

pat

I

1. [pæt] *n*

1. похлопывание; хлопанье, шлёпанье

he gave the dog a pat - он погладил собаку

2. 1) негромкий звук, хлопок, шлепок

2) звук шагов

no sound but the pat of light footsteps - никаких других звуков, только звук лёгких шагов

the pat of bare feet - шлёпанье босых ног

the pat of rain - шум дождя

3. танец американских негров; чечётка

4. кусок, кружочек сбитого масла

the butter is served in diminutive pats - масло подают крохотными кусочками

◇ a pat on the back - одобрение, поощрение; похвала

to give smb. a pat on the back - выразить кому-л. своё одобрение

a word of approbation - a little pat on the back - немного похвалы; ≅ по головке погладили

2. [pæt] *v*

1. 1) похлопывать (кого-л.); шлёпать; погладить (кого-л.)

to pat a dog - погладить собаку

pat the kneaded cake a little - немножко побейте вымешанное тесто

to pat smb. on the back - а) похлопать кого-л. по спине; б) выразить кому-л. одобрение

2) приглаживать

she patted her hair - она поправила причёску, она пригладила волосы

she patted her hat-pins - она поправила булавки на шляпе

3) оглаживать (лошадь)

2. *амер.* хлопать себя по коленям и притоптывать ногами в такт музыке (глядя на танцующих)

II

1. [pæt] *a*

1) подходящий, уместный, своевременный

backing his opinion with pat sentences from different writers - подкрепляя свою точку зрения подходящими примерами из разных писателей

2) заготовленный заранее

◇ pat hand - хорошие карты (которые не требуют прикупа - в покере)

2. [pæt] *adv разг.*

1. кстати, своевременно, удачно; «в точку»

to come pat - быть кстати; попасть в точку

the answer came pat - ответ был уже готов

he had his excuse pat - у него было готовое оправдание

it would come pat later - позднее это пригодится

2. твёрдо, точно, здорово

to know /to have/ a lesson off pat - назубок знать урок

◇ to stand pat - а) твёрдо придерживаться своего решения, не менять своей позиции, стоять на своём; б) не менять карты, не брать прикуп (в покере)

II

1. *сокр.* от patent I, II u III

2. *сокр.* от patent I, II u III

3. *сокр.* от patent I, II u III

IV

1. *сокр.* от pattern I u II

2. *сокр.* от pattern I u II

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pat [pat pats patted patting] *verb, noun, adjective, adverb* BrE [pæt] ^u NAmE

[pæt] ^u

verb (-tt-)

to touch sb/sth gently several times with your hand flat, especially as a sign of affection

• ~ **sth** She patted the dog on the head.

• He patted his sister's hand consolingly.

• ~ **sth + adj.** Pat your face dry with a soft towel.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	pat
	BrE /pæt/
	NAmE /pæt/
he / she / it	pats
	BrE /pæts/
	NAmE /pæts/
past simple, past participle	patted
	BrE /pætd/
	NAmE /pætd/
-ing form	patting
	BrE /pætn/
	NAmE /pætn/

Word Origin:

v. and n. late Middle English

adj. and adv. late 16th cent. ↑pat hit pat

Thesaurus:

pat verb T

• She patted the dog on the head.

tap • • **clap** •

pat/tap/clap sb **on the back/shoulder**

pat/tap/clap sb **gently/lightly/affectionately**

Example Bank:

- He patted her gently on the shoulder.
- I threw my arms around him and he awkwardly patted my back.
- He patted his sister's hand consolingly and wiped away her tears.

Idioms: ↑have something off pat ▪ ↑pat on the back ▪ ↑pat somebody on the back ▪ ↑stand pat

noun

1. **usually singular** a gentle friendly touch with your open hand or with a flat object

- a pat on the head
- He gave her knee an affectionate pat.

2. ~ **of butter** a small, soft, flat lump of butter

- baked potatoes with a pat of butter and a sprinkle of paprika

see also ↑cowpat

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v. and n. late Middle English

adj. and adv. late 16th cent. ↑pat hit pat

Example Bank:

- He gave the dog a pat.

adjective (usually disapproving) (of an answer, a comment, etc.)

too quick, easy or simple; not seeming natural or realistic

Syn: ↑glib

- The ending of the novel is a little too pat to be convincing.
- There are no pat answers to these questions.

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adverb

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See also: ↑have something down pat

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I. **pat**¹ /pæt/ **BrE** " **AmE** " verb (past tense and past participle **patted**, present participle **patting**) [transitive]

1. to lightly touch someone or something several times with your hand flat, especially to give comfort ⇒ **stroke**:

" He patted the dog affectionately.

2. **pat somebody/yourself on the back** to praise someone or yourself for doing something well:

You can pat yourselves on the back for a job well done.

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THESAURUS

■ touch somebody gently or lovingly

- **stroke** to move your hand gently over something, especially in a loving way: She stroked the child's hair. | Our cat won't let people stroke him.
- **pat** to touch an animal or child lightly several times, with your hand flat: He knelt down to pat the dog. | She patted the little boy's head.
- **pet** to touch and move your hand gently over someone, especially an animal or child: The goats, pigs, sheep, and cows here allow you to pet them.
- **caress** /kə'res/ to gently touch a part of someone's body in a loving way: a mother caressing her child | She caressed his cheek.
- **fondle** to touch a part of someone's body in a loving or sexual way – use this especially about touching someone in a sexual way that is not wanted: He tried to fondle her and she immediately pulled away from him.

II. pat² BrE[Ⓜ] AmE[Ⓜ] noun [countable]

[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: From the sound made by patting]

1. a friendly act of touching someone with your hand flat:

▪ Mrs Dodd gave the child a pat on the head.

2. **pat of butter** a small flat amount of butter

3. **a pat on the back** *informal* praise for something that you have done well:

▪ Alex deserves a pat on the back for all his hard work.

⇒ ↑cowpat

III. pat³ BrE[Ⓜ] AmE[Ⓜ] adjective [usually before noun]

a pat answer or explanation seems too quick and too simple and sounds as if it has been used before:

▪ There are no pat answers to these questions.

IV. pat⁴ BrE[Ⓜ] AmE[Ⓜ] adverb

1. **have something off pat** *British English*, **have something down pat** *American English* to know something thoroughly so that you can say it, perform it etc immediately without thinking about it **SYN (off) by heart**

2. **stand pat** *American English* to refuse to change your opinion or decision

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