAmE /sti:piŋ/

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[Word Family: verb: †steep, †steepen; noun: †steepness; adverb: †steeply; adjective: †steep]

[Language: Old English; Origin: steap 'high, steep, deep']

1. a road, hill etc that is steep slopes at a high angle:

- The road became rocky and steep.
- a steep climb to the top

2. steep prices, charges etc are unusually expensive **OPP low**:

- steep rents

3. involving a big increase or decrease **SYN sharp**:

- steep cuts in benefits

**steep increase/rise**

- a steep increase in house prices

**steep decrease/drop**

- a steep drop in orders

—**steeply** *adverb*

—**steepness** *noun* [uncountable]

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## COLLOCATIONS

## ■ nouns

- **a steep hill** The car careered down the steep hill.
- **a steep slope** Coffee was grown on the steep slopes.
- **a steep bank** He scrambled down the steep bank.
- **a steep path/road** She stood at the top of the steep path leading down to the beach.
- **steep stairs** Martha led the way up the very steep stairs.
- **the steep sides of something** The steep sides of the valley were clothed in dense green forest.
- **a steep gradient** *formal* (=a steep slope – used especially when talking about how steep something is) The Snowdon Mountain Railway has the steepest gradient of any locomotive track in Britain.
- **a steep climb** A steep climb brought us to a wide rocky plateau.
- **a steep descent** (=a steep journey, slope, or path downwards) the steep descent into the beautiful Farndale Valley

II. **steep**<sup>2</sup> BrE <sup>■</sup> AmE <sup>■</sup> *verb* [intransitive and transitive]

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[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: From an unrecorded Old English stiepan]

1. **be steeped in history/tradition/politics etc** to have a lot of a particular quality:

- a town steeped in history

2. to put food in a liquid and leave it there, so that it becomes soft or has the same taste as the liquid, or so that it gives the liquid its taste:

- Leave the tea bag to steep.

## steep

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RANGE: **3k STEEP** 8393

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steepest 256

steeper 598

steeply 638

4756 **5797**<sup>6443</sup> *jj*

129 **64698**<sup>136</sup> *vvi*

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