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1. [beə] *n*

1. 1) медведь; медведица

bear's cub - медвежонок

bear driver - вожак медведя

2) медведь, неуклюжий человек

bear sport - шумная, грубая игра /забава/

to play the bear - вести себя как медведь, быть грубым /неуклюжим, бестактным/

what a bear! - что за медведь!, ну и грубиян!

3) медвежий мех

2. десятилетний бойскаут

3. *бирж. проф.* спекулянт, играющий на понижение, «медведь»

bear market - рынок с тенденцией на понижение

bear operation /speculation/ - спекуляция на понижение

to sell a bear - а) играть на понижение; б) продать то, чего не имеешь, надуть

go to a bear - играть на понижение

4. ручной дыропробивной пресс, медведка

5. *метал.* «козёл»◇ Great [Little /Lesser/] Bear - Большая [Малая] Медведица (*созвездие*)

as cross as a bear with a sore head - ≅ зол как чёрт; смотрит зверем

you must not sell the skin till you have shot the bear - ≅ нельзя делить шкуру неубитого медведя

to take a bear by the tooth - ≅ лезть в медвежье логово /в пекло/

had it been a bear it would have bitten you - *уст.* ≅ ты не видишь того, что лежит у тебя под носомto be a bear for punishment - а) не бояться лишений, дурного обращения *и т. п.*; быть закалённым; б) идти напролом к цели, добиваться своего, несмотря ни на какие трудностиto have a bear by the tail - *амер.* ≅ дразнить медведя, бесцельно рисковать, неразумно подвергать себя опасностиloaded for bear - *амер. сл.* готов к драке, на взводе2. [beə] *v бирж. проф.*

играть на понижение

II

[beə] *v (bore; borne, born)*

I

1. 1) переносить, перевозить

the ship bore him to a distant country - корабль унёс его далеко от родины

the mules bearing the baggage remained behind - мулы с кладью остались позади

2) *книжн.* носить, нести (*обыкн. что-л. тяжёлое*)

to bear a banner - нести знамя

to come bearing rich gifts - прийти с богатыми дарами

2. 1) гнать, нести (*тж. bear along*)

the crowd bore us along - толпа увлекла нас за собой

the boat was borne backward by the wind - ветер отнёс лодку назад

2) направляться, поворачиваться; держаться

to bear east [north, south, west] - двигаться на восток [на север, на юг, на запад]

to bear before the wind - *мор.* спускаться под ветерto bear a course - *мор.* прокладывать курс (*по карте*)

when you come to the bridge bear to the right - когда подойдёте к мосту, поверните направо

the road bears to the right - дорога отклоняется вправо

3) *книжн.* находиться, простираться (*о местности и т. п.*)

the land bears south of us - земля к югу от нас

4) наводить (*орудие и т. п.*)

to bring /to put/ a telescope [a gun] to bear on smth. - навести телескоп [орудие] на что-л.

to bring one's mind to bear on smth. - сосредоточить всё своё внимание на чём-л.

3. 1) иметь, нести на себе

to bear the marks [signs, traces] of smth. - иметь признаки [знаки, следы] чего-л.

to bear an evil look - выглядеть зловеще

the monument bore an inscription - на памятнике была надпись

the letter bears his signature - на письме стоит его подпись

what date does that letter bear? - каким числом помечено это письмо?

2) иметь, обладать

to bear a name [a title] - носить имя [титул]

to bear an office - занимать пост

to bear rule /sway/ - держать в своих руках власть, властвовать

to bear a good character - иметь хорошую репутацию, пользоваться доброй славой

4. выдерживать, нести тяжесть, нагрузку (*тж. bear up*)

his shoulders can bear a heavy load - он может нести на плечах тяжёлый груз

will the ice bear today? - достаточно ли крепкий лёд сегодня?

bear steady! - *мор.* так держать!

5. (on, upon)

1) опираться (на что-л.); стоять (на чём-л.); нажимать, давить
a beam bearing on /upon/ two uprights - брус, опирающийся на два столба
the whole building bears on these columns - эти колонны поддерживают всё здание
to bear hard /heavily/ on - наваливаться, давить на
the old man was bearing heavily on his stick - старик тяжело опирался на трость
don't bear hard on the pencil - it will break - не нажимай сильно на карандаш - он сломается
to bring all one's strength to bear on a lever - изо всех сил навалиться /надавить/ на рычаг
to bring pressure to bear on smb. - оказывать давление на кого-л.

2) иметь отношение к (чему-л.), быть связанным с (чем-л.)

the fact does not bear on the subject - этот факт не имеет отношения к делу
a resolution bearing on the matter - резолюция по этому вопросу

6. допускать, разрешать

he spends more than his salary can bear - он тратит больше, чем позволяет ему жалование
your words bear only one interpretation - ваши слова можно истолковать только так
there are passages in the book that will bear skipping - в книге есть места, которые вполне можно пропустить
his language does not bear repeating - его язык не для приличного общества

7. (р. р. тж. born)

1) рождать; производить на свет

borne by Eve, born of Eve - рождённый Евой
she has borne him five children - она родила ему пятерых детей
I was born in 1922 - я родился в 1922 году

2) приносить плоды

the trees bear fruit - деревья приносят плоды
his efforts bore fruit - его усилия увенчались успехом
these shares bear 5 per cent interest - эти акции приносят 5% прибыли

8. *refl* держаться, вести себя

to bear oneself with dignity - вести себя с достоинством
◇ to bear one's head high - высоко нести голову, держаться независимо /смело/

II А

1. 1) терпеть, выносить, выдерживать (*боль, пытки и т. п.*)

to bear pain [wrong] - терпеть боль [обиду]
to bear torture [a test] - вынести /выдержать/ пытку [испытание]
to bear strain [affliction] - переносить напряжение [несчастье]

2) переносить (*операцию и т. п.*)

he bore the operation satisfactorily - он удовлетворительно перенёс операцию
how do you bear air travel? - как вы переносите самолёт?

2. *обыкн. в отрицательных или вопросительных предложениях* терпеть, выносить; мириться (с чем-л.)

I cannot bear him - я его терпеть не могу /не выношу/
I cannot bear the sight of him - видеть его не могу
I cannot bear to see it - мне тяжело на это смотреть
the charge will not bear examination - обвинение несостоятельно/совершенно не обоснованно/
this bears no comparison with ... - это не выдерживает сравнения с ...

3. нести (*расходы, убытки*)

to bear losses - нести убытки /ущерб/
let him bear the expenses - пусть он возьмёт расходы на себя /расплачивается/

4. давать (*показания*)

to bear evidence /testimony, witness/ - давать свидетельские показания, свидетельствовать
he will bear witness that ... - он может засвидетельствовать, что ...
to bear false witness (against) - лжесвидетельствовать
thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour - *библ.* не послушествоуй на друга свидетельства ложна

5. питать, таить (*чувства и т. п.*)

to bear malice [spite, ill-feeling] - таить злобу [обиду, недоброжелательств]
to bear goodwill - относиться доброжелательно
the love she bore him - любовь, которую она к нему питала

6. распространять (*слухи и т. п.*); разносить (*сплетни и т. п.*)

to bear tales - разносить слухи, распространять сплетни
to bear good news - принести хорошие вести

7. иметь

to bear resemblance - иметь сходство
to bear relation - иметь отношение
it bears no relation to the matter - это не имеет отношения к делу

II Б

1. *to bear against smth.* упираться во что-л.; плотно прилегать к чему-л.

2. *to be borne in on /upon/ smb.* стать ясным, понятным кому-л.

it was gradually borne in upon him that ... - до него постепенно дошло, что ..., мало-помалу он понял /осознал/, что ...

3. *to bear with smb., smth.* терпеливо относиться к кому-л., чему-л., мириться с кем-л., чем-л.

bear with me - будьте ко мне снисходительны

◇

to bear arms - а) носить оружие; служить в армии; б) иметь *или* носить герб

to bear arms against smb. - поднять оружие на кого-л., восстать с оружием в руках против кого-л.
 to bear a part in smth. - принимать участие в чём-л.
 to bear in mind - иметь в виду, помнить, учитывать, принимать во внимание
 to bear company - составлять компанию
 to bear a hand - помогать, содействовать
 bear a hand! - а) помогите!; б) **мор.** навались!, взяли! (*команда*)
 bear for action! - к бою! (*команда*)
 to bear smb. in hand - а) держать кого-л. в руках; б) **уст.** обманывать, водить кого-л. за нос
 to bear one's age well - выглядеть молодо; не чувствовать бремени лет
 to bear the brunt **см.** brunt
 to bear smb. a grudge - иметь зуб против кого-л., затаить злобу против кого-л.
 to bear and forbear - проявлять терпение и выдержку, обладать ангельским терпением
 born yesterday - наивный, доверчивый; ≅ как будто только вчера на свет родился
 in all one's born days - за всю свою жизнь

II
 [beə] *n диал.*
 ячмень

IV
 [beə] *n диал.*
 наволочка

bear

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bear [bear bears bore bearing borne] **verb, noun** *BrE* [beə(r)]^u *NAmE* [ber]^u
verb (**bore** *BrE* [bɔː(r)]^u; *NAmE* [bɔːr]^u **borne** *BrE* [bɔːn]^u; *NAmE* [bɔːrɪn]^u)

ACCEPT/DEAL WITH

1. **transitive** (used with can/could in negative sentences and questions) to be able to accept and deal with sth unpleasant

Syn: †stand

- ~ **sth** The pain was almost more than he could bear.
- She **couldn't bear the thought of** losing him.
- ~ **doing sth** I can't bear having cats in the house.
- He can't bear being laughed at.
- ~ **to do sth** He can't bear to be laughed at.
- How can you bear to eat that stuff?
- ~ **sb doing sth** I can't bear you doing that.

NOT BE SUITABLE

2. **transitive not ~** to not be suitable for sth

- ~ **sth** Her later work **does not bear comparison** with her earlier novels (= because it is not nearly as good).
- The plan **won't bear close inspection** (= it will be found to be unacceptable when carefully examined).
- ~ **doing sth** The joke **doesn't bear repeating** (= because it is not funny or may offend people).
- His sufferings **don't bear thinking about** (= because they are so terrible).

BE RESPONSIBLE FOR STH

3. **transitive ~ sth (formal)** to take responsibility for sth

- She **bore the responsibility** for most of the changes.
- Do parents have to **bear the whole cost** of tuition fees?
- You shouldn't have to **bear the blame** for other people's mistakes.

NEGATIVE FEELING

4. **transitive** to have a feeling, especially a negative feeling

- ~ **sth (against/towards sb)** He **bears no resentment** towards them.
- He's **borne a grudge** against me ever since that day.
- ~ **sb sth** He's **borne me a grudge** ever since that day.
- She **bore** him **no ill will**.

SUPPORT WEIGHT

5. **transitive ~ sth** to support the weight of sb/sth

- The ice is too thin to bear your weight.

SHOW

6. **transitive ~ sth (formal)** to show sth; to carry sth so that it can be seen

- The document bore her signature.
- He was badly wounded in the war and still bears the scars.
- She **bears little resemblance to** (= is not much like) her mother.
- The title of the essay **bore little relation to** (= was not much connected with) the contents.

NAME

7. **transitive ~ sth (formal)** to have a particular name

- a family that bore an ancient and honoured name

CARRY

8. **transitive** ~ **sb/sth** (old-fashioned or formal) to carry sb/sth, especially while moving
- three kings bearing gifts

YOURSELF

9. **transitive** ~ **yourself well, etc.** (formal) to move, behave or act in a particular way
- He bears himself (= stands, walks, etc.) proudly, like a soldier.
 - She bore herself with dignity throughout the funeral.

CHILD

10. **transitive** (formal) to give birth to a child
- ~ **sth** She was not able to bear children.
 - ~ **sb sth** She had borne him six sons.

OF TREES/PLANTS

11. **transitive** ~ **sth** (formal) to produce flowers or fruit

TURN

12. **intransitive** ~ **(to the) left, north, etc.** to go or turn in the direction mentioned

- When you get to the fork in the road, bear right.

more at bear, take, etc. the brunt of sth **at** ↑brunt, have a (heavy) cross to bear **at** ↑cross _{n.}, grin and bear it **at** ↑grin _{v.}, bear/keep sb/sth in mind bear/keep in mind (that...) **at** ↑mind _{n.}, bear/give witness (to sth) **at** ↑witness _{n.}

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	bear
	BrE /bee(r)/
	NAmE /ber/
he / she / it	bears
	BrE /beəz/
	NAmE /berz/
past simple	bore
	BrE /bo:(r)/
	NAmE /bɔ:r/
past participle	borne
	BrE /bɔ:n/
	NAmE /bɔ:n/
-ing form	bearing
	BrE /'beərɪŋ/
	NAmE /'berɪŋ/

Word Origin:

v. Old English beran Germanic Indo-European Sanskrit **bharati** Greek **pherein** Latin **ferre**

n. Old English bera West Germanic Dutch **beer** German **Bär**

Thesaurus:

bear verb

1. **I, T** (not used in the progressive tenses)

- How can you bear this awful noise?

stand • **take** • |especially written **tolerate** • |especially spoken **put up with sb/sth** • |formal **endure** •

(can't/not) bear/stand/endure **doing sth**

(can't/not) bear/stand/put up with **sb/sth doing sth**

bear/stand/put up with/endure **pain**

sb can **hardly** bear/stand sth

Bear or stand? **Bear** is slightly stronger and more formal than **stand**. **Stand** is used with **can/could** in negative statements and questions, but not in positive statements:

- She bore it with her usual patience.

✗ She stood it with her usual patience.

2. **can't bear T** (not used in the progressive tenses)

- She couldn't bear the thought of losing him.

can't stand • **hate** • **loathe** • **detest** •

can't bear/can't stand/hate/loathe/detest **doing sth**

can't bear/hate **to do sth**

can't bear/can't stand/hate **it when...**

3. **T** (formal)

- She had to bear the blame for his mistakes.

accept • **take** • **shoulder** • **carry** • |formal **assume** •

bear/accept/take/shoulder/carry/assume sth **for sb/sth**

bear/accept/take/shoulder/carry/assume the **responsibility**

bear/accept/take/shoulder/carry the **blame**

4. **T**

- The ground was too soft to bear his weight.

hold • **support** • **carry** •

bear/hold/support/carry the **weight** of sb/sth

Bear or hold? Bear is slightly more formal and can also be used figuratively.

• He seemed unable to bear the weight of responsibility.

✗ He seemed unable to hold the weight of responsibility.

Synonyms:

hate

dislike • can't stand • despise • can't bear • loathe • detest

These words all mean to have a strong feeling of dislike for sb/sth.

hate • to have a strong feeling of dislike for sb/sth. Although **hate** is generally a very strong verb, it is also commonly used in spoken or informal English to talk about people or things that you dislike in a less important way, for example a particular type of food: ▪ He hates violence in any form. ◇▪ I've always hated cabbage.

dislike • (rather formal) to not like sb/sth. **Dislike** is a rather formal word; it is less formal, and more usual, to say that you **don't like** sb/sth, especially in spoken English: ▪ I don't like it when you phone me so late at night.

can't stand • (rather informal) used to emphasize that you really do not like sb/sth: ▪ I can't stand his brother. ◇▪ She couldn't stand being kept waiting.

despise • to dislike and have no respect for sb/sth: ▪ He despised himself for being so cowardly.

can't bear • used to say that you dislike sth so much that you cannot accept or deal with it: ▪ I can't bear having cats in the house.

can't stand or can't bear?

In many cases you can use either word, but **can't bear** is slightly stronger and slightly more formal than **can't stand**.

loathe • to hate sb/sth very much: ▪ They loathe each other.

Loathe is generally an even stronger verb than **hate**, but it can also be used more informally to talk about less important things, meaning 'really don't like': ▪ Whether you ▪ love or loathe ▪ their music, you can't deny their talent.

detest • (rather formal) to hate sb/sth very much: ▪ They absolutely detest each other.

I hate/dislike/can't stand/can't bear/loathe/detest **doing sth.**

I hate/can't bear **to do sth.**

I hate/dislike/can't stand/can't bear **it when...**

I **really** hate/dislike/can't stand/despise/can't bear/detest sb/sth

I **absolutely** hate/can't stand/loathe/detest sb/sth

Example Bank:

- Don't leave me alone. I wouldn't be able to bear it.
- How can you bear this awful noise?
- The burden of the tax bore most heavily on the poor.
- We could hardly bear to be outdoors in the blinding sunlight.
- You must bear at least some responsibility for what has happened.
- information not bearing directly on his argument
- Guests starting arriving mostly bearing gifts.
- He can't bear being laughed at.
- He returned bearing a basket of vegetables.
- Her two sons helped bear the coffin.
- His parents had borne the child across the mountains.
- I can't bear having cats in the house.
- I just can't bear it any more!
- Schools will bear the brunt of cuts in government spending.
- She bore it all with her usual patience.
- She couldn't bear seeing him so upset.
- She couldn't bear the thought of losing him.
- The ground was too soft to bear his weight.
- These trees take a long time to bear fruit.
- You shouldn't have to bear the blame for other people's mistakes.

Idioms: ↑bear arms ▪ ↑bear fruit ▪ bear hard/heavily/severely on somebody ▪ ↑borne in on somebody ▪ ↑bring something to bear ▪

↑like a bear with a sore head

Derived ↑bear down on somebody ▪ ↑bear on something ▪ ↑bear somebody out ▪ ↑bear up ▪ ↑bear with somebody

noun

1. a heavy wild animal with thick fur and sharp ↑claws (= pointed parts on the ends of its feet). There are many types of **bear**
• a black bear

see also ↑grizzly bear, ↑polar bear, ↑teddy bear

2. (finance) a person who sells shares in a company, etc, hoping to buy them back later at a lower price

compare ↑bull

see also ↑bearish

Word Origin:

bear

1. **bear** ¹ **S2 W2** /beə \$ ber/ *BrE* ² *AmE* ³ *verb* (past tense **bore** /bɔːr \$ bɔːr/, past participle

borne /bɔːn \$ bɔːrn) [transitive]

[Word Family: *verb*: ↑**bear**; *noun*: ↑**bearer**; *adverb*: ↑**bearably** ≠ ↑**unbearably**; *adjective*: ↑**bearable** ≠ ↑**unbearable**]

[Language: Old English; Origin: *beran*]

1. **DEAL WITH SOMETHING** to bravely accept or deal with a painful, difficult, or upsetting situation **SYN stand**:

- " She was afraid she wouldn't be able to bear the pain.
- " Overcrowding makes prison life even harder to bear.
- " Make the water as hot as you can bear.
- " The humiliation was more than he could bear.
- " Black people continue to bear the brunt of most racial violence (=have to deal with the most difficult or damaging part).
- " Passengers could be insulting, and stewardesses just had to grin and bear it (=accept it without complaining).
- " Experts were worried the financial system would not be able to bear the strain.

REGISTER

In everyday English, people usually say that they **can't stand** something, rather than that they **can't bear** it:

- I couldn't stand the noise any longer.

2. **can't bear something** *spoken*

a) to be so upset about something that you feel unable to accept it or let it happen **SYN can't stand**:

- " Please don't leave me. I couldn't bear it.

can't bear the thought of (doing) something

- " I just can't bear the thought of having to start all over.

can't bear to do something

- " I can't bear to see her cry.

can't bear doing something

- " I couldn't bear not seeing him again.

b) to dislike something or someone very much, often so that they make you feel annoyed or impatient **SYN can't stand**:

- " Oh, I really can't bear him.

can't bear somebody doing something

- " He can't bear people smoking while he's eating.

can't bear doing something

- " I can't bear being cold.

3. **bear (something) in mind** to remember a fact or piece of information that is important or could be useful in the future **SYN keep (something) in mind**

bear in mind (that)

- " Bear in mind that some children will need help.

4. **ACCEPT/BE RESPONSIBLE FOR** *formal* to be responsible for or accept something

bear the costs/burden

- " Each company will bear half the costs of development.
- " Fares have gone up, perhaps to more than the market will bear.

bear the responsibility/blame etc

- " Developed countries bear much of the responsibility for environmental problems.

5. **SUPPORT** to be under something and support it **SYN hold**:

- " My leg was painful, and I wasn't sure it would bear my weight.
- " a tray bearing a bottle and several glasses
- " a load-bearing wall

6. **SIGN/MARK** *formal* to have or show a sign, mark, or particular appearance, especially when this shows that something has happened or is true **SYN have**:

- " The letter bore no signature.
- " a car bearing diplomatic license plates
- " The labels bear a yellow and black symbol.
- " The town still bears the scars of the bombings during the war.
- " The store bears the hallmarks (=it has the qualities) of a family-owned business.

7. **bear a resemblance/relation to somebody/something** to be similar to someone or something else:

- " The child bore a striking resemblance to his father.
- " The things she says bear little relation to what she actually does.

8. **BABY** *formal* to give birth to a baby:

- " She might never be able to bear children.

bear somebody a child/son/daughter

- " She bore him three sons.

9. **bear fruit**

a) if a plan, decision etc bears fruit, it is successful, especially after a long period of time:

- " Charles's diplomacy eventually bore fruit.

b) if a tree bears fruit, it produces fruit

10. **ABLE TO BE EXAMINED/COMPARED ETC** [often in negatives] to be suitable or good enough to be examined, compared, repeated etc without failing or being wrong:

- The production figures did not **bear scrutiny**.
 - We believe our pupils' results will **bear comparison** with any in Scotland.
 - The story is well known, but it certainly **bears repeating**.
11. **something doesn't bear thinking about** used to say that something is so upsetting or shocking that you prefer not to think about it:
 - The long-term consequences of a nuclear leak don't bear thinking about.
 12. **bear interest** if a bank account, ↑**investment** etc bears interest, the bank pays you a particular amount of money for keeping your money in the account
 13. **CARRY literary** to carry someone or something, especially something important:
 - The wedding guests arrived, bearing gifts.
 - The US Constitution states that the people have a right to **bear arms**.
 14. **bring pressure/influence to bear (on somebody/something)** to use your influence or power to get what you want:
 - Unions can bring pressure to bear on governments.
 15. **bear witness/testimony to something formal** to show that something is true or exists:
 - The empty workshops bear witness to the industrial past.
 16. **HAVE FEELINGS formal** to have a particular feeling, especially a bad feeling
 - **bear (somebody) a grudge** (=continue to feel annoyed after a long time)
 - It was an accident. I don't bear any grudges.
 - **bear somebody no malice/ill will etc** (=not feel angry)
 - He was just doing his job, and I bore him no malice.
 17. **bear right/left** to turn towards the right or left:
 - When you reach the fork in the trail, bear left.
 18. **bear yourself formal** to walk, stand etc in a particular way, especially when this shows your character:
 - She bore herself with great dignity.
 19. **WIND/WATER literary** if wind, water, or air bears something, it carries it somewhere:
 - The sound of music was borne along on the wind.
 20. **NAME/TITLE formal** to have a particular name or title:
 - He bore the name 'Magnus'.
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COLLOCATIONS

■ bear + NOUN

- **bear the pain** He knew that he couldn't bear the pain much longer.
- **bear the heat/cold** Some people find it hard to bear the heat in the summer.
- **bear the strain/pressure** Mark couldn't bear the pressure of the job any longer.

■ phrases

- **can hardly bear something** (=find something very difficult or upsetting to do) He was so ashamed that he could hardly bear to look at her.
- **be unable to bear something** Fiona was unable to bear the thought of selling the house.
- **be hard to bear** The situation was very hard to bear.
- **be more than somebody can bear** He sometimes felt the grief was more than he could bear.
- **bear the brunt of something** (=be in the worst position and have to deal with it) Shareholders will bear the brunt of the company's financial troubles.
- **grin and bear it** (=accept it without complaining) It was a horrible job but she had to grin and bear it.

bear down phrasal verb

1. bear down on somebody/something

a) to move quickly towards a person or place in a threatening way:

- a storm bearing down on the island

b) to behave in a threatening or controlling way towards a person or group:

- Federal regulators have been bearing down on campaign contributors.

2. to use all your strength and effort to push or press down on something

bear on/upon something phrasal verb formal

to relate to and possibly influence something:

- the national policies which bear on these problems

bear somebody/sth ↔ out phrasal verb

if facts or information bear out a claim, story, opinion etc, they help to prove that it is true **SYN support:**

- Evidence bears out the idea that students learn best in small groups.

bear up phrasal verb

to show courage or determination during a difficult or unpleasant time:

- How is he bearing up since the accident?

bear with somebody/something phrasal verb

1. **bear with me spoken** used to ask someone politely to wait while you find out information, finish what you are doing etc:

- Bear with me a minute, and I'll check if Mr Garrard's in.

2. to be patient or continue to do something difficult or unpleasant:

- It's boring, but please bear with it.

II. bear² BrE AmE noun [countable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: bera]



1. a large strong animal with thick fur, that eats flesh, fruit, and insects:
" a mother bear and her cubs ⇒ ↑grizzly bear, ↑polar bear, ↑teddy bear
2. *American English informal* something that is very difficult to do or to deal with:
" The chemistry test was a bear.
3. **be like a bear with a sore head** *British English informal* to be rude to people because you are feeling bad-tempered
4. *technical* someone who sells ↑shares or goods when they expect the price to fall ⇒ **bull**

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