

**beef**

I  
[bi:f] *n*

1. говядина, мясо  
beef bull - бык мясной породы  
beef raising - разведение мясного скота, мясное скотоводство  
beef bacon - солёная и копчёная говядина  
horse beef - конина
2. (*pl* beeves, *амер.* beefs[bi:fs]) *спец.* бык *или* корова (*откормленные на убой*); мясной скот (*тж.* beef on the hoof)
3. 1) мясная туша (*тж.* beef carcass)
- 2) *разг.* туша (*о человеке*)  
he showed less beef - он малость похудел
- 3) *разг.* (мускульная) сила  
the crew is lacking in beef - физическая подготовка команды слаба  
he has plenty of beef - у него хорошо развита мускулатура

II

1. [bi:f] *n сл.*
  1. жалоба, претензия, недовольство; нытьё
  2. уголовное преследование; обвинение в уголовном преступлении
  3. спор; ссора
2. [bi:f] *v сл.*  
жаловаться, сетовать, ворчать  
stop beefing! - перестань ныть /скулить/!

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**beef** [beef beeves] *noun, verb* *BrE* [biːf] <sup>o</sup> *NAme* [biːf] <sup>o</sup>

*noun*

1. **uncountable** meat that comes from a cow
  - **roast/minced beef**
  - beef and dairy cattle
  - a **joint/fillet of beef**
- see also** ↑ **corned beef**
2. **countable** (*informal*) a complaint
  - What's his latest beef?

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **boef**, from Latin **bos**, **bov-** 'ox'.

Example Bank:

- Dad stood up to carve the beef.
- a kilo of very lean minced beef
- carving a joint of beef
- cuts of beef that are suitable for roasting

Derived ↑ **beef something up**

**verb intransitive** ~ (**about sb/sth**) (*informal*)

to complain a lot about sb/sth

- Don't just beef about it— do something!

Verb forms: *verb forms*

present simple	
I / you / we /they	beef
	BrE /bi:f/
	NAme /bi:f/
he / she /it	beefs
	BrE /bi:fs/
	NAme /bi:fs/
past simple, past participle	beefed
	BrE /bi:ft/
	NAme /bi:ft/
-ing form	beefing
	BrE /bi:fiŋ/
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[Date: 1100-1200; Language: Old French; Origin: buef, from Latin bos 'ox']

1. [uncountable] the meat from a cow:

roast beef

We have both dairy and beef cattle on the farm.

2. [countable] *informal* a complaint:

OK, so what's the beef this time?

3. **where's the beef?** *American English spoken* used when you think someone's promises sound good, but you want to know what they actually plan to do

⇒ ↑corned beef

II. **beef**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>2</sup> *AmE* <sup>2</sup> *verb* [intransitive]

*informal* to complain a lot

beef about

They're always beefing about something.

**beef something** ↔ **up** *phrasal verb informal*

to improve something or make it more interesting, more important etc:

a beefed-up news story

We need to beef the campaign up.

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Freakuency Pack

12500 **4286**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **2823**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **3k** BEEF<sup>9475</sup>

beef<sup>8905</sup>

beefy<sup>570</sup>

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

4399 **4500**<sup>8836</sup> *nn1*

29 **139728**<sup>31</sup> *vv0*

21 **167925**<sup>22</sup> *vvi*

9 **237440**<sup>12</sup> *np1*

4 **442761**<sup>4</sup> *nnu*

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