

hard**1. [hɑ:d] n**

1. 1) твёрдая мощёная или бетонированная дорожка
- 2) твёрдый грунт, по которому можно пройти через топкое болото
2. звонкая монета
to pay in hard - платить звонкой монетой
3. *сл.* каторга
fifteen years' hard - пятнадцать лет каторжных работ
4. *разг.* прессованный табак
5. = hard-on
◇ when hard comes to hard - когда будет совсем плохо, в худшем случае

2. [hɑ:d] a

1. 1) твёрдый
hard collar - крахмальный воротничок
hard palate - *анат.* твёрдое нёбо
to get /to grow/ hard - затвердевать; черстветь; грубеть
- 2) жёсткий, неприятный на ощупь
hard to the touch - грубый на ощупь
hard silk - *текст.* необесклеенный кручёный шёлк
- 3) жёсткий (о воде)
2. 1) трудный, тяжёлый, требующий напряжения
hard work - тяжёлая /изнурительная/ работа
hard usage - *слец.* тяжёлые условия эксплуатации
hard case - трудное дело [*ср. тж.* 2)]
hard cases make bad law - трудные дела - плохая основа для законодательства, запутанные дела не могут служить прецедентом
a hard supposition - маловероятное предположение
it is hard to make up one's mind - трудно решиться
the hardest part of the job is done - самая трудная часть работы позади
I find it hard to believe that he could do that - мне трудно поверить, что он мог так поступить
- 2) такой, с которым трудно (*сделать что-л.*); с трудом поддающийся
hard case - а) тяжёлый случай; б) закоренелый преступник; [*ср. тж.* 1)]
a disease hard to cure - трудноизлечимая болезнь
things hard to imagine - вещи, которые трудно себе представить
a hard language to learn - трудный для изучения язык
he is hard to deal with - с ним трудно иметь дело
the engine is hard to start - этот мотор трудно завести
it is hard to understand - это трудно понять
a book that is hard reading - книга, которую трудно читать /которая читается с трудом/
3. крепкий, закалённый, сильный
hard muscles - крепкие мускулы
in hard condition - в (хорошей спортивной) форме
to get hard by taking regular exercise - укрепить физически благодаря регулярной тренировке
4. 1) строгий, суровый; безжалостный жестокий
hard master - суровый хозяин
hard father - строгий отец
hard heart - жестокое сердце
hard bargain - кабальная сделка
to be hard on a person - быть строгим /суровым/ с кем-л., держать кого-л. в строгости
to be hard on one's clothes - плохо обращаться с одеждой, не беречь одежду
- 2) тяжёлый, трудный (о характере)
5. тяжёлый, суровый, полный трудностей и лишений
hard times - тяжёлые времена
hard years - трудные годы
hard lines /lot, luck/ - горькая судьба
he has had hard luck - ему не везло
6. суровый, холодный
hard climate - суровый климат
hard frost - сильный мороз
hard winter - холодная /суровая/ зима
7. резкий; грубый; неприятный
hard voice - резкий голос
hard eye - завистливый /жёсткий/ взгляд
hard words - резкости, резкие выражения
to say hard things to smb. - говорить резкости кому-л.
to call smb. hard names - резко отзываться о ком-л.; не стесняться в выражениях
to paint with a hard touch - рисовать резкими мазками
to entertain hard thoughts of smb. - быть о ком-л. плохого мнения
8. 1) усердный, упорный; прилежный

hard worker - прилежный работник

to try one's hardest - стараться изо всех сил

2) не знающий удержу, усиленно предающийся (чему-л.)

hard rider - неутомимый /страстный/ ездок

hard drinker - пропойца, пьяница

hard drinking - беспробудное пьянство

9. 1) стойкий, устойчивый

hard against entreaties - не внимающий просьбам

hard prices - устойчивые высокие цены

2) **спец.** стойкий, не поддающийся биологическому распаду

hard detergents - стойкие детергенты

hard pesticides - неразлагающиеся пестициды

10. жадный, алчный, скупой

11. 1) звонкий (о монете)

hard cash /**амер.** money/ - а) наличные; б) звонкая монета; [**см. тж.** 2)]

2) **фин.** твёрдый

hard money - твёрдая /прочная/ валюта [**см. тж.** 1)]

12. реальный; практичный, лишённый романтики; приземлённый

hard common sense - грубый практицизм; жёсткий рационализм

hard facts - реальные /голые/ факты

they have hard heads - \cong они трезво смотрят на жизнь

13. 1) жёсткий, частый (о пульсе)

2) сильный (о кашле)

3) крепко завязанный (об узле)

hard knot - крепкий узел

14. 1) **амер.** крепкий; алкогольный

hard liquors /drinks/ - спиртные напитки

a drop of the hard stuff - глоток спиртного

2) **разг.** кислый, терпкий (о вине, пиве)

15. **спец.** контрастный

hard image - **тлв.** контрастное изображение

hard light - **фото, кино** «жёсткий» свет

hard negative - **фото** жёсткий /контрастный/ негатив

hard paper [print] - **фото** контрастная фотобумага [-ый отпечаток]

16. густой, тягучий (о жидкостях)

hard fat - **тех.** консистентная смазка

17. **физ.** проникающий, жёсткий (об излучении)

hard X-rays - жёсткое рентгеновское излучение

18. **фон.** твёрдый (о согласном)

19. создающий привыкание (о лекарствах, наркотиках и т. п.)

20. защищённый (о стартовой позиции, пусковой площадке)

◇ hard labour /works/ - каторжные работы, каторга

a hard nut to crack - а) трудная задача; неразрешимая проблема; б) крепкий орешек (о человеке)

hard feelings - обида

no hard feelings? - вы не обиделись?; вы не будете на меня обижаться?

hard knocks - **амер. разг.** удары судьбы; напасти, несчастья

he took some /a few/ hard knocks - ему не везло; несчастья сваливались на него одно за другим

hard lines - **разг.** незадача, невезение; полоса неудач

I'm not getting a holiday this year. - Hard lines (on you)! - у меня в этом году не будет отпуска. - (Тебе) не повезло!

hard cheese - **разг.** невезение

hard and fast - непоколебимый; твёрдый; жёсткий (о правилах); строго определённый; незыблемый; раз навсегда установленный

a hard and fast contract - нерушимый /прочный/ договор

a hard and fast bargain - надёжная сделка

hard of hearing - тугоухий; тугой на ухо, глуховатый

the hard of hearing - люди с ослабленным слухом

hard of belief - **книжн.** недоверчивый

hard as adamant - \cong твёрдый как гранит

hard as a bone /as iron/ - твёрдый как камень

he is as hard as flint - \cong у него не сердце, а камень

hard as nails - а) жестокий, бесчувственный; б) выносливый; стойкий; в форме (о спортсмене)

3. [hɑ:d] **adv**

1. сильно, интенсивно; энергично

to run hard - бежать со всех ног

it's raining hard - льёт сильный дождь

to pull hard - сильно тянуть

to hit hard - здорово стукнуть, ударить изо всей силы

2. настойчиво, упорно; усердно

to work hard - много работать

to be hard at work on smth. - быть поглощённым работой над чем-л.

to think hard - упорно /долго/ думать

to try hard to win - упорно /настойчиво/ добиваться победы (на состязаниях, в игре и т. п.)

to look /to stare, to gaze/ hard - уставиться; не сводить глаз

3. 1) твёрдо, крепко; накрепко

to hold hard - крепко держать или держаться, не отпускать

to freeze hard - застыть

2) вкрутую

to boil an egg hard - сварить яйцо вкрутую

4. тяжело, с трудом

to breathe hard - тяжело дышать

to take hard - принимать близко к сердцу; тяжело переживать

to earn money hard - зарабатывать на жизнь тяжёлым трудом

it comes /bears/ hard on him - ему трудно придётся

taxes that bear hard upon the poor - налоги, которые тяжёлым бременем ложатся на бедняков

5. неумеренно, чрезмерно

to drink hard - крепко выпивать; пить запоем

to swear hard - ругаться последними словами /на чём свет стоит/

6. близко, на небольшом расстоянии; около

hard at hand - близко, рядом

to follow /to be/ hard after /behind, upon/ - следовать по пятам

the house stands hard by the bridge - дом стоит у самого моста

he lives hard by - он живёт недалеко отсюда /совсем рядом/

it was hard upon twelve - было почти двенадцать

he is hard on /upon/ fifty - ему скоро пятьдесят (лет); ему под пятьдесят

7. мор. круто, до отказа (о повороте руля)

hard over helm! - руль на борт!

hard a-port [a-starboard]! - право [лево] руля!

◇ to die hard - а) дорого отдать свою жизнь, сопротивляться до конца; б) долго /трудно, мучительно/ умирать

hard pressed /pushed/ - в трудном положении

to be hard pressed for time [money] - иметь мало времени [денег]

hard put (to it) - в затруднении

he was hard put to conceal his irritation - он с трудом скрывал раздражение

hard put for a livelihood - ≅ биться как рыба об лёд

it goes hard with him - дела его плохи

he is hard done by - с ним плохо /несправедливо/ обошлись

hard

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hard [hard hards harder hardest] adjective, adverb BrE [hɑːd] AmE [hɑːr]

adjective (hard-er, hard-est)

SOLID/STIFF

1. solid, firm or stiff and difficult to bend or break

- Wait for the concrete to go hard.
- a hard mattress
- Diamonds are the hardest known mineral.

Opp: ↑soft

DIFFICULT

2. difficult to do, understand or answer

- a hard choice/question
- ~ **to do sth** It is **hard to believe** that she's only nine.
- It's **hard to see** how they can lose.
- 'When will the job be finished?' 'It's **hard to say**.' (= it is difficult to be certain)
- I find his attitude very **hard to take** (= difficult to accept) .
- We're finding reliable staff **hard to come by** (= difficult to get) .
- You are hard to please, aren't you?
- ~ **for sb (to do sth)** It's hard for old people to change their ways.
- It must be hard for her, bringing up four children on her own.

Opp: ↑easy

3. full of difficulty and problems, especially because of a lack of money

Syn: ↑tough

- Times were hard at the end of the war.
- She's had a hard life.

Opp: ↑easy

NEEDING/USING EFFORT

4. needing or using a lot of physical strength or mental effort

- It's **hard work** shovelling snow.
 - I've had a long hard day.
 - This season has been a hard slog.
 - They had put in hours of hard graft.
5. (of *people*) putting a lot of effort or energy into an activity
- She's a very hard worker.
 - He's **hard at work** on a new novel.
 - When I left they were all still **hard at it** (= working hard) .
6. done with a lot of strength or force
- He gave the door a good hard kick .
 - a hard punch

WITHOUT SYMPATHY

7. showing no sympathy or affection
- My father was a hard man.
 - She gave me a hard stare.
 - His voice was hard.
 - He said some very hard things to me.

NOT AFRAID

8. (informal) (of *people*) ready to fight and showing no signs of fear or weakness
- Come and get me if you think you're hard enough.
 - You think you're really hard, don't you?

FACTS/EVIDENCE

9. **only before noun** definitely true and based on information that can be proved
- Is there any **hard evidence** either way?
 - The newspaper story is based on **hard facts** .

WEATHER

10. very cold and severe
- It had been a **hard winter** .
 - There was a **hard frost** that night.

compare ↑mild

DRINK

11. **only before noun** strongly alcoholic
- **hard liquor**
 - (informal) a drop of **the hard stuff** (= a strong alcoholic drink)

compare ↑soft drink

WATER

12. containing ↑calcium and other mineral salts that make mixing with soap difficult
- a **hard water** area
 - Our water is very hard.

Opp: ↑soft

CONSONANTS

13. (phonetics) used to describe a letter c or g when pronounced as in 'cat' or 'go', rather than as in 'city' or 'giant'

Opp: ↑soft

more at a hard/tough act to follow **at** ↑act n., have a (hard/difficult) job doing/to do sth **at** ↑job, take a long (cool/hard) look at sth **at** ↑long adj., a hard/tough nut (to crack) **at** ↑nut n., (caught/stuck) between a rock and a hard place **at** ↑rock n.

Word Origin:

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Thesaurus:

hard adj.

1.

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solid • • **rigid** • • **stiff** • | **approving firm** •

Opp: soft

a hard/solid/firm **surface**

hard/firm **ground**

go hard/stiff

Hard or firm? Hard things are harder than **firm** things. **Hard** can mean 'very hard' or 'too hard'

- Diamonds are the hardest known mineral.
- The mattress was really hard.

Firm is always a positive word

- I sleep better with a firm mattress.

2.

- He found it hard to learn a foreign language.

difficult • **demanding** • **taxing** • **testing** • |**approving** **challenging** •

Opp: easy

hard/difficult/demanding/taxing/challenging **for sb**

hard/difficult **to believe /see/tell/say/do sth**

a hard/difficult/demanding/taxing/testing/challenging **time/week/year**

Hard or difficult? Hard is slightly more informal than **difficult**. It is used especially in the structure **hard to believe /say/find/take, etc.**, although **difficult** can also be used in any of these examples.

3.

- My grandmother had a hard life.

difficult • **tough** • **bad** • **rough** • **adverse** • |**BrE unfavourable** • |**AmE unfavorable** • |**formal disadvantageous** •

Opp: easy

hard/difficult/tough/bad/unfavourable/disadvantageous **for sb**

hard/tough/rough **on sb**

a/an hard/difficult/tough/bad/rough/unfavourable **situation**

hard/difficult/tough/bad/rough/adverse/unfavourable **conditions**

4.

- It's hard work shovelling snow.

strenuous • **arduous** • **punishing** • |**especially BrE gruelling** • |**AmE usually grueling** •

Opp: easy

hard/strenuous/arduous/gruelling **work**

a/an hard/strenuous/arduous **climb**

a hard/punishing/gruelling **schedule**

a hard/gruelling **day**

5. (usually disapproving)

- She gave me a hard stare.

- My father was a hard man.

tough • **stern** • **strict** • |**usually disapproving harsh** • **brutal** • |**disapproving callous** • **heartless** • **ruthless** • **cold-blooded** • **unforgiving** • |**especially written severe** • **steely** •

Opp: soft

be hard/tough/strict/harsh/severe **on sb**

a hard/tough/stern/strict/callous/heartless/ruthless **man/woman**

sb has a hard/tough/harsh/brutal/ruthless **side**

Synonyms:

difficult

hard • **challenging** • **demanding** • **taxing**

These words all describe sth that is not easy and requires a lot of effort or skill to do.

difficult • not easy; needing effort or skill to do or understand: ▫ The exam questions were quite difficult. ◇ ▫ It is difficult for young people to find jobs around here.

hard • not easy; needing effort or skill to do or understand: ▫ I always found languages quite hard at school. ◇ ▫ It was one of the hardest things I ever did.

difficult or hard?

Hard is slightly less formal than **difficult**. It is used particularly in the structure **hard to believe/say/find/take, etc.**, although **difficult** can also be used in any of these examples.

challenging • (approving) difficult in an interesting way that tests your ability.

demanding • difficult to do or deal with and needing a lot of effort, skill or patience: ▫ It is a technically demanding piece of music to play.

taxing • (often used in negative statements) difficult to do and needing a lot of mental or physical effort ▫ This shouldn't be too taxing for you.

difficult/hard/challenging/demanding/taxing **for sb**

difficult/hard **to do sth**

physically difficult/hard/challenging/demanding/taxing

technically difficult/challenging/demanding

mentally/intellectually challenging/demanding/taxing

Which Word?:

hard / hardly

The adverb from the adjective hard is hard: ▫ I have to work hard today. ◇ ▫ She has thought very hard about her future plans. ◇ ▫ It was raining hard outside.

Hardly is an adverb meaning 'almost not': ▫ I hardly ever go to concerts. ◇ ▫ I can hardly wait for my birthday. It cannot be used instead of hard: I've been working hardly today. ◇ ▫ She has thought very hardly about her future plans. ◇ ▫ It was raining hardly outside.

note at ↑**hardly**

Example Bank:

- I found the exam quite hard.
- If you tell the children the answers, it only makes it harder for them to do the work on their own.
- Life got very hard.
- The chairs felt hard and uncomfortable.
- The toffee was rock hard.
- 'When will the job be finished?' 'It's hard to say.'
- Conditions were extremely hard in the camps.
- He's as hard and uncompromising as any professional sportsman.
- I always found languages quite hard at school.
- I find his attitude quite hard to take.
- I've had a long hard day.
- It can be very hard for people to accept change.
- It was one of the hardest things I ever did.
- It's hard to believe she's only nine years old.
- It's hard work shovelling snow.
- My grandmother had a hard life.
- Some viruses can be harder to identify.
- The ground is still rock-hard.
- The newspaper story is based on hard facts.
- The reason for their absence wasn't hard to find.
- They were given a list of hard spellings to learn.
- We're finding reliable workers hard to come by.
- a hard bench/chair

Idioms: ↑drive a hard bargain ▪ ↑give somebody a hard time ▪ ↑hard and fast ▪ ↑hard as nails ▪ ↑hard cheese ▪ hard done by ▪ ↑hard going ▪ ↑hard luck ▪ ↑hard on somebody ▪ ↑hard on something ▪ ↑hard pushed to do something ▪ ↑hard put to do something ▪ ↑hard up for something ▪ ↑hard way ▪ ↑make hard work of something ▪ ↑no hard feelings ▪ ↑play hard to get ▪ ↑take something hard ▪ ↑too much like hard work

Derived Word ↑hardness

adverb (hard-er, hard-est)

WITH EFFORT

1. with great effort, with difficulty
 - to **work hard**
 - You must **try harder**.
 - She **tried her hardest** not to show how disappointed she was.
 - Don't hit it so hard!
 - He was still breathing hard after his run.
 - Our victory was hard won (= won with great difficulty).

WITH FORCE

2. with great force: (figurative) Small businesses have been **hit hard** / **hard hit** by the recession.

CAREFULLY

3. very carefully and thoroughly
 - to think hard
 - We thought **long and hard** before deciding to move house.

A LOT

4. heavily, a lot or for a long time
 - It was **raining hard** when we set off.

LEFT/RIGHT

5. at a sharp angle to the left/right
 - Turn hard right at the next junction.
- more at** old habits, traditions, etc. die hard **at** ↑die_{v.,} (hard/hot) on sb's/sth's heels **at** ↑heel_{n.}

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Example Bank:

- Crosby is fighting hard to keep his job.
- He had studied hard to become an engineer.
- I trained as hard as I could.
- She tried her hardest not to show her disappointment.
- The industry has been lobbying hard for cuts in electricity pricing.
- They prayed hard for rain.
- They work hard at school.
- You must try harder.

hard

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I. **hard** ¹ **S1 W1** /hɑːd \$ hɑːrd **BrE** ^m **AmE** ^m **adjective** (comparative **harder**, superlative **hardest**)

[Word Family: noun: ↑hardship, ↑hardness, ↑hardiness; adjective: ↑hard, ↑hardened, ↑hardy; adverb: ↑hard, ↑hardly; verb: ↑harden]

[Language: Old English; Origin: heard]

1. **FIRM TO TOUCH** firm, stiff, and difficult to press down, break, or cut **OPP** soft

- a hard wooden chair
- the hardest substance known to man
- After months without rain, the ground was too hard to plough.

2. **DIFFICULT** difficult to do or understand **SYN** difficult **OPP** easy:

- This year's exam was much harder than last year's.
- You'll have to make some hard decisions.
- They're a hard team to beat.

it is hard to believe/imagine/see/know etc

- It was hard to see what else we could have done.
- It's hard to believe that anyone would say something like that.

find it hard to do something

- I was finding it hard to concentrate.
- Permanent jobs are hard to come by (=difficult to find or get).

be hard for somebody

- It must be hard for her, bringing up three kids on her own.
- Telling my parents is going to be the hardest thing about it.

have a hard time doing something (=be difficult for someone to do something)

- You'll have a hard time proving that.
- I had a hard time persuading him to accept the offer.
- Such criticism was hard to take (=difficult to accept).

3. **WORK/EFFORT** [usually before noun] using or involving a lot of mental or physical effort:

- To be successful in sport requires hard work and a great deal of determination.
- After a hard day at work, I just want to come home and put my feet up.

a hard day's work/walking/skiing etc

- There's a sauna where you can relax after a hard day's skiing.
- Becoming a doctor never interested him. It was too much like hard work (=it would involve too much work).

4. **FULL OF PROBLEMS** a situation or time that is hard is one in which you have a lot of problems, especially when you do not have enough money:

- She's had a hard life.
- Times were hard and they were forced to sell their house.
- He had clearly fallen on hard times (=did not have much money).

5. **be hard on somebody**

a) to criticize someone in a way that is unfair, or to be too strict with them:

- Perhaps I'm too hard on her.

b) to have a bad effect on someone:

- Divorce can be very hard on children.

6. **be hard on something** to have a bad effect on something:

- Standing all day is very hard on the feet.

7. **do something the hard way** to learn, achieve, or do something after a bad experience or by making mistakes:

- He learned the hard way about the harsh reality of the boxing world.
- Make sure you put the baby's diaper on before you start feeding her. I learned this lesson the hard way.
- He earned his promotion the hard way.

8. **USING FORCE** using a lot of force:

- Jane gave the door a good hard push.
- She gave him a hard slap.

9. **hard evidence/facts/information etc** facts that are definitely true and can be proved:

- There is no hard evidence to support this theory.

10. **UNKIND** showing no sympathetic or gentle feelings:

- a hard face
- Her voice was hard and cold.

You're a hard man, John.

11. **hard going**

a) difficult to do and needing a lot of effort:

" A strong wind made the race very hard going.

b) boring, or difficult to deal with, talk to etc:

" I find some of his friends pretty hard going.

12. **make hard work of something** to make something you are doing seem more difficult than it really is:

" Juventus were making hard work of what should have been an easy game.

13. **be hard at it/work** *informal* to be very busy doing something:

" Sarah was hard at it on her computer.

14. **WATER** hard water contains a lot of minerals, and does not mix easily with soap **OPP** soft

15. **hard luck**

a) *British English spoken* used to tell someone that you feel sorry for them because they have not succeeded in what they were trying to do:

" 'I failed my driving test.' 'Oh, hard luck!'

b) when bad things happen to you that are not your fault:

" You've had your share of hard luck.

hard luck on

" It was hard luck on you.

c) *spoken (also hard cheese British English)* used to say that you do not care if someone is having problems, does not like something etc:

" If you don't like the idea then hard luck!

16. **give somebody a hard time** *informal*

a) to treat someone badly or cause problems for them:

" Giving you a hard time, is she?

" They reached the border where officials gave them a hard time.

b) to criticize someone a lot:

" Hostile critics have given Hartman a hard time.

17. **have a hard time** to have a lot of problems or bad experiences:

" I'm glad she's happy at last – she's had such a hard time.

" Vegetarians still often have a hard time of it when it comes to eating out.

18. **drive/strike a hard bargain** to demand a lot or refuse to give too much when you are making an agreement:

" The company is believed to have struck a hard bargain.

19. **hard feelings**

a) anger between people because of something that has happened:

" We'd known each other too long for hard feelings.

" I have no hard feelings towards Steve.

b) **no hard feelings** *spoken* used to tell someone that you do not want to be angry with them or for them to be angry with you:

" I'm sorry it didn't work out, but no hard feelings, eh?

20. **take a (long) hard look at something/somebody** to think carefully about something, especially with the result that you change your opinions or behaviour:

" You should take a long hard look at the issues before committing yourself.

21. **hard line** a strict way of dealing with someone or something:

" The president should abandon his hard line in the region.

take/adopt a hard line (on something)

" The school takes a very hard line on drugs.

22. **hard news** news stories that are about serious subjects or events:

" TV news programs seem to be more interested in gossip than in hard news.

23. **NOT FRIGHTENED** *British English spoken* strong, ready to fight, and not afraid of anyone or anything:

" He thinks he's really hard.

" Jones was known as soccer's hard man.

24. **(as) hard as nails** someone who is hard as nails seems to have no feelings such as fear or sympathy

25. **a hard taskmaster/master** someone who makes people work too hard

26. **a hard winter/frost** a very cold winter or ↑frost **OPP** mild

27. **the hard left/right** people who have extreme ↑left-wing or ↑right-wing political aims and ideas **SYN** far left/right, extreme :

" concerns about the re-emergence of the hard right in some areas

28. **LIGHT** *especially literary* hard light is bright and unpleasant **SYN** harsh:

" the hard brilliance of the moonlight

29. **ALCOHOL** [only before noun] *informal* very strong:

" hard liquor

" I nevertouch the hard stuff (=strong alcohol). ⇒ ↑hard drugs

30. **a hard left/right** a big turn to the left or right, for example when you are driving **SYN** sharp

31. **PRONUNCIATION** a hard 'c' is pronounced /k/ rather than /s/; a hard 'g' is pronounced /g/ rather than /dz/ ⇒ **soft**

—**hardness** *noun* [uncountable]:

" a material that would combine the flexibility of rubber with the hardness of glass

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THESAURUS

▪ **hard** difficult to press down, break, or cut, and not at all soft: I fell onto the hard stone floor. | The clay gets harder as it dries.

▪ **firm** not completely hard, but not easy to press or bend – used especially when this seems a good thing: I like to sleep on a firm

- **stiff** difficult to bend and not changing shape: a piece of stiff cardboard | The collar of his shirt felt stiff and uncomfortable.
- **solid** made of a thick hard material and not hollow: a solid oak door | The floor felt strong and solid beneath her feet.
- **rigid** /'rɪdʒəd, 'rɪdʒɪd/ having a structure that is made of a material that is difficult or impossible to bend: The tent is supported by a rigid frame. | Carry sandwiches in a rigid container.
- **crisp/crispy** used about food that is pleasantly hard, so that it makes a noise when you bite it – often used about things that have been cooked in thin ↑slices until they are brown: Bake the cookies until they are crisp and golden. | crispy bacon
- **crunchy** food that is crunchy makes a noise when you bite on it – often used about things that are fresh, for example fruit, vegetables, and nuts: a crunchy breakfast cereal | The carrots were still nice and crunchy. | a crunchy salad | crunchy peanut butter
- **tough** meat that is tough is too hard and is difficult to cut or eat: The meat was tough and flavourless.
- **rubbery** too hard and bending like rubber rather than breaking – used especially about meat: The chicken was all rubbery.

COLLOCATIONS CHECK

- **firm** bed/muscles/fruit/vegetables/ground
- **stiff** card/cardboard/collar/material/fingers/body
- **solid** wood/steel/concrete/floor/wall
- **rigid** frame/structure
- **crisp/crispy** apple/bacon/toast/potato/lettuce
- **crunchy** cereal/vegetables/nuts/snack
- **tough** meat
- **rubbery** meat

II. **hard**² **S1 W2 BrE** ^{AmE} *adverb* (comparative **harder**, superlative **hardest**)

[Word Family: noun: ↑hardship, ↑hardness, ↑hardiness; adjective: ↑hard, ↑hardened, ↑hardy; adverb: ↑hard, ↑hardly; verb: ↑harden]

1. USING ENERGY/EFFORT using a lot of effort, energy, or attention:

- She has worked hard all her life.
- He had thought long and hard before getting involved with the project.
- She tried her hardest to ignore what he'd said.
- Ella was concentrating very hard.
- I couldn't convince him no matter how hard I tried.

2. WITH FORCE with a lot of force:

- You need to hit the ball hard.
- He slammed the door hard behind him.
- It was raining very hard.

3. BECOME SOLID becoming solid, stiff, or firm:

- By now the cement had set hard.

4. **be hard hit/be hit hard** to be badly affected by something that has happened:

- Sales were hard hit by high interest rates.

5. **be hard put/pressed/pushed to do something** *informal* to have difficulty doing something:

- You'd be hard pressed to find anyone better for the job. ⇒ ↑hard-pressed

6. **be/feel hard done by** *informal* to be or feel unfairly treated:

- As a child I felt hard done by, living so far away from my friends.

7. **take something hard** to be very upset about something, especially bad news:

- Alan took his mother's death particularly hard.

8. **hard upon/on something** *British English formal* soon after something:

- His second major contract followed hard upon the first.

9. **laugh/cry hard** to laugh, cry etc a lot

⇒ ↑hard by, ↑hard up, ⇒ **(hard/hot/close) on sb's heels** at ↑heel¹(7b), ⇒ **(hard/hot/close) on the heels of something** at ↑heel¹(7a), ⇒ **play hard to get** at ↑play¹(23)

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