

**boast**

I

1. [bəʊst] *n*
  1. хвастовство, похвальба  
empty boast - пустое хвастовство  
to make boast of smth. - хвастаться /похваляться/ чем-л.
  2. предмет гордости  
the baby is her boast - ребёнок - предмет её гордости
2. [bəʊst] *v*
  1. (of, about) хвастать, хвастаться, похваляться  
not much to boast of - похвастать(ся) нечем
  2. гордиться  
the town boasts (of) its gardens - город гордиться своими садами

II

[bəʊst] *v*  
грубо обтёсывать (камень)

II

1. [bəʊst] *n*  
удар за боковую линию (в теннисе)
2. [bəʊst] *v*  
послать мяч за боковую линию (в теннисе)

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**boast** [boast boasts boasted boasting] *verb, noun* BrE [bəʊst] <sup>1</sup> NAmE [boʊst]

**verb**

1. **intransitive, transitive** to talk with too much pride about sth that you have or can do
  - I don't want to boast, but I can actually speak six languages.
  - ~ **about sth** She is always boasting about how wonderful her children are.
  - ~ **of sth** He openly boasted of his skill as a burglar.
  - ~ **that...** Sam boasted that she could beat anyone at poker.
  - + **speech** 'I won!' she boasted.
2. **transitive** (not used in the progressive tenses) ~ **sth** to have sth that is impressive and that you can be proud of
  - The hotel also boasts two swimming pools and a golf course.
  - Rhodes boasts 300 days of sunshine a year.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	boast
	BrE /bəʊst/
	NAmE /boʊst/
he / she / it	boasts
	BrE /bəʊsts/
	NAmE /boʊsts/
past simple, past participle	boasted
	BrE /bəʊstɪd/
	NAmE /boʊstɪd/
-ing form	boasting
	BrE /bəʊstɪŋ/
	NAmE /boʊstɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English (as a noun): of unknown origin.

Thesaurus:

**boast** *verb* I (usually disapproving)  
 • She's always boasting about her children.  
**congratulate yourself** • • **pride yourself on sth** • |disapproving **brag** • • **show off** • • **gloat** •  
 boast/brag/show off/gloat **about sth**  
 boast/brag **of sth**  
 boast/congratulate yourself/brag **that...**

Example Bank:

- He openly boasted of his talents.
- This is a region which proudly boasts its own distinct culture.
- Hay's booksellers justifiably boast that they cater for all tastes.
- I don't want to boast, but I can actually speak six languages.
- The hotel boasts two swimming pools and a golf course.

**noun** ~ (that...) (often disapproving)

something that a person talks about in a very proud way, often to seem more important or clever  
 • Despite his boasts that his children were brilliant, neither of them went to college.

- It was her **proud boast** that she had never missed a day's work because of illness.
- Her claim that she could beat us all was clearly **no idle/empty boast** (= it was true).

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[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Anglo-French; Origin: *bost* 'boasting']

1. **[intransitive and transitive]** to talk too proudly about your abilities, achievements, or possessions:

▪ 'I wouldn't be afraid,' she boasted.

**boast that**

▪ Amy boasted that her son was a genius.

**boast about**

▪ He's boasting about how much money he has made.

**boast of**

▪ The company is inclined to boast of its success.

2. **[transitive not in progressive]** if a place, object, or organization boasts something, it has something that is very good:

▪ The city boasts two excellent museums.

▪ The Society boasts 3,000 members worldwide.

—**boaster** *noun* [countable]

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**THESAURUS**

- **boast** to talk too proudly about your abilities, achievements, or possessions because you want other people to admire you: She's always boasting about how good she is at languages.
- **brag** to boast in a way that annoys other people. **Brag** is more informal than **boast**: He was bragging about how many girlfriends he had had. | I don't think they have anything to brag about. | The rebels have repeatedly bragged that their fighters have been responsible for the mounting attacks on policemen, 226 of whom were killed last year.
- **blow your own trumpet** *British English*, **blow your own horn** *American English spoken* to talk a lot about your achievements – used especially when you want to mention your achievements but do not want to sound as if you are boasting: I don't want to blow my own trumpet, but it was me who came up with the idea for the project in the first place.
- **crow** to boast about something you have achieved, when other people have been less lucky or successful: Nordstrom and his supporters are still crowing about winning the lawsuit.
- **gloat** to behave in a way that shows that you are proud of your own success and happy about someone else's failure: The Australians are still gloating over their victory over England. | The liberals are gloating and celebrating all over town. | I haven't come to gloat! We all have to lose sometimes.
- **be full of yourself** *informal* to show by your words and behaviour that you are very proud of your abilities and achievements – used when you dislike someone because of this: 'He's so full of himself,' Constance complained. 'He thinks he can get away with anything.' | After the game she was really full of herself.

II. **boast**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *noun* [countable]

something that you like telling people because you are proud of it:

▪ It is the company's proud boast that it can deal with all a customer's needs in one phone call.

▪ Philip's boast is that he started out without any outside financial backing.

**an empty/idle/vain boast** (= a false statement that something is good or possible)

▪ 'Making knowledge work' is the university's phrase, and it is no idle boast (= not a boast, but true).

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RANGE: **5k** **BOAST** 6879

boast 1638

boasts 2897

boasting 725

boasted 1450

boastful 169

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658 **26771**<sup>674</sup> *vvi*

598 **28216**<sup>617</sup> *vv0*

336 **39247**<sup>347</sup> *nn1*