

easy

1. ['i:zi] *n*
передышка (*гребля*)
2. ['i:zi] *a*
 1. лёгкий, нетрудный
easy task - лёгкое задание
easy path - удобная тропа
easy country - **воен.** легкопроходимая местность
it's an easy place to get to - туда легко добраться
easy of access - легкодоступный, достижимый без труда
easy money - деньги, доставшиеся легко, легко нажитые деньги
easy reading series - книги *или* пособия для начинающих (изучать иностранные языки)
easy book - **спец.** книга для детей младшего возраста
 2. нетрудный, необременительный
on easy terms - на лёгких условиях
to buy [to sell] on easy terms - **ком.** а) покупать [продавать] на выгодных условиях; б) покупать [продавать] в рассрочку
 3. удобный, приятный, покойный
easy coat - просторный пиджак
easy cushions - мягкие подушки
 4. спокойный
easy conscience - спокойная совесть
make your mind easy - не волнуйтесь, успокойтесь
the patient became easier - больному стало легче
I am much easier since my wound was dressed - после того, как рану перевязали, я чувствую себя гораздо лучше
I don't feel easy on this point - в этом вопросе я не чувствую себя спокойно /уверенно/
I made him easy - я его успокоил
 5. неторопливый
easy pace - неторопливый темп /шаг, аллюр/
to travel by easy stages - путешествовать, часто останавливаясь на отдых
 6. 1) уживчивый, покладистый, сговорчивый
easy disposition - покладистый характер
an easy person to get on with - покладистый /уживчивый/ человек
he is not easy to deal with - с ним нелегко иметь дело /трудно сговориться/
 - 2) снисходительный, терпимый
he is easy on his subordinates - он не требователен к подчинённым
an easy master - нетребовательный хозяин
we ought to be easy on him because everyone makes mistakes - мы должны отнестись к нему снисходительно, так как ошибки делают все
easy in one's morals - нестрогих правил; \cong лёгкого поведения
 7. непринуждённый, естественный
easy manners - непринуждённое /естественное/ поведение; непринуждённая манера
easy conversation - непринуждённая беседа
 8. пологий, плавный
easy slopes - пологие откосы
easy grade - **дор.** лёгкий подъём
easy curve - **спец.** плавная кривая, кривая малой кривизны
 9. обеспеченный, состоятельный
easy circumstances - материальная обеспеченность
 10. **австрал. разг.** равнодушный, безразличный
I am easy - мне всё равно; меня это не волнует
 11. **эк.**
 - 1) вялый, застойный (*о рынке и т. п.*)
 - 2) не имеющий спроса (*о товаре*)
rubber is easy - спрос на каучук невысок /небольшой/
 \diamond easy game /mark/ - лёгкая добыча, легковёрный человек; простофиля протак
easy as pie - **амер. разг.** не составляющий никакого труда
easy digging - **амер. сл.** пустяковое дело; \cong раз плюнуть
woman of easy virtue - женщина не строгих правил
3. ['i:zi] *adv разг.*
 - 1) легко, без труда
easier said than done - легче сказать, чем сделать
 - 2) спокойно, неторопливо
 \diamond take it easy - относитесь спокойно, не волнуйтесь; \cong не принимайте близко к сердцу; не усердствуйте
easy all! - **спорт.** легче грести! (*команда*)
stand easy! - **воен.** а) отойти от орудий! (*команда*); б) вольно! (*команда*)
easy does it! - потихоньку да полегоньку!, не спешите!; тише едешь - дальше будешь!
to go easy on smb. - вести себя с кем-л. тактично /мягко/

to go easy on smth. - не наваливаться на что-л. (на еду и т. п.)

dentists recommend that children go easy on candy - стоматологи рекомендуют детям не злоупотреблять сладким

easy come, easy go - *полсл.* ≅ дешево досталось - легко потерялось

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easy

easy [easy easier easiest] adjective, adverb BrE ['i:zi] NAmE ['i:zi]

adjective (eas-ier, easi-est)

1. not difficult; done or obtained without a lot of effort or problems

- an easy exam/job
- He didn't **make it easy** for me to leave.
- Their house isn't the easiest place to get to.
- vegetables that are easy to grow
- Several schools are **within easy reach** (= not far away) .
- It can't be easy for her, on her own with the children.
- It's easy for you to tell me to keep calm, but you're not in my position.
- It would be the easiest thing in the world to fall in love with him.

Opp: ↑hard

2. comfortable, relaxed and not worried

- I'll agree to anything for **an easy life** .
- I don't feel easy about letting the kids go out alone.

Opp: ↑uneasy

3. **only before noun** open to attack; not able to defend yourself

- She's an easy target for their criticisms .
- The baby fish are easy prey for birds.

4. **only before noun** pleasant and friendly

Syn: ↑easy-going

- He had a very easy manner.

Opp: ↑awkward

5. **not usually before noun** (informal, disapproving) (of women) willing to have sex with many different people

see also ↑easily

more at free and easy **at** ↑free adj., the soft/easy option **at** ↑option, within (easy) reach (of sth) **at** ↑reach n., have/give sb a rough/an

easy 'ride **at** ↑ride n., an easy/a soft touch **at** ↑touch n.

Word Origin:

Middle English (also in the sense 'comfortable, tranquil'): from Old French *aisie*, past participle of *aisier* 'put at ease, facilitate', from the phrase *a aise* 'at ease'.

Thesaurus:

easy adj.

1.

- vegetables that are easy to grow

simple • • **straightforward** • • **effortless** • • **uncomplicated** • |informal, often disapproving **cushy** • |written **undemanding** • • **painless** •

Opp: difficult, **Opp:** hard

easy/simple/straightforward/painless **to do sth**

a/an easy/simple/straightforward/undemanding **task**

a/an easy/simple/straightforward **matter/decision/test/question**

Easy or simple? **Easy** means 'not difficult': an **easy test/task** is one that causes you no difficulties because you have the ability to do it. **Simple** means 'not complicated': a simple task is one that needs only very few, basic actions and does not usually depend on people's abilities.

2.

- We set off at an easy pace.

leisurely • • **at leisure** • • **lazy** • |written **unhurried** • • **languid** •

a/an easy/leisurely/unhurried/languid **manner**

a/an easy/leisurely/lazy **day/morning/afternoon/time**

a/an easy/leisurely **trip/stroll/ride/drive**

Example Bank:

- Doing all that while injured isn't exactly easy.
- I found the exam quite easy.
- It is easy enough to see how it happened.
- It is the easiest thing in the world to blame your parents.
- It looks deceptively easy to hit the ball into the hole.
- It was all too easy to forget why we had been sent there.
- Life is getting easier for us.
- Playing tennis is not as easy as it looks.
- The written test was ridiculously easy.
- These changes should make your job easier.

- We want to make it as easy as possible for members to participate.
- Writing is not easy for her.
- a book designed for quick and easy reference
- He didn't make it easy for me to leave.
- His easy charm soon won her over.
- I don't feel easy about letting the kids go out alone.
- I want to plant some vegetables that are easy to grow.
- I'll agree to anything for an easy life.
- It can't be easy for her, on her own with the children.
- It was a really easy exam.
- It's easy for you to tell me to keep calm, but you're not in my position.
- Several schools are within easy reach.
- Their house isn't the easiest place to get to.
- Their success at the game did not make for an easy relationship off court.
- There are no easy answers to a problem like this.
- This encyclopedia is designed for quick and easy reference.

Idioms: ↑I'm easy ▪ ↑as easy as as as as falling off a log ▪ ↑easier said than done ▪ ↑easy come, easy go ▪ ↑easy does it ▪ ↑easy money ▪ ↑easy on the ear ▪ ↑go easy on somebody ▪ ↑go easy on something ▪ ↑have an easy time ▪ ↑not come easy ▪ ↑of easy virtue ▪ ↑on easy street ▪ ↑rest easy ▪ ↑stand easy ▪ ↑take it easy ▪ ↑take the easy way out

Derived Word ↑easiness

adverb (eas-ier, easi-est) used to tell sb to be careful when doing sth

- Easy with that chair— one of its legs is loose.

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I. easy¹ **S1 W1** /'i:zi *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *adjective* (comparative **easier**, superlative **easiest**)

[**Word Family:** noun: ↑ease, ↑unease, ↑easiness, uneasiness; **adverb** ↑easily, ↑uneasily, ↑easy; **adjective:** ↑easy, ↑uneasy; **verb** ↑ease]

[**Date:** 1100-1200; **Language:** Old French; **Origin:** aisié, from aise; ⇨ ↑ease¹]

1. NOT DIFFICULT not difficult to do, and not needing much effort **OPP** difficult, hard:

- The test was easy.
- Finishing the task will not be easy.
- There must be an easier way to do that.

easy to do something

- It's a great car, and very easy to drive.
- instructions that are easy to follow
- It would have been easy for the team to lose the game.

make it easier (to do something)

- The software makes it easier to download music.
- Having you here does make things a lot easier for me.

as easy as pie/ABC/falling off a log (=very easy)

- The station is within easy reach of (=close to) the town centre.
- The park is within easy walking distance (=close enough to walk to).

2. COMFORTABLE comfortable or relaxed, and without problems **OPP** hard:

- On the whole, Dad has had an easy life.

easy day/week etc

- She had a nice easy day at home.
- You can have an easy time of it now that the kids have all left home.
- Why don't we make life easy for ourselves and finish it tomorrow?

3. NOT WORRIED not feeling worried or anxious **OPP** uneasy:

- We talk more openly when we feel easy and relaxed.
- I can leave the children with my mother with an easy mind.

4. FRIENDLY friendly and pleasant with other people:

- She is gentle and easy to be with.

5. EASILY ATTACKED able to be hunted or attacked without difficulty:

- The soldiers on the streets are an easy target for terrorists.
- Tourists are easy prey for thieves.

6. take the easy way out to end a situation in a way that seems easy, but is not the best or most sensible way:

- I just took the easy way out and gave him some cash.

7. have an easy time (of it) to have no problems or difficulties:

- She's not been having an easy time of it financially.

8. easy money money that you do not have to work hard to get:

- We can buy them for \$10 and sell them for \$25 – easy money.

9. easy on the eye/ear pleasant to look at or listen to:

Soft colours are easy on the eye.

10. **it's/that's easy for you to say** *spoken* used when someone has given you some advice that would be difficult for you to follow
 11. **there are no easy answers** used when saying that it is difficult to find a good way of dealing with a problem
 12. **I'm easy** *spoken* used to say that you do not mind what choice is made:
"What would you like to do now?' 'I don't know, I'm easy.'
 13. **be (living) on easy street** *especially American English informal* to be in a situation in which you have plenty of money:
"If I get this new job, we'll be living on easy street.
 14. **on easy terms** if you buy something on easy terms, you pay for it with several small payments instead of paying the whole amount at once:
"New settlers in the west could buy land on relatively easy terms.
 15. **eggs over easy** *American English* eggs cooked on a hot surface and turned over quickly before serving
 16. **woman/lady/girl of easy virtue** *old-fashioned* a woman who has sex with a lot of men
 17. **SEX** *informal* someone, especially a woman, who is easy has a lot of sexual partners
- ⇒ [↑]ease, [↑]easily
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THESAURUS

- **easy** not difficult to do, and not needing much effort: an easy task | The house was easy to find.
- **simple** easy and not complicated – used about things such as instructions and explanations, or about machines and systems: The system is relatively simple to operate. | a simple recipe for chocolate cake
- **straightforward** easy to understand or do, and unlikely to cause you any problems: a straightforward explanation | The calculation is fairly straightforward.
- **user-friendly** easy to use – used especially about computers or written information about how to do something: Their website is very user-friendly. | a user-friendly guide to owning a dog
- **undemanding** easy because it does not take a lot of effort: It was an undemanding role for someone of his experience.
- **cushy** /'kʊʃi/ *informal* a cushy job is easy to do and needs very little effort – often used when you are envious of the person who has it: It's a pretty cushy job – all she has to do is drive a nice car around. | a cushy number (=a very easy job)
- **mindless** so easy that you can do it without thinking – used especially when it makes you feel bored: mindless tasks
- **painless** without any difficulties or problems – used especially when you expected something to be much worse: Finding the carhire place at the airport was relatively painless. | Thankfully, there's a wide selection of search tools to make the task relatively painless.
- **be plain sailing** *British English*, **be smooth sailing** *American English* to be easy and with no problems that you have to deal with: Things should be plain sailing from now on.

■ informal phrases meaning very easy

- **be a piece of cake** *informal* to be very easy to do, especially compared to doing something else: This test was a piece of cake compared to the last one.
- **be child's play** *informal* to be surprisingly easy, or much easier than something else which is very difficult or dangerous: Getting people's credit card details is child's play when you know how to do it. | Climbing in England is child's play compared to climbing in the Himalayas.
- **be a breeze** *informal* (also **be a doddle** *British English*) to be very easy to do: The software is a doddle to use. | The check-in process was a breeze.
- **it's not rocket science** *informal* used when saying that something is very easy to do or understand, and you do not need to be intelligent to do it: Making your PC run faster isn't exactly rocket science.

II. **easy**² *S2 BrE* ^{AmE} *adverb*

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1. **take it easy**

- a) (also **take things easy**) to relax and not do very much:
"Take things easy for a few days and you should be all right.
 - b) *spoken* used to tell someone to become less upset or angry:
"Just take it easy and tell us what happened.
 - c) *American English spoken* used to say goodbye
2. **go easy on/with something** to not use too much of something:
"Go easy on salty foods such as bacon.
 3. **go easy on somebody** to be more gentle and less strict or angry with someone:
"Go easy on Peter for a while – he's having a hard time at school.
 4. **easier said than done** *especially spoken* used to say that something would be very difficult to do:
"Finding the perfect house was easier said than done.
 5. **rest/breathe easy** to stop worrying:
"We can rest easy now – we've got everything under control.
 6. **easy does it** *spoken* used to tell someone to be more careful and slow, especially in moving
 7. **get off easy** *informal* to escape severe punishment for something that you have done wrong:
"The rich could hire good lawyers and get off easy.
 8. **easy come, easy go** *spoken* used when something, especially money, was easily obtained and is quickly used or spent
 9. **stand easy** an order telling soldiers who are already standing at [↑]ease to relax more

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15000 **401**^{COCA}

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easier 23752
easiest 2901
easily 33131
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COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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3209 **8941**³⁶⁰³ *rr*

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