

## waist

[waɪst] *n*

1. талия  
small waist - тонкая талия  
dress with a high waist - платье с высокой талией
2. 1) лиф (*платья*); корсаж  
2) *амер.* блузка, кофточка  
3) *амер.* детский лифчик детская нижняя сорочка
3. 1) узкая часть, перехват (*скрипки, ботинка и т. п.*)  
2) *тех.* суженная часть
4. *мор.* шкафут (*тж.* waist deck)
5. *ав.* средняя часть фюзеляжа

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**waist** [waɪst waɪsts] *BrE* [waɪst] <sup>1</sup> *NAmE* [waɪst] <sup>2</sup> **noun**

1. the area around the middle of the body between the <sup>↑</sup>ribs and the hips, often narrower than the areas above and below
  - He put his arm around her waist.
  - She was paralysed **from the waist down** (= in the area below her waist) .
  - The workmen were **stripped to the waist** (= wearing no clothes on the top half of their bodies) .



2. the part of a piece of clothing that covers the **waist**
  - a skirt with an elasticated waist
3. **-waisted** (in adjectives) having the type of **waist** mentioned
  - a high-waisted dress

### Word Origin:

late Middle English: apparently representing an Old English word from the Germanic root of the verb <sup>↑</sup>wax senses 4 and 5.

### Collocations:

#### Physical appearance

A person may be described as **having** :

#### Eyes

(bright) blue/green/(dark/light) brown/hazel **eyes**  
 deep-set/sunken/bulging/protruding **eyes**  
 small/beady/sparkling/twinkling/(*informal*) shifty **eyes**  
 piercing/penetrating/steely **eyes**  
 bloodshot/watery/puffy **eyes**  
 bushy/thick/dark/raised/arched **eyebrows**  
 long/dark/thick/curlly/false **eyelashes /lashes**

#### Face

a flat/bulbous/pointed/sharp/snub **nose**  
 a straight/a hooked/a Roman/(*formal*) an aquiline **nose**  
 full/thick/thin/pouty **lips**  
 dry/chapped/cracked **lips**  
 flushed/rosy/red/ruddy/pale **cheeks**  
 soft/chubby/sunken **cheeks**  
 white/perfect/crooked/protruding **teeth**  
 a large/high/broad/wide/sloping **forehead**  
 a strong/weak/pointed/double **chin**  
 a long/full/bushy/wispy/goatee **beard**  
 a long/thin/bushy/droopy/handlebar/pencil **moustache/ (especially US) mustache**

#### Hair and skin

pale/fair/olive/dark/tanned **skin**  
 dry/oily/smooth/rough/leathery/wrinkled **skin**  
 a dark/pale/light/sallow/ruddy/olive/swarthy/clear **complexion**  
 deep/fine/little/facial **wrinkles**  
 blonde/blond/fair/(light/dark) brown/(jet-)black/auburn/red/(*BrE*) ginger/grey **hair**  
 straight/curlly/wavy/frizzy/spiky **hair**  
 thick/thin/fine/bushy/thinning **hair**  
 dyed/bleached/soft/silky/dry/greasy/shiny **hair**  
 long/short/shoulder-length/cropped **hair**  
 a bald/balding/shaved **head**

a receding **hairline**  
a bald **patch/spot**  
a side/centre/(US) center (BrE) **parting/ (NAme) part**

#### Body

a long/short/thick/slender/(disapproving) scrawny **neck**  
broad/narrow/sloping/rounded/hunched **shoulders**  
a bare/broad/muscular/small/large **chest**  
a flat/swollen/bulging **stomach**  
a small/tiny/narrow/slim/slender/28-inch **waist**  
big/wide/narrow/slim **hips**  
a straight/bent/arched/broad/hairy **back**  
thin/slender/muscular **arms**  
big/large/small/manicured/calloused/gloved **hands**  
long/short/fat/slender/delicate/bony **fingers**  
long/muscular/hairy/shapely/(both informal, often disapproving) skinny/spindly **legs**  
muscular/chubby/(informal, disapproving) flabby **thighs**  
big/little/small/dainty/wide/narrow/bare **feet**  
a good/a slim/a slender/an hourglass **figure**  
**be of** slim/medium/average/large/athletic/stocky **build**

#### Example Bank:

- He wrapped his arms around her waist.
- She wore a broad belt about her waist.
- These jeans have a 32-inch waist.
- Where we were standing, the lake was waist-deep.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**waist** /weɪst/ BrE " AmE " noun [countable]

1. the narrow part in the middle of the human body:

" The skirt was too big around the waist.

**from the waist up/down** (=in the top or bottom half of your body)

" Lota was paralysed from the waist down.

**stripped to the waist** (=not wearing any clothes on the top half of your body)

**slim-waisted/narrow-waisted/thick-waisted** (=having a thin, thick etc waist)

2. [usually singular] the part of a piece of clothing that goes around this part of your body

**HINT:** ► Do not confuse with **waste**, which is used as a verb and a noun to talk about using too much of something, or not using it in a sensible way.

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RANGE: **5k** **WAIST** <sup>6648</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> **343712**<sup>6</sup> **jj**