

breeze

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1. [bri:z] *n*

1. 1) (лёгкий) ветерок; бриз

2) *мор.* ветер3. *разг.* ссора, перебранка4. *разг.* шёпотом передаваемые новости, слухи4. *амер. разг.* пустячное дело; работа легче лёгкого

◇ in a breeze - легко

he got the job done in a breeze - он выполнил работу без труда /играючи/

to go like a breeze - ≅ лететь как на крыльях

to bat /to shoot/ the breeze - *амер. воен. жарг.* а) болтать, трепаться; б) нести вздор, загибать

to fan the breezes - заниматься бесплодным делом; ≅ носить воду в решете

2. [bri:z] *v*1. *редк.* веять, слабо дуть (о ветре)2. *амер. разг.* промчатся3. (часто along, into, through) *разг.* делать что-л. небрежно, наспех

he breezed through the task - он выполнил поручение кое-как

4. ехать вскачь (на лошади)

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каменноугольный мусор; угольная пыль; штыб

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breeze [breeze breezes breezed breezing] *noun, verb* BrE [briːz] NAmE

[briːz]

*noun*1. *countable* a light wind

• a sea breeze

• The flowers were gently swaying **in the breeze** .

• A light breeze was blowing.

2. *singular (informal)* a thing that is easy to do

• It was a breeze.

• Going down the hill would be a breeze after the long climb up!

see shoot the breeze **at** †shoot *v.*Word Origin:mid 16th cent.: probably from Old Spanish and Portuguese *briza* 'NE wind' (the original sense in English).Collocations:**The weather***Good weather*

be bathed in/bask in/be blessed with/enjoy bright/brilliant/glorious sunshine

the sun shines/warms sth/beats down (on sth)

the sunshine breaks/streams through sth

fluffy/wispy clouds drift across the sky

a gentle/light/stiff/cool/warm/sea breeze blows in/comes in off the sea

the snow crunches beneath /under sb's feet/boots

Bad weather

thick/dark/storm clouds form/gather/roll in/cover the sky/block out the sun

the sky darkens/turns black

a fine mist hangs in the air

a dense/heavy/thick fog rolls in

the rain falls/comes down (in buckets/sheets)/pours down

snow falls/comes down/covers sth

the wind blows/whistles/howls/picks up/whips through sth/sweeps across sth

strong/gale-force winds blow/gust (up to 80 mph)

a storm is approaching /is moving inland /hits/strikes/rages

thunder rolls/rumbles/sounds

(forked/sheet) lightning strikes/hits/flashes

a (blinding/snow) blizzard hits/strikes/blows/rages

a tornado touches down /hits/strikes/destroys sth/rips through sth

forecast/expect /predict rain/snow/a category-four hurricane

(NAmE) pour (down) / (BrE) pour (down) with rain

get caught in/seek shelter from/escape the rain

be covered/shrouded in mist/a blanket of fog

be in for/brave/shelter from a/the storm

hear rolling/distant thunder

be battered /buffeted by strong winds

(BrE) be blowing a gale
 battle against/brave the elements
 The weather improves
 the sun breaks through the clouds
 the sky clears/brightens (up)/lightens (up)
 the clouds part/clear
 the rain stops/lets up/holds off
 the wind dies down
 the storm passes
 the mist/fog lifts/clears

Example Bank:

- A light breeze came off the sea.
- A sudden breeze rustled the long dry grass.
- I felt the breeze on my face.
- The cool breeze swept through the trees.
- The curtains fluttered in the night breeze.
- pleasant sea breezes
- The flowers were gently swaying in the breeze.
- The pools are cooled by the sea breezes.

Derived ↑breeze through something

verb intransitive + adv./prep.

to move in a cheerful and confident way in a particular direction

- She just breezed in and asked me to help.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	breeze
	BrE /brɪːz/
	NAme /brɪːz/
he / she / it	breezes
	BrE /brɪːzɪz/
	NAme /brɪːzɪz/
past simple, past participle	breezed
	BrE /brɪːzɪd/
	NAme /brɪːzɪd/
-ing form	breezing
	BrE /brɪːzɪŋ/
	NAme /brɪːzɪŋ/

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I. **breeze** /brɪz BrE " AmE " noun [countable]

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: French; Origin: brise, perhaps from bise 'cold north wind']

1. a gentle wind ⇒ **breezy**:
 " flowers waving in the breeze
 2. **be a breeze** *informal* to be very easy:
 " Don't think that learning Dutch will be a breeze.
- ⇒ **shoot the breeze** at ↑shoot¹(13)
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COLLOCATIONS

■ **ADJECTIVES/NOUN + breeze**

- a **gentle/soft/mild breeze** It was a beautiful day with a blue sky and a gentle breeze.
- a **light/slight/faint breeze** The curtains lifted in the light breeze.
- a **stiff/strong breeze** There was a good stiff breeze, just right for sailing.
- a **cool breeze** It was getting late and a cool breeze was blowing.
- a **warm breeze** A warm breeze ruffled the leaves of the trees.
- a **fresh breeze** (=cool and quite strong) A fresh breeze is blowing from the north.
- a **sea/ocean breeze** The boats were moving up and down in the sea breeze.
- an **evening breeze** People were out walking, enjoying the evening breeze.
- a **morning breeze** the fresh morning breeze
- a **summer breeze** He felt the soft summer breeze against his skin.
- an **easterly/westerly etc breeze** A gentle easterly breeze was blowing in from the Atlantic.

■ **verbs**

- a **breeze blows** The strong breeze blew sand in our faces.
- a **breeze drifts** (=blows very gently) A cool breeze drifted through the window.
- a **breeze comes through/from etc something** The room was hot and no breeze came through the window.
- a **breeze stirs/ruffles something** A light breeze stirred the waters of the bay.

THESAURUS

- **wind** air moving in a current, especially strongly or quickly: A cold wind was blowing from the east. | Strong winds caused damage to many buildings.
- **breeze** a gentle pleasant wind: The trees were moving gently in the breeze. | A slight breeze ruffled her hair.
- **draught** *British English*, **draft** *American English* /drɑːft/\$ dræft/ a current of cool air which blows into a room, especially one that makes you feel uncomfortable: There's a bit of a draught in here – can you close the door?

II. breeze ² BrE ¹ AmE ¹ verb

1. [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] to walk somewhere in a calm confident way
breeze in/into/out etc

¹ She just breezed into my office and said she wanted a job.

2. [transitive] to do very well in a test, a piece of written work etc, with very little effort:

¹ Don't bother studying for the English exam – you'll breeze it.

breeze through something *phrasal verb*

to achieve something very easily **SYN sail through**:

¹ He breezed through the exam.

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