

**labour****1. ['leɪbə] n****1. труд**

manual labour - физический труд  
 forced labour - принудительный труд  
 surplus labour - *полит.-эк.* прибавочный труд  
 labour code - кодекс законов о труде  
 labour legislation - трудовое законодательство  
 labour contract - трудовой договор /-ое соглашение/

**2. 1) работа, задание; задача (*особ. трудная*)**

labour company - *воен.* рабочая рота  
 labour detail - *воен.* а) рабочая команда; б) наряд на работу

**2) *р/л возвыш.* житейские дела, заботы; невзгоды**

his labours are over - его жизнь кончилась

**3. 1) рабочий класс; труд**

Labour and Capital - труд и капитал  
 the rights of labour - права рабочего класса

**2) рабочие; работники; рабочая сила (*тж.* labour force)**

direct labour - *эк.* основные производственные рабочие  
 shortage of labour - нехватка рабочей силы

**4. (Labour) лейбористская партия**

labour MP - член парламента от лейбористской партии  
 the labour vote - голоса, поданные за лейбористов  
 to vote labour - голосовать за лейбористскую партию

**5. чрезмерное усилие; затруднённость**

the engine works with labour - двигатель работает с трудом

**6. родовые муки, роды**

a woman in labour - роженица  
 labour pains - родовые схватки  
 labour ward - родильная палата, родильный покой  
 to be in labour - мучиться родами, рожать

**7. *арх.* продукт или результат труда**

◇ labour of love - а) бескорыстный труд; б) любимое дело  
 lost labour - напрасный труд, тщетные усилия  
 hard labour - каторжные работы, каторга

**2. ['leɪbə] а****лейбористский**

labour government - лейбористское правительство

**3. ['leɪbə] v****1. трудиться, (тяжело) работать**

to labour in the fields - работать в поле  
 to labour at a task [at a book, at a dictionary] - напряжённо работать над заданием [над книгой, над словарём]  
 he is labouring to finish his article - он прилагает все усилия, чтобы кончить статью

**2. (for) прилагать усилия, добиваться, стремиться**

to labour for peace - бороться за мир  
 to labour for breath - задыхаться, дышать с трудом

**3. 1) двигаться, продвигаться с трудом**

to labour along a bad road - медленно /с трудом/ продвигаться по плохой дороге  
 the car laboured up the hill - машина с трудом шла в гору  
 she laboured up the stairs with her bags - она еле плелась по лестнице со своими сумками

**2) *мор.* испытывать сильную качку; преодолевать волнение**

the ship was labouring - корабль боролся с волнами

**4. тщательно, кропотливо разрабатывать, рассматривать подробно, во всех деталях (*вопрос и т. п.*)**

to labour an argument - детализировать аргументацию  
 I will not labour the point - я не буду подробно останавливаться на этом

**5. (under) быть в затруднении, мучиться, страдать (*от чего-л.*); подвергаться (*чему-л.*)**

to labour under a delusion /a mistake, a misapprehension/ - впасть в ошибку, быть в заблуждении, жестоко заблуждаться  
 to labour under bad health - постоянно хворать

**6. мучиться родами, рожать****7. *арх. поэт.* обрабатывать (землю)****labour**

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**la·bour** **AW** [**labour labours laboured labou**ring] (especially US **labor**) **noun**,**verb** *BrE* ['leɪbə(r)] *NAmE* ['leɪbər]**noun****WORK****1. uncountable** work, especially physical work• **manual labour** (= work using your hands)

- The price will include the labour and materials.
  - The company wants to keep down **labour costs**.
  - The workers voted to **withdraw their labour** (= to stop work as a means of protest).
  - He was sentenced to two years in a **labour camp** (= a type of prison where people have to do hard physical work).
- 2. countable, usually plural (formal) a task or period of work**
- He was so exhausted from the day's labours that he went straight to bed.
  - People look forward to enjoying **the fruits of their labours** during retirement.

## PEOPLE WHO WORK

- 3. uncountable** the people who work or are available for work in a country or company
- a shortage of labour
  - Employers are using immigrants as **cheap labour**.
  - Repairs involve **skilled labour**, which can be expensive.
  - good **labour relations** (= the relationship between workers and employers)

## HAVING BABY

- 4. uncountable, countable, usually singular** the period of time or the process of giving birth to a baby
- Jane was **in labour** for ten hours.
  - She **went into labour** early.
  - labour pains
  - Older women tend to have more difficult labours.

## POLITICS

- 5. Labour singular + singular or plural verb (abbr. Lab.)** the British Labour Party
- He always votes Labour.
  - Labour was/were in power for many years.

### Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **labour** (noun), **labourer** (verb), both from Latin **labor** 'toil, trouble'.

### Thesaurus:

**labour** (BrE) (AmE labor) **noun U**

- a lifetime of hard manual labour

**work** • • **service** • |disapproving **drudgery** • |informal, disapproving **slog** • |literary **toil** •

**Opp:** ease

**hard** labour/work/slog/toil

**manual/physical/honest/unremitting** labour/work/toil

**hours/years/a lifetime of** labour/work/service/drudgery/toil

### Example Bank:

- He was sentenced to four years hard labour for his crime.
- It is now thought that the Pyramids were not built using slave labour.
- It is thought that Stonehenge was built using slave labour.
- Labour was induced when the baby was ten days overdue
- She was in labour for ten hours.
- She went into labour two weeks early.
- The baby was born after a long labour.
- The miners are threatening to withdraw their labour.
- an increasingly competitive labour market
- tensions between the labour movement and government
- the size of the labour force
- women at risk of preterm labour
- He was sentenced to two years in a labour camp.
- The company wants to keep down labour costs.
- These women were generally accustomed to hard manual labour.

Idioms: ↑labour of love ▪ ↑labour the point

Derived ↑labour under something

verb

## STRUGGLE

- 1. intransitive** to try very hard to do sth difficult
- ~ **(away)** He was in his study labouring away over some old papers.
  - ~ **to do sth** They laboured for years to clear their son's name.

## WORK HARD

- 2. intransitive** to do hard physical work
- We laboured all day in the fields.
  - (old-fashioned) the labouring classes (= the working class)

## MOVE WITH DIFFICULTY

### 3. intransitive (+ adv./prep.) to move with difficulty and effort

**Syn:** †struggle

- The horses laboured up the steep slope.
- With engine labouring, the car struggled up the hill.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	labour
	BrE / 'leɪbə(r) /
	NA mE / 'leɪbər /
he / she / it	labours
	BrE / 'leɪbəz /
	NA mE / 'leɪbəz /
past simple, past participle	laboured
	BrE / 'leɪbəd /
	NA mE / 'leɪbəd /
-ing form	labouring
	BrE / 'leɪbərɪŋ /
	NA mE / 'leɪbərɪŋ /

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Example Bank:

- They laboured all day in the fields.

See also: †labor

## labour

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### I. **labour**<sup>1</sup> **S2 W1 AC** BrE<sup>m</sup> AmE<sup>m</sup> *British English*, **labor** *American English* noun

[**Word Family:** noun: †labour, †labourer; verb: †labour]

#### 1. **WORK** [uncountable] work, especially physical work:

- The garage charges £30 an hour for labour.
- Many women do hard manual labour (=work with their hands).
- Workers withdrew their labour (=protested by stopping work) for twenty-four hours. ⇨ †hard labour

#### 2. **WORKERS** [uncountable] all the people who work for a company or in a country:

- a shortage of skilled labor
- We need to reduce our labour costs.

#### 3. **BABY** [singular, uncountable] the process of giving birth to a baby

**in labour**

- Meg was in labour for ten hours.
- Diane went into labour at 2 o'clock.

**a long/short/difficult labour**

- The labour pains were unbearable.

**labour ward/room** (=a room in a hospital where women give birth)

#### 4. **a labour of love** something that is hard work but that you do because you want to

#### 5. **sb's labours** *formal* a period of hard work:

- After several hours' gardening, we sat down to admire the results of our labours.

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## COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

### ■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + labour

- **skilled/unskilled labour** Employers want to keep skilled labour because of the cost of training.
- **cheap labour** (=workers who have low wages) Women and children were used as cheap labour.
- **casual labour** (=workers who do jobs that are not permanent) The industry makes use of a large supply of casual labour.
- **child labour** The shoe company was accused of using child labour in its factory.
- **slave labour** Cotton was grown using slave labor.

### ■ labour + NOUN

- **the labour force** (=all the people who work in a country or for a company) We need an educated labour force.
- **the labour supply** (=all the people available to work) What was the effect of the war on the labour supply?
- **the labour market** (=the people looking for work and the jobs available) the percentage of women in the labour market
- **a labour shortage** Immigrants came into the country to fill the labour shortage.
- **labour costs** There was pressure to keep down labour costs.

### II. **labour**<sup>2</sup> **AC** BrE<sup>m</sup> AmE<sup>m</sup> *British English*, **labor** *American English* verb [intransitive]

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#### 1. to work hard:

- They laboured all day in the mills.

**labour over**

- I've been labouring over this report all morning.

**labour to do something**

Ray had little talent but labored to acquire the skills of a writer.

2. **labour under a delusion/misconception/misapprehension etc** to believe something that is not true:

She had laboured under the misconception that Bella liked her.

3. **labour the point** to describe or explain something in too much detail or when people have already understood it

4. **[always + adverb/preposition]** to move slowly and with difficulty:

I could see the bus labouring up the steep, windy road.

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