

**marathon**[ˈmæɪrəθən] *n*

- 1) марафон марафонский бег, марафонский заплыв *u m. n.*  
marathon cycling race - многодневная велосипедная гонка
  - 2) дистанция марафонского бега
2. длительная деятельность  
dance marathon - танцевальный марафон  
marathon session - *пазз.* беспробудное пьянство; непрерывная джазовая импровизация *u m. n.*  
it was a marathon speech of 6 hours - это была шестичасовая речь - настоящий марафон

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• **I. mara·thon** [marathon marathons] *BrE* [ˈmæɪrəθən] <sup>m</sup> *NAmE* [ˈmæɪrə θ ə ɹ ŋ] <sup>m</sup>

**noun**

1. a long running race of about 42 kilometres or 26 miles
  - the London marathon
  - to run a marathon
2. an activity or a piece of work that lasts a long time and requires a lot of effort and patience
  - The interview was a real marathon. From the story that in ancient Greece a messenger ran from Marathon to Athens (22 miles) with the news of a victory over the Persians.

**Example Bank:**

- The painting would be completed in one marathon session.
- a marathon five-set tennis match

• **II. mara·thon** *adjective only before noun*

- a marathon journey lasting 56 hours
- a marathon legal battle

Main entry: ↑marathon <sub>derived</sub>

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I. **mar** **ṽ** **a** **ṽ** **thon** <sup>1</sup> /ˈmæɪrəθən \$ - θ ə ɹ ŋ *BrE* <sup>m</sup> *AmE* <sup>m</sup> *noun* [countable]

[Date: 1800-1900; Origin: Marathon, place in Greece; from the story that in 490BC a Greek soldier ran about 25 miles from the battlefield of Marathon to Athens, to bring news of the Athenian victory over the Persians]

1. a long race of about 26 miles or 42 kilometres:
  - the Boston Marathon
  - Garcia ran the marathon in just under three hours.
2. an activity that continues for a long time and needs a lot of energy, patience, or determination:
  - We finished the job but it was quite a marathon.

II. **marathon** <sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>m</sup> *AmE* <sup>m</sup> *adjective* [only before noun]

a marathon event continues for a long time and needs a lot of energy, patience, or determination:
 

- a marathon round of negotiations
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**THESAURUS**

- **long** continuing for a long time: The film was very long. | There has been a long period without rain.
- **lengthy** continuing for a long time, especially longer than you want or expect: Drivers face lengthy delays on all roads out of the city. | Police are going through the lengthy process of re-examining all the evidence. | He faces a lengthy prison sentence.
- **long-running** [only before noun] continuing for a long time - used especially about disputes, campaigns, or shows: He has been involved in a long-running dispute with his neighbour. | The programme is one of the longest-running series on television. | a long-running campaign to prevent the airport from being built
- **long-lasting** continuing for a long time - used especially about effects or relationships: Stress can have long-lasting effects. | While at the school, she made many long-lasting friendships.
- **protracted** *formal* continuing for a long time, especially an unusually long time: Despite protracted negotiations, they were unable to reach an agreement. | The couple have been involved in a protracted battle for custody of their children.
- **prolonged** continuing for a long time, especially longer than expected, or longer in a way that makes a situation worse: He returned to work after a prolonged absence. | Studies have linked prolonged use of the drug to cancer. | a prolonged period of economic decline
- **extended** [only before noun] continuing for a long time - used especially about visits, trips, breaks etc that last longer than was planned: an extended stay in hospital | He took an extended break from work after his father died. | She didn't like being away from home for extended periods.
- **lasting** [only before noun] strong enough or great enough to continue for a long time: The negotiations were aimed at achieving a lasting peace. | This affair has done lasting damage to the President's credibility. | The book left a lasting impression on me.
- **enduring** continuing for a long time - used especially about memories, influences, or feelings of liking someone or something: One of my most enduring memories is of going on holiday to France with my parents. | the enduring appeal of Conan Doyle's stories | his enduring love for Ireland
- **marathon** [only before noun] continuing for a very long time and needing a lot of energy, patience, or determination: It was a marathon session of talks which continued until 3 am. | He arrived after a marathon journey across Europe.

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