

1. ['lædə] n

1. лестница (*приставная*); трап

rope ladder - верёвочная лестница

folding [extending] ladder - складная [выдвижная] лестница

horizontal ladder - *спорт.* горизонтальная лестница

ladder way - *горн.* лестничное отделение, людской ходок

ladder work - работа, выполняемая с лестницы (*малярная и т. п.*)

2. спустившаяся петля (*на чулке*)

to mend a ladder - поднять петлю

3. общественная лестница; путь вверх

ladder of success - путь к успеху

to climb up the (social) ladder - подниматься по общественной лестнице

to be high on the executive ladder - занимать высокое административное положение

to get one's foot on the ladder - положить начало (*карьере, продвижению и т. п.*)

◇ to kick down /away/ the ladder (by which one rose) - отвернуться от тех, кто помог достичь успеха

to mount a ladder - *уст.* окончить жизнь на виселице

2. ['lædə] v

1. оборудовать лестницей или лестницами

2. спускаться (*о петле на чулке*)

I have laddered my stocking, my stocking has laddered - у меня спустилась петля на чулке

ladder

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lad·der ['ladder ladders laddered ladder] noun, verb BrE ['lædə(r)] NAmE

['lædə]

noun



1. a piece of equipment for climbing up and down a wall, the side of a building, etc, consisting of two lengths of wood or metal that are joined together by steps or **rungs**

- to **climb up/fall off a ladder**

see also ↑stepladder

2. **usually singular** a series of stages by which you can make progress in your life or career

- to move up or down the **social ladder**

- the **career ladder**

- (BrE) to get onto the **property ladder** (= buy your first home)

3. (BrE) (NAmE **run**) a long thin hole in **tights** or **stockings** where some threads have broken

4. (*also* **'ladder tournament**) a competition in a particular sport or game in which teams or players are arranged in a list and they can move up the list by defeating one of the teams or players above

- He's third on the tennis ladder at work.

Word Origin:

Old English hlæd(d)er, of West Germanic origin; related to Dutch **leer** and German **Leiter**.

Example Bank:

- He went up the ladder onto the deck.
- His good looks helped him on the ladder to success.
- I was standing lower down the ladder.
- I've got a ladder in my new tights.
- Several of the ladder's rungs were broken.
- She was anxious to move up the promotion ladder.
- She was up a ladder fixing the roof.
- We put up the ladder against the wall.
- We put up the ladder and went to get the paint.
- creatures higher up the evolutionary ladder
- helping her on the ladder to success
- the ladder of fame
- the old problem of how to get onto the first step on the ladder
- the people at the top of the social ladder
- Ann is on the bottom rung of the promotional ladder.
- He progressed up the ladder and is now a partner in the firm.
- How quickly you move up the career ladder depends largely on your level of commitment.
- Humans are relative newcomers on the evolutionary ladder.

- I started out at the very bottom of the ladder.
- It is increasingly difficult for young people to get on the housing ladder.
- She was not interested in climbing the corporate ladder.

verb intransitive, transitive ~ (sth) (BrE)

if ↑tights or ↑stockings ladder or you ladder them, a long thin hole appears in them

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	ladder
	BrE / ˈlædə(r)/
	NAme / ˈlædər /
he / she / it	ladders
	BrE / ˈlædəz/
	NAme / ˈlædəz/
past simple, past participle	laddered
	BrE / ˈlædəd/
	NAme / ˈlædəd/
-ing form	laddering
	BrE / ˈlædəɪŋ/
	NAme / ˈlædəɪŋ/

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See also: ↑run

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I. **ladder**¹ **S3** /ˈlædə \$ -ər/ **BrE** ^u **AmE** ^u *noun* [countable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: hlæder]



1. a piece of equipment used for climbing up to or down from high places. A ladder has two bars that are connected by ↑rungs (=short bars that you use as steps):

- She climbed up the ladder.
- He hurt himself falling off a ladder. ⇒ ↑rope ladder, ↑stepladder

2. a series of levels which someone moves up and down within an organization, profession, or society
career/corporate ladder

- Stevens slowly worked his way up the corporate ladder.
- Becoming a doctor would be a step up the social ladder.
- the first step on the ladder of success

3. **British English** a long thin hole in ↑stockings or ↑tights where some stitches have broken **SYN run American English:**

- Yes, I know I've got a ladder in my tights.

⇒ ↑Snakes and Ladders

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- **climb (up/down) a ladder** He climbed the ladder up to the diving platform.
- **go up/down a ladder** Be careful going down the ladder!
- **come up/down a ladder** Dickson came up the ladder from the engine room.
- **descend a ladder formal (=climb down)** He closed the hatch and descended the ladder.
- **fall off a ladder** One of the builders fell off a ladder and broke his leg.

■ phrases

- **a rung of a ladder** (=the part you put your foot on) The first rung of the ladder was broken.
- **a step of a ladder** (=the part you put your foot on) The can of paint was balanced on one of the steps of the ladder.
- **the foot of a ladder** (=the bottom of a ladder) Zach waited at the foot of the ladder while Sam climbed up.
- **the bottom/top of a ladder** She sighed with relief when she reached the bottom of the ladder.

II. **ladder**² **BrE** ^u **AmE** ^u *verb* [intransitive and transitive]

British English if ↑stockings or ↑tights ladder, or if you ladder them, a long thin hole is made in them because some stitches have broken **SYN run American English**

THESAURUS

- **tear** to damage paper or cloth by pulling it too hard, or letting it touch something sharp: She unwrapped the present carefully, trying not to tear the paper. | I tore a hole in my jacket, climbing over the fence.
- **rip** to tear something quickly or violently: Beth excitedly ripped open the package. | Stop pulling my dress! You'll rip it!
- **split** to tear your trousers or shirt when you put them on, because they are too tight for you: He bent down and split his trousers. | Oh no, now I've split my shirt.
- **ladder** *British English* if a woman ladders her [↑]tights or **STOCKINGS**, she tears them so that a long thin line appears in them: Damn! I've laddered my tights!
- **snag** to catch a piece of clothing on something rough or sharp so that it tears slightly: I snagged my shirt on a nail.
- **shred** to deliberately destroy letters, documents etc by cutting them into thin pieces, often by using a special machine: In order to prevent fraud, it's best to shred your bank statements. | I went through all my papers shredding things I didn't need.
- **frayed** torn a little along the edges – used about clothes, carpets etc that have been used a lot: He was wearing an old pair of frayed jeans. | The rug was a little frayed around the edges. | The jacket was a little frayed at the cuffs.

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