

avenue[ˈævɪnjuː] *n*

1. авеню, дорога *или* аллея, обсаженная деревьями (*часто* ведущая к дому); двойной ряд деревьев
avenue of limes - липовая аллея
2. авеню, проспект, широкая улица (*особ.* в США)
3. путь, средство
avenue to success [to fame, to wealth, to prosperity] - путь к успеху [к славе, к богатству, к процветанию]
avenue of contact - пути для установления контактов
to leave no avenue unexplored - использовать все пути /все возможности/
4. проход (*особ.* узкий)
avenue to India - путь в Индию
avenue of approach - *воен.* подступ

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avenue [avenue avenues] *BrE* [ˈævənjuː] *NAmE* [ˈævənuː] **noun**

1. (abbr. Ave., Av.) a street in a town or city
 - a hotel on Fifth Avenue
 - 120 Holland Park Avenue
2. (*BrE*) a wide straight road with trees on both sides, especially one leading to a big house
 - an avenue lined with plane trees
3. a choice or way of making progress towards sth
 - Several avenues are open to us.
 - We will explore every avenue until we find an answer.
 - He saw suicide as the only avenue left open to him.

Word Origin:

early 17th cent. (in sense 3): from French, feminine past participle of **venir** 'arrive, approach', from Latin **advenire**, from **ad-** 'towards' + **venire** 'come'.

Culture:**street names**

In Britain, main **↑roads** outside towns and cities are known by numbers rather than names. An **exception** is the A1 from London to north-eastern England, which is often called the **Great North Road**. Roads that follow the line of former **↑Roman** roads also have names, e.g. the **↑Fosse Way**. If a main road passes through a town, that part of it usually has a name, often that of the place which the road goes to, e.g. London Road.

The main shopping street in a town is often called High Street, or sometimes Market Street. Many streets take their name from a local feature or building. The most common include Bridge Street, Castle Street, Church Street, Mill Street and Station Road. Some names indicate the trade that was formerly carried on in that area. Examples are Candlemaker's Row, Cornmarket, Petticoat Lane and Sheep Street. Many streets laid out in the 19th century were named after famous people or events. These include Albert Street, Cromwell Road, Shakespeare Street, Wellington Street, Trafalgar Road and Waterloo Street. When **housing estates** are built, the names of the new roads in them are usually all on the same theme. Names of birds or animals are popular. Others are based on the old names for the fields that the houses were built on, e.g. Tenacres Road, The Slade and Meadow Walk. The name of a road is written on signs at each end of it, sometimes together with the local **postcode**.

Some streets have become so closely identified with people of a particular profession that the street name itself is immediately associated with them. In London, **↑Harley Street** has been associated with private doctors and **↑Fleet Street** with newspapers. In the US main roads such as **interstates** and **highways** are known by numbers. Most towns and cities are laid out on a **grid** pattern and have long **streets** with **avenues** crossing them. Each has a number, e.g. 7th Avenue, 42nd Street. The roads are often straight and have square **blocks** of buildings between them. This makes it easier to find an address and also helps people to judge distance. In **↑Manhattan**, for example, **↑Tiffany's** is described as being at East 57th Street and Fifth Avenue, i.e. on the corner of those two streets. The distance between West 90th Street and West 60th Street is 30 blocks.

As well as having numbers, many streets are named after people, places, local features, history and nature. In Manhattan there is Washington Street, Lexington Avenue, Liberty Street, Church Street and Cedar Street. Some streets are named after the town to which they lead. The most important street is often called **Main Street**. A **suburb** or **subdivision** of a city may have streets with similar names. In a subdivision of Baton Rouge, **↑Louisiana**, all the names end in 'wood', e.g. Balsawood Drive, Limewood Drive and Aspenwood Drive.

Some roads are called boulevards, with **Hollywood's** **↑Sunset Boulevard** and **Miami's** Biscayne Boulevard among the best known. Avenues usually cross streets, as in New York, but often the word is chosen as part of a name for no particular reason. **Avenue** and **boulevard** once indicated roads with trees along each side, but few have trees today. A **road** in the US is usually found outside cities, though Chicago uses the name for some central streets.

Some street names have particular associations: Grant Avenue in **↑San Francisco** is associated with **↑Chinatown**, **↑Beale Street** in **↑Memphis** with the **↑blues**, and Bourbon Street in New Orleans with **↑jazz**. In New York **↑Wall Street** is associated with the financial world, **↑Madison Avenue** with **↑advertising** and **↑Broadway** with theatres.

Example Bank:

- There was only one avenue open to him.
- We need to explore every possible avenue
- We were strolling down a tree-lined avenue
- We will need to seek other avenues of growth.

- a house in Acacia Avenue
- an avenue lined with elms
- an avenue to success
- an office building on Fifth Avenue
- the two main avenues of enquiry
- to provide a new avenue for research
- A mile-long avenue of lime trees leads to the house.
- She walked slowly up the avenue
- They drove along a broad, tree-lined avenue
- We stayed at a hotel on Lexington Avenue.

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[Date: 1600-1700; Language: French; Origin: avenir 'to come up to', from Latin advenire ⇒ ↑adventure]

1. **Avenue** used in the names of streets in a town or city:

- Fifth Avenue
- Shaftesbury Avenue

2. a possible way of achieving something:

- The president wants to explore every avenue towards peace in the region.
- There are many avenues open to researchers.

3. **British English** a road or broad path between two rows of trees, especially one leading to a big house:

- a tree-lined avenue

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■ types of road

- **road** a hard surface for cars, buses etc to drive on: They're planning to build a new road. | My address is 42, Station Road.
- **street** a road in a town, with houses or shops on each side: She lives on our street. | We walked along the streets of the old town. | Oxford Street is one of Europe's busiest shopping areas. | He was stopped by the police, driving the wrong way down a one-way street. | Turn left on Main Street (=the street in the middle of a town, where most of the shops are – used in *American English*). | These days the same shops are on every high street (=the street in the middle of a town, where most of the shops are – used in *British English*).
- **avenue** a road in a town, often with trees on each side: the busy avenue in front of the cathedral | He lived on Park Avenue.
- **boulevard** a wide road in a city or town – used especially in street names in the US, France etc. In the UK, streets are usually called **avenue** rather than **boulevard**: the world-famous Sunset Boulevard in Los Angeles.
- **lane** a narrow road in the country: a winding country lane
- **cul-de-sac** a short street which is closed at one end: The house is situated in a quiet cul-de-sac in North Oxford.
- **track** *especially British English, dirt road American English* a narrow road in the country, usually without a hard surface: The farm was down a bumpy track.
- **ring road** *British English* a road that goes around a town: The airport is on the ring road.
- **bypass** *British English* a road that goes past a town, allowing traffic to avoid the centre: The bypass would take heavy traffic out of the old city centre.
- **dual carriageway** *British English, divided highway American English* a road with a barrier or strip of land in the middle that has lines of traffic travelling in each direction: I waited until we were on the dual carriageway before I overtook him.
- **freeway/expressway** *American English* a very wide road in a city or between cities, on which cars can travel very fast without stopping: Take the Hollywood Freeway (101) south, exit at Vine Street and drive east on Franklin Avenue. | Over on the side of the expressway, he saw an enormous sedan, up against a stone wall.
- **motorway** *British English, highway American English* a very wide road for travelling fast over long distances: The speed limit on the motorway is 70 miles an hour. | the Pacific Coast Highway
- **interstate** *American English* a road for fast traffic that goes between states: The accident happened on Interstate 84, about 10 miles east of Hartford.
- **toll road** a road that you pay to use: The government is planning to introduce toll roads, in an effort to cut traffic congestion.
- **turnpike** *American English* a large road for fast traffic that you pay to use: He dropped her off at an entrance to the New Jersey Turnpike.

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