

bait

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1. [beɪt] n

1. приманка; наживка
worms are good bait for fish - червяки - хорошая наживка для рыбы
2. искушение, соблазн
the bait proved to be too much for her - соблазн для неё оказался слишком велик
to rise to the bait, to jump at the bait, to swallow the bait - попасться на удочку, клюнуть на что-л.
he fell for the bait immediately - он сразу поддался искушению
3. отравка для крыс, насекомых *и т. п.*; инсектицид; средство для уничтожения грызунов
4. травля собаками
5. *сл.* гнев, ярость
6. 1) еда, закуска (*в дороге*)
2) корм (*для лошадей*)
3) привал
after a short bait the travellers went on - после короткого привала путешественники поехали дальше
- 4) кормление лошадей (*в пути*)

2. [beɪt] v

1. насаживать наживку на крючок
baited hook - крючок с наживкой
to bait the hook - *образн.* расставить сети (*кому-л.*)
2. 1) ловить на удочку, на приманку
the mouse was baited with cheese - мышь попала на сыр
2) завлекать, соблазнять
to bait smb. with promises - соблазнять кого-л. обещаниями
3. 1) травить (*собаками*)
to bait smb. with dogs - натравить на кого-л. собак
the dogs baited the bear - собаки травили медведя
2) травить; подвергать травле, преследованию; изводить, не давать покоя
3) дразнить, подтрунивать
she loves to bait him about his male vanity - ей доставляет удовольствие задеть его мужское самолюбие
4. *редк.*
1) кормить лошадей (*в пути*)
2) делать привал, останавливаться
3) задерживаться
good news baits - \cong добрая весть улиткой ползёт

II

[beɪt] = *bate*³**bait**

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bait [bait baits baited baiting] noun, verb *BrE* [beɪt]^m *NAmE* [beɪt]^m

noun uncountable, countable

1. food put on a hook to catch fish or in nets, traps, etc. to catch animals or birds
 - Live worms are used as bait.
 - The fish took the bait.
2. a person or thing that is used to catch sb or to attract them, for example to make them do what you want
 - He had chosen the right bait to persuade her to go.
 - The police used him as bait to trap the killers.

Word Origin:Middle English: from Old Norse *beit* 'pasture, food', *beita* 'to hunt or chase'.Example Bank:

- We hope that potential investors will take the bait.
- We'll put out the bait and see what happens.
- She covered her face and began to sob, but he wouldn't rise to the bait.
- The player was unable to resist the bait dangled in front of him by United.

verb

1. ~ **sth (with sth)** to place food on a hook, in a trap, etc. in order to attract or catch an animal
 - He baited the trap with a piece of meat.
2. ~ **sb** to deliberately try to make sb angry by making cruel or insulting remarks
 - The soldiers remained calm even though the crowd was baiting them.
3. **-baiting** (in compound nouns) the activity of attacking a wild animal with dogs
 - bear-baiting
 - badger-baiting

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	bait
	BrE /beɪt/
	NAmE /beɪt/
he / she / it	baits
	BrE /beɪts/
	NAmE /beɪts/
past simple, past participle	baited
	BrE /beɪtɪd/
	NAmE /beɪtɪd/
-ing form	baiting
	BrE /beɪtɪŋ/
	NAmE /beɪtɪŋ/

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I. **bait**¹ /beɪt/ BrE ^m AmE ^m *noun* [singular, uncountable]
[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old Norse; Origin: beita 'food']



1. food used to attract fish, animals, or birds so that you can catch them:
 - We used worms as bait.
 - The fish wouldn't take the bait.
2. something attractive that is offered to someone to make them do something or buy something, especially when this is done in a dishonest way that tricks people:
 - Plenty of people took the bait (=accepted what was on offer) and lost their life savings.
3. **rise to the bait** to become angry when someone is deliberately trying to make you angry:
 - Senator O'Brien just smiled, refusing to rise to the bait.

II. **bait**² BrE ^m AmE ^m *verb* [transitive]

[Sense 1: Date: 1200-1300; Origin: ⇨ ¹bait¹]

[Sense 2-3: Date: 1100-1200; Language: Old Norse; Origin: beita 'to cause to bite']

1. to put bait on a hook to catch fish or in a trap to catch animals
2. to deliberately try to make someone angry by criticizing them, using rude names etc
3. **bear-baiting / badger-baiting etc** the activity of attacking a wild animal with dogs

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RANGE: **7k** BAIT 4808

bait 3473

baits 658

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