

1. [weɪ] *n*

1. путь; дорога; маршрут

the way was rough - дорога была плохая

which is the best way to *N*.? - как лучше всего пройти в *N*.?

which is the way in [out]? - где вход [выход]?

a way down [up] - спуск [подъём]

way across - переход

a way through a forest - дорога через лес

a covered way - крытый переход

2. направление

he went this way - он пошёл в эту сторону /в этом направлении/

this way, please - сюда, пожалуйста

going my way? - нам по пути?

you've got your hat on the wrong way round - вы надели шляпу задом наперёд

3. расстояние

it is a long way from here - это далеко отсюда

she has come a long way in her work - она значительно продвинулась в своей работе

his birthday is still a long way off - до его дня рождения ещё далеко

4. движение вперёд; ход

under way - *мор.* на ходу

preparations are under way - идут /ведутся/ приготовления

to get under way - а) *мор.* отплывать, отходить; б) тронуться в путь, отправиться, выехать; в) начать осуществлять; пускать в ход

to gather way - набирать ход /скорость/

to lose way - а) отставать, снижать скорость; б) убавлять ход (*о судне*)

to be well on one's way - значительно продвинуться вперёд

to make way - продвинуться вперёд

he has made his way in life /in the world/ - он пробил себе дорогу в жизни, он преуспел в жизни

to make the best of one's way - идти как можно быстрее, спешить

to have way on - двигаться вперёд (*о судне, автомобиле*)

5. 1) образ действия; метод, способ

there are different ways of doing a thing - одно и то же можно делать по-разному /различными способами/

this is the way to do it - это нужно делать только так /именно таким образом/

to do a thing in the way of business - сделать что-л. в деловом порядке /на коммерческой основе/

2) манера поведения

to speak in a careless way - говорить небрежно

her way of doing her hair - её причёска

I don't like the way she smiles - мне не нравится её улыбка

don't take offence - it is only his way - не обижайтесь, у него просто такая манера (*вести себя, говорить*)

I do not mind his ways - *разг.* я не обращаю внимания на его выходки

it is always the way with him - он всегда так ведёт себя

6. 1) особенность, характерная черта

he is not built that way - он не такого склада человек

it is not his way to be generous - он не отличается щедростью

2) уклад, обычай, привычка

the American way of life - американский образ жизни

the way of the world - общепринятый уклад жизни; традиционные взгляды; общепринятые нормы поведения

that is the way of the world - так уж повелось на свете

to stand in the ancient ways - держаться за старину, быть противником новшеств

the good old ways - ≅ доброе старое время

7. отношение, аспект

not a bad fellow in some ways - в некоторых отношениях он неплохой человек

in no way inferior - ни в каком отношении не хуже

they are in no way similar - они во всех отношениях разные

a genius in his way - человек по-своему гениальный, своего рода гений

8. 1) положение, состояние

things are in a bad way - дела обстоят скверно

the business is in a fine way - фирма процветает

in the family way - *эвф.* в интересном положении, беременная

2) размах, масштабы деятельности

to live in a small way - жить скромно

to live in a great way - жить на широкую ногу

to be a printer in a small way - быть владельцем небольшой типографии

he is an author in a small way - он пописывает

to advertise in a big way - широко разрекламировать

9. *разг.* область, сфера занятия

he is in the grocery way - он торгует бакалеей

hunting is not /does not lie, does not come, does not fall/ in my way - охота - это не по моей части

10. категория, род

what have we in the way of food? - что у нас есть по части съестного?

I want a few things in the stationery way - мне нужно купить кое-что из письменных принадлежностей

11. возможность, путь, средство

to find a way of doing smth. - изыскать возможность сделать что-л.

it's a difficult problem but we'll find a way of solving it - это сложная проблема, но мы найдём путь её решения

12. мор. стапель

13. тех. направляющая (станка)

14. юр. право прохода, проезда

◇ all the /the whole/ way - а) (from ... to) от самого ... до самого; all the way from the Atlantic to the Pacific - от берегов

Атлантики до самого Тихого океана; all the way from A to Z - **амер.** от А до Я; с самого начала до самого конца; б) до конца;

полностью; he went all the way for the plan - он неизменно поддерживал этот план

any way - и в том и в другом случае; в любом случае

by the way - а) кстати, между прочим; б) по пути, по дороге

by way of - а) через; by way of London - через Лондон; б) в виде, в качестве; by way of advance - в виде аванса; to say smth.

by way of an apology - сказать что-то в порядке извинения; to say a few words by way of introduction - сказать несколько слов

в качестве вступления; в) с целью, ради; by way of joking - шутки ради; to make inquiries by way of learning the truth -

наводить справки с целью установления истины; г) в ходе; by way of business - в деловом порядке

to be by way of being smb. - считаться кем-л., относиться к какой-л. категории (людей)

she is by way of being a good pianist - она считается хорошей пианисткой

(by) a long way - значительно

better by a long way, a long way better - гораздо /значительно/ лучше

in a way - в известном смысле; до некоторой степени, в известной мере

he is kind in a way - он по-своему добр

to get in one's /the/ way - а) препятствовать движению, стоять на пути, загромождать дорогу, мешать; tell that boy to get in

the way - скажи этому парню, чтобы не путался под ногами; б) являться препятствием чему-л.; her illness got in the way of

her studies - её занятиям помешала болезнь

to put obstacles in smb.'s way - чинить препятствия кому-л.

to put smb. in the way of smth. - дать /предоставить/ кому-л. возможность сделать что-л.

an opportunity had been put in my way - мне представилась возможность

on one's /the/ way - а) по пути, по дороге; I'll buy it on my /the/ way home - я куплю это по дороге домой; б) в пути; the

machine you ordered is on its way - заказанная вами машина отправлена; the help is on the way - помощь на подходе; she

set out on her way - она отправилась в путь; в) на подходе; dearer sugar is on the way - предстоит повышение цены на

сахар; she is on the way to success - она на пути к успеху; he's on the way to becoming the most highly paid man in the

company - ему предстоит стать самым высокооплачиваемым лицом в компании

the other way round /**амер.** around/ - наоборот

no way - а) бесполезно, ничего не выйдет /не получится/; б) **амер. сл.** ни в коем случае

no two ways about it - это несомненно; об этом не может быть двух мнений

one way or another, some way or other - так или иначе; в любом случае; как бы то ни было

to have nothing to say one way or the other - не иметь определённого мнения

every which way - **амер.** а) во всех направлениях, в разные стороны; б) кое-как, как попало

out of the way - а) необыкновенный, необычный, незаурядный; the picture is nothing out of the way - в этой картине нет ничего

особенного; б) неуместный, неприличный; в) сделанный, законченный; he got his homework out of the way - он разделался с

домашним заданием; г) отдалённый, лежащий не по пути /в стороне/; this village is very much out of the way - эта деревня

находится далеко в стороне, это глухая деревушка

to put smb. out of the way - устранить /убрать/ кого-л. (*убить или засадить в тюрьму*)

to go out of one's way to do smth. - прилагать все усилия, чтобы сделать что-л.

she went out of her way to help me - она старалась изо всех сил помочь мне

to come one's way - удаваться, кончаться благополучно (*для кого-л.*)

nothing came my way - мне ничего не удавалось, мне не подвёртывалось ничего хорошего

to have /to get/ one's (own) way - добиться своего; настоять на своём

I had it my way - я поступил по-своему

to give way - а) отступать; уступать; сдаваться; the enemy was forced to give way - противник был вынужден отступить; his

anger gave way to curiosity - его гнев уступил место любопытству; б) поддаваться, предаваться; to give way to regrets -

предаваться сожалениям; to give way to a passion of tears - дать волю слезам; в) поддаваться, не выдерживать;

надломиться; рухнуть; the branch gave way - ветка переломилась; the dam gave way - плотина прорвалась; his legs gave way

under him - у него подкосились ноги; his health gave way - у него сдало /пошатнулось/ здоровье; г) снижаться, падать (*о*

ценах); д) **геол.**, **горн.** осесть (*о породе, кровле*); е) **тех.** погнуться

give way! - **мор.** вёсла на воду! (*команда*)

way enough! - **мор.** шабаш!, на воду! (*команда*)

to go a long way - а) (to, towards) иметь вес *или* значение, играть важную роль; this will go a long way towards overcoming our

difficulties - это окажет большую помощь в преодолении наших затруднений; to make a penny go a long way - уметь разумно

расходовать средства; б) (with) производить сильное впечатление (*на кого-л.*)

to go a very little way with smb. - иметь мало влияния на кого-л.

to go one's way(s) - уезжать, уходить, отбывать

to go one's own way - идти своим путём, действовать независимо /самостоятельно/

to go the way of all flesh /of all the earth, of nature, of all living/ - умереть

to have way - находить выход (*о чувстве и т. п.*)

to have a way with one - обладать обаянием; иметь подход к людям
 he had a pleasant way - он был приятен в обращении
 she has a winning way with her - в ней есть обаяние; она привлекает сердца
 to have it both ways - иметь то и другое
 you cannot have it both ways - выбирайте одно из двух
 to bet both ways - ставить на лошадь и место, которое она займёт (*на скачках*)
 to know one's way about - а) знать дорогу; б) знать все ходы и выходы; быть искушённым /опытным/
 to lead the way - а) идти впереди; показывать дорогу; б) подавать пример
 to make way (for) - уступить дорогу /место/; расчистить путь; расступиться, раздвинуться (*о толпе*)
 to make one's way to /towards/ smth. - направиться куда-л.
 to make one's way in life /in the world/ - пробивать себе дорогу в жизни, делать карьеру
 an opinion is making its way - мнение распространяется
 to pave the way for smth. - подготовить почву /создать условия/ для чего-л.
 to pay one's way - а) жить по средствам; б) выполнять свои обязательства
 to pay its way - окупаться, оправдывать себя, быть рентабельным/выгодным/
 to see one's way (clear) to do smth. - предусматривать возможность сделать что-л.; найти возможным *или* удобным сделать что-л.
 we cannot see our way (clear) to accept your offer - мы не видим возможности принять ваше предложение
 the ways of God - *рел.* пути господни
 the Way of the Cross - *рел.*, *иск.* крестный путь
 the Way - *рел.* стезя (христианства)
 the longest /farthest/ way round /about/ is the nearest way home - *посл.* кратчайший путь - знакомый путь

2. [weɪ] а

промежуточный (*по пути куда-л.*); расположенный по пути

3. [weɪ] *adv* *амер.*, *усил.*

1. далеко; на значительном расстоянии, в отдалении

way behind [ahead] - далеко позади [впереди]

they are way ahead of us - они намного обогнали нас

way below - значительно ниже

way down South - далеко на юге

way back - давно

friends from way back - давнишние друзья

2. полностью, до конца

3. близ

down Canterbury way - близ Кентербери

way back in the nineties - ещё в девяностые годы

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way [way ways] noun, *adverb* *BrE* [weɪ] ^а *NAmE* [weɪ] ^а
 noun

METHOD/STYLE

1. **countable** a method, style or manner of doing sth

- ~ **to do sth** That's not **the right way** to hold a pair of scissors.
- (*informal, disapproving*) **That's no way** to speak to your mother!
- ~ **of doing sth** I'm not happy with this way of working.
- ~ **(that...)** It's not what you say, it's the way that you say it.
- I **hate the way** she always criticizes me.
- I told you we should have done it **my way** !
- Infectious diseases can be acquired in several ways.
- I generally get what I want **one way or another** (= by some means).

see also †third way

BEHAVIOUR

2. **countable** a particular manner or style of behaviour

- They grinned at her **in a friendly way**.
- **It was not his way** to admit that he had made a mistake.
- Don't worry, if she seems quiet— **it's just her way**.
- He was showing off, **as is the way** with adolescent boys.

3. **ways plural** the typical way of behaving and living of a particular group of people

- After ten years I'm used to the strange British ways.

ROUTE/ROAD

4. **countable, usually singular** ~ **(from...)** **(to...)** a route or road that you take in order to reach a place

- the **best/quickest/shortest way** from A to B
- Can you **tell me the way** to Leicester Square?
- to **ask sb the way**

• We went the **long way round** .

5. countable, usually singular the route along which sb/sth is moving, the route that sb/sth would take if there was nothing stopping them/it

- **Get out of my way!** I'm in a hurry.
- Riot police with shields were blocking the demonstrators' way.
- We fought our way through the dense vegetation.
- Unfortunately they ran into a snowstorm along the way.

see also ↑right of way

6. countable a road, path or street for travelling along

- There's a way across the fields.

see also ↑freeway, ↑highway, ↑motorway, ↑railway, ↑waterway

7. Way used in the names of streets

- 106 Headley Way

DIRECTION

8. countable, usually singular which, this, that, etc. ~ a particular direction; in a particular direction

- Which way did they go?
- We just missed a car coming **the other way** .
- Look **both ways** (= look left and right) before crossing the road.
- Make sure that sign's **the right way up** .
- Kids were running **this way and that** (= in all directions) .
- They decided to split the money four ways (= between four different people) .
- (figurative) Which way (= for which party) are you going to vote?

see also ↑each way, ↑one-way, ↑three-way, ↑two-way

FOR ENTERING/LEAVING

9. countable, usually singular a means of going into or leaving a place, such as a door or gate

- the **way in/out**
- They escaped out the back way.

see also ↑companionway

DISTANCE/TIME

10. singular (also NAmE informal ways) a distance or period of time between two points

- A little way up on the left is the Museum of Modern Art.
- September was **a long way off** .
- (figurative) The area's wine industry still has **a way to go** to full maturity.
- You came **all this way** to see us?
- (NAmE, informal) We still have **a ways to go** .

AREA

11. singular (informal) an area, a part of a country, etc

- I think he lives somewhere **over London way** .
- I'll stop by and see you next time I'm **down your way** .

ASPECT

12. countable a particular aspect of sth

Syn: ↑respect

- I have changed in every way.
- It's been quite a day, **one way and another** (= for several reasons) .

CONDITION/STATE

13. singular a particular condition or state

- The economy's **in a bad way** .
- I don't know how we're going to manage, **the way things are** .

more at change your ways **at** ↑change _{v.}, claw your way back, into sth, out of sth, to sth, etc. **at** ↑claw _{v.}, clear the way (for sth/for sth to happen) **at** ↑clear _{v.}, be downhill all the way **at** ↑downhill, take the easy way out **at** ↑easy _{adj.}, see, realize, etc. the error of your ways **at** ↑error, (be/get) in the family way **at** ↑family _{n.}, feel your way **at** ↑feel _{v.}, find your way (to...)find your/its way (to/into...) **at** ↑find _{v.}, the hard way **at** ↑hard _{adj.}, out of harm's way **at** ↑harm _{n.}, have your head screwed on (the right way) **at** ↑head _{n.}, know your way around/not know where/which way to look **at** ↑know _{v.}, laugh all the way to the bank **at** ↑laugh _{v.}, lie your way into/out of sth **at** ↑lie _{v.}, by a long way/go back a long way/go a long way/have come a long way/have a long way to go **at** ↑long _{adj.}, mend your ways **at** ↑mend _{v.}, (find, etc.) a/the middle way **at** ↑middle _{adj.}, open the way for sb/sth (to do sth) **at** ↑open _{v.}, in the ordinary way **at** ↑ordinary, a/the parting of the ways **at** ↑parting _{n.}, pave the way (for sb/sth) **at** ↑pave, pay its way/pay your way **at** ↑pay _{v.}, pick your way (across, along, among, over, through sth) **at** ↑pick _{v.}, rub sb up the wrong way **at** ↑rub _{v.}, go your separate ways **at** ↑separate _{adj.}, in any (way,) shape or form **at** ↑shape _{n.}, show the way **at** ↑show _{v.}, smooth the path/way **at** ↑smooth _{v.}, in your own sweet time/way **at** ↑sweet _{adj.}, swing both ways **at** ↑swing _{v.}, talk your way out of sth/of doing sth **at** ↑talk _{v.}, be well on the way to sth/doing sth **at** ↑well _{adv.}, where there's a will there's a way **at** ↑will _{n.}, take sth the wrong way **at** ↑wrong _{adj.}

Word Origin:

Old English *weg*, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch *weg* and German *Weg*, from a base meaning 'move, carry'.

Example Bank:

- A fallen tree blocked the way.
- Artists began to invent new ways of painting.
- Can I help you in any way?
- Can you tell me the way out of here?
- Could you please get those boxes out of my way?
- Do you know the way?
- Do you remember? Or, put another way, do you know?
- Fate has a way of changing the best of plans.
- God works in mysterious ways.
- Grandma is so set in her ways.
- Have any interesting articles come your way recently?
- He couldn't find a way through the bracken.
- He edged his way along the wall.
- He had somehow wormed his way into her affections.
- He had to navigate his way through the city's one-way streets.
- He learned about the dangers of drugs the hard way.
- He looked my way, but didn't seem to recognize me.
- He showed us the way.
- He then started spending money in a big way.
- He took the easy way out and paid someone to write the article for him.
- He wanted to go to college and would let nothing stand in his way.
- He was a handsome man in a sinister sort of way.
- He was attractive in his own way.
- He's always gone his own way when it comes to design.
- I chose a different way of collecting data.
- I watched the movie the whole way through.
- I went the opposite way.
- I would think of some clever way to get myself out of this situation.
- I'm going your way, so we can walk together.
- In a certain way, all of that is true.
- It's more interesting, in some ways, to watch what's going on behind the scenes here.
- It's quite a way from my house to the shops.
- Let's keep out of her way while she's in such a bad mood.
- Look both ways before crossing the road.
- Most people are creative in one way or another.
- Newspapers have ways and means of getting hold of secret information.
- On the way back, he invited me to his home for drinks.
- One way or another, I'm going to make it.
- She asked him the way to the station.
- She bluffed her way through the exam.
- She fought her way up to the top of the company.
- She is content with the way things are.
- She isn't known for her winning ways.
- She lost her way in the fog.
- She went out of her way to help them.
- Students develop those skills in myriad ways.
- The best way to open it is with pliers.
- The library is slightly out of my way.
- The most important way to stop accidental drownings is by education.
- The procession snaked its way through the town.
- The river wound its way through the valley.
- The study of genes has come a long way in recent years.
- The supermarket is a bit out of my way.
- The team got back to their winning ways with a 2–1 victory.
- The way across the fields is longer but pleasanter.
- The way things are going, I think that's achievable.
- The way through the woods is quicker.
- The withdrawal of troops should clear the way for a peace settlement.
- Then he went off on his merry way.
- There are a number of ways to overcome this problem.
- There is no subtle way to tell someone that you no longer want them.
- There were several rocks in the way.
- There's a huge storm heading this way.
- They believe he'll figure out a way to make it work.
- They have never contributed in any meaningful way to our civilization.

- They're alike in more ways than one.
- They're different in every way.
- They've explored every possible way of dealing with the problem.
- They've gone the wrong way.
- This bus doesn't go all the way so you'll have to change.
- This is a roundabout way of saying that nothing has been accomplished.
- This project seems to have lost its way.
- Try it the other way around.
- Walk this way, please.
- Way to go! I wish I could do that!
- We are searching for innovative and creative ways to solve the many problems facing us.
- We did it the old-fashioned way.
- We didn't stop on the way north.
- We expect computers to react a certain way, in certain situations.
- We had to go a long way before we found a place to eat.
- We parted ways once we went off to college.
- We picked our way carefully over the jagged rocks.
- We saw a dreadful accident along the way.
- We stopped for a drink on the way home.
- We walked along the covered way to the science building.
- We will eventually find a way out of the crisis.
- When we finished school, we all went our separate ways.
- Which way did she go?
- Which way up does this box go?
- Your birthday is still some way off.
- Your father is unlikely to change his ways now.
- a cost-effective way to boost performance
- a sure-fire way to get him to do whatever I want
- a unique way of settling disputes
- the beliefs and practices of the Hindu way of life
- the easiest way from my house to yours
- the whole way to Arizona
- to look at ways of improving language teaching
- 'Hi there,' said Tom in a friendly way.
- A fallen tree was blocking their way.
- Get out of my way! I'm in a hurry!
- He certainly learned the hard way.
- He has a way of staring at you that is very unnerving
- He narrowly avoided a car coming the other way.
- I didn't know the way and I had no map.
- I generally get what I want one way or another.
- I like the way (that) you did that.
- I prefer to do things the easy way.
- I stopped to ask the way.
- I think they must have gone the long way round.
- Infectious diseases can be passed on in several different ways.
- Is this the right way to the station?
- Is this the way in/out?
- She always said that the old ways were the best.
- She spoke in a way that put everyone at their ease.
- She was going my way, so we talked as we walked.
- She's behaving in a very mysterious way.
- That's not the way to hold a pair of scissors!
- The quickest way to the house is through the woods.
- There are several possible ways of dealing with this problem.
- They bought some supplies on the way.
- They had to fight their way through the crowd.
- They inched their way along the tunnel.
- They ran into a snowstorm along the way.
- They were asked to come up with ways of working more efficiently.
- This is the best way of keeping in touch with friends while you're away.
- Try to approach this in a sensible way.
- We should have done it my way!
- What way would you use?
- You won't impress the judges that way.

Idioms: †across the way ▪ †all the way ▪ †always the way ▪ †any way you slice it ▪ born made that way ▪ †by the way ▪ †by way of something ▪ †by way of the way of something ▪ †come your way ▪ †cut two ways ▪ †either way ▪ †every which way ▪ †get in the way of ▪ †get out of the way of something ▪ †get your own way ▪ †give way ▪ †give way to something ▪ †go a long way towards doing something ▪ †go all the way ▪ †go out of your way ▪ †go somebody's way ▪ †go the way of all flesh ▪ †go your own way ▪

↑have a way of doing something ▪ ↑have a way with somebody ▪ ↑have it both ways ▪ ↑have it your own way ▪ ↑have it your own way!
 way! ▪ ↑have your way with somebody ▪ ↑in a big way ▪ ↑in a way ▪ in her/his/its way ▪ ↑in more ways than one ▪ ↑in one way ▪ ↑in some ways ▪ ↑in the way ▪ ↑in the way of something ▪ ↑keep out of somebody's way ▪ ↑look the other way ▪ ↑lose your way ▪ ↑make way ▪ ↑make your way ▪ ↑my way of thinking ▪ ↑my way or the highway ▪ ↑no two ways about it ▪ ↑no way ▪ ↑on the way ▪ ↑one way or the other ▪ ↑other way round ▪ ↑out of the way ▪ ↑out of your way ▪ ↑see which way the wind is blowing ▪ ↑see your way to doing to do something ▪ ↑set in your ways ▪ ↑stand in somebody's way ▪ ↑that's the way the cookie crumbles ▪ ↑there's more than one way to skin a cat ▪ ↑under way ▪ ↑way back ▪ ↑way into something ▪ way of life ▪ ↑way of the world ▪ ↑way to go! ▪ ↑way to somebody's heart ▪ ↑ways and means ▪ work your way through college/round the world ▪ ↑work your way through something ▪ ↑work your way up

adverb

- (used with a preposition or an adverb) **very far; by a large amount**
 - She finished the race **way ahead** of the other runners.
 - I must be going home; it's **way past** my bedtime.
 - The price is **way above** what we can afford
 - They live **way out** in the suburbs.
 - This skirt is way (= a lot) too short.
 - I guessed that there would be a hundred people there, but I was **way out** (= wrong by a large amount).
- (used with an adjective) (informal, especially NAmE) **very**
 - Things just got way difficult.
 - I'm way glad to hear that.

Word Origin:

Old English weg, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **weg** and German **Weg**, from a base meaning 'move, carry'.

See also: ↑by the by ▪ ↑over the way ▪ ↑underway ▪ ↑way in to something ▪ ↑whole way

way

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I. **way**¹ **S1 W1** /weɪ/ BrE ² AmE ³ *noun*

[Word Family: **noun**: ↑way, ↑subway; **adverb**: ↑midway, ↑way; **adjective**: ↑midway]

[Language: Old English; Origin: weg]

1. **METHOD** [countable] a method that you use to do or achieve something:

There are several different ways we can tackle this problem.

way of doing something

Evening classes are one way of meeting new people.

There's no way of knowing if the treatment will work.

way to do something

What's the best way to learn a language?

in the same way/in various ways

Make the drink with boiling water in the same way as tea.

Animals communicate in various ways.

(in) the right/wrong way

I think you're going about this the wrong way.

ways and means (=methods of doing something, especially ones that are secret or not yet decided)

There are ways and means of raising the money that we need.

way out/out of/around

One way around the problem (=method of dealing with it) is recycling.

There seems to be no way out of the current economic crisis.

way into television/publishing/finance etc (=a method of getting involved in a particular activity or type of work)

companies eager for a way into business in Europe

2. **MANNER** [countable] the manner or style in which someone does something or in which something happens:

Look at the way he's dressed!

in a ... way

'Hello,' he said in a friendly way.

Maria got up and took a shower in a leisurely way.

(in) this/that way

I find it easier to work in this way (=like this).

Sorry, I didn't know you felt that way (=had that feeling or opinion).

The drugs didn't seem to affect Anna in the same way.

that's no way to do something (=used to tell someone that they should not be doing something in a particular manner)

That's no way to speak to your father!

in more ways than one (=in a number of ways)

The changes will benefit the company in more ways than one.

in sb's (own) way (=in a personal way that other people may not recognize)

I'm sure he does love you, in his own way.

3. **DIRECTION/HOW TO GO SOMEWHERE** [countable]

a) a road, path, direction etc that you take in order to get to a particular place

the way to/from/out etc

Which is the **quickest way** to the sea from here?

There are several ways through the woods.

ask/tell/show somebody the way

Could you tell me the way to the station?

Does anyone know the way from here?

I was afraid of losing my way in the dark.

Can you find your way back to the car park?

the way out (=the door, path etc which you can use to leave a building or area)

Which is the way out?

the way in (=the door, path etc which you can use to enter a building or area)

She looked all around, but she couldn't seem to find the way in.

on sb's way (=in the same direction as someone is going)

Want a lift? It's on my way.

out of sb's way (=not in the same direction as someone is going)

I live miles out of your way.

b) a particular direction from where you are now:

Which way is north?

Walk this way.

A big Mercedes was coming the other way (=from the opposite direction).

He left the house, looking carefully both ways.

4. PART OF SOMETHING THAT IS TRUE [countable] used to say that there is a fact or a feature of something that makes a statement or description true

in a/one way

In one way you're right, I suppose.

in some/many ways

Working at home makes sense, in many ways.

Ben is a perfectly normal child in every way.

He never got mad at me. He was great in that way.

in no way (=used to emphasize that something is not true)

This should in no way be seen as a defeat.

5. DISTANCE/TIME [singular] a distance or a length of time, especially a long one:

I was still a long way from home.

some way/quite a way (=quite a long distance)

She had to park some way from the restaurant.

a long way off/away/ahead etc (=far away in distance or in time)

A peace settlement now seems a long way off.

I don't want to go all that way and not see him.

all the way down/across/through etc (something) (=the full distance or length of something)

Did you really swim all the way across?

I was awake all through the night.

a (long) ways American English:

That's quite a ways from here, isn't it?

6. THE SPACE IN FRONT OF YOU [countable usually singular] if someone or something is in the way, they are blocking the space in front of you, and you cannot move forward

be in the way/be in sb's way (=be blocking a road, someone's path etc so that they cannot move forward easily)

There was a big truck in the way.

Sorry, am I in your way?

A policeman yelled at the crowds to get out of the way.

The way ahead was blocked.

7. make way (for something/somebody)

a) to move to the side so that there is space for someone or something to pass:

The crowd stepped aside to make way for the procession.

b) to make it possible for something newer or better to be built, organized etc:

Several houses were demolished to make way for a new road.

8. out of the way

a) (also out of sb's way) if someone or something is out of the way, they are somewhere where they are not likely to cause a problem, need attention, be annoying etc

move/put/push etc something out of the way

Why don't you tie your hair back, out of the way?

If Uncle Tom had been drinking, I kept out of his way.

When Mac was safely out of the way, Peter came round.

b) if a particular matter, job etc is out of the way, it has been done or dealt with:

I'd rather get the interview out of the way in the morning.

As soon as the contract's out of the way, we can start.

c) a place that is out of the way is far from any towns

9. on the/your/its way

a) arriving or happening soon:

There's a letter on its way to you.

More changes are on the way.

b) travelling towards a particular place:

She should be on the way here by now.

on the/your/its way to

The ships were already on their way to the gulf

c) while going from one place to another

on the/your/its way to/out/home etc

I ran out of gas on my way to the airport.

Guess who I bumped into on the way home.

d) (also **along the way**) while moving from one situation or part of your life to another:

Don's had to change jobs several times along the way.

e) if someone has a baby on the way, they are ↑pregnant

10. **be under way**

a) to have started to happen or be done:

Plans are well under way for a new shopping centre.

The tournament got under way on Friday.

b) to have started to move or travel somewhere:

Our train was already under way.

11. **make your way**

a) to go towards something, especially when this is difficult or takes a long time

make your way to/through/towards etc

The team slowly made their way back to base.

make your own way (home/to something etc) (=go somewhere without the help or company of other people)

Don't worry. I can make my own way to the beach.

b) to gradually become successful in a particular job, activity, profession etc:

young people who are making their way in industry

12. **push/grope/inch etc your way somewhere** to get somewhere by using force or moving carefully:

She elbowed her way to the front of the queue.

He drank some water, then groped his way back to the bedroom.

13. **give way**

a) to be replaced by something else

give way to

Stone has given way to glass and concrete.

My anger gave way to depression.

b) to agree to do what someone else wants, instead of what you want, especially after a lot of discussion or argument:

Despite growing pressure, the Minister of State refused to give way.

give way to

Maria seemed to despise him for giving way to her.

c) to break because of too much weight or pressure:

The floor's rotten and likely to give way.

d) **British English** to stop or slow down when you are driving, in order to allow other vehicles to go first **SYN yield American English**:

In Britain, give way to cars coming from the right.

14. **clear/pave/open/prepare etc the way (for something)** to make it possible for something to happen or develop later:

a study that paved the way for further research

The Queen's death opened the way for him to return.

15. **a/the way forward** an action, plan etc that seems a good idea because it is likely to lead to success:

A way forward lies in developing more economic links.

a/the way forward for

This treatment may be the way forward for many inherited disorders.

16. **STATE/CONDITION [singular]** a particular state or condition:

My family was in a bad way financially.

The chicken's nice and crispy – just the way I like it.

It's worth thinking how you can improve the way things are.

somebody was born/made that way (=used to say that someone's character is not likely to change)

He'll always be mean – he was born that way.

17. **FACT/EVENT [singular]** used to refer to something that happens:

I hate the way you always give in to him.

18. **BEHAVIOUR [countable]** someone's typical style of behaving, especially when it seems different or unusual

be (just) sb's way

Don't worry if she's quiet – that's just her way.

Esther quickly changed the subject, as was her way.

strange/funny/odd etc ways

We all have our funny little ways.

change/mend your ways (=stop behaving badly) ⇒ see the error of your ways at ↑error(6), ⇒ be set in your ways at ↑set³(6)

19. **DEVELOPMENT/PROGRESS [singular]** used in expressions about developing and improving:

The team has a long way to go (=needs to develop or improve a lot) before it can match that performance.

Microwave ovens have come a long way (=have developed or improved a lot) since they first appeared in our kitchens.

Jen is now well on the way to recovery (=she has improved and will be well soon).

20. **go some way towards doing something** also **go a long way towards doing something** to help a little or a lot to make something happen:

ideas that go towards reducing environmental problems

21. CHOICES/POSSIBILITIES [countable] used when talking about two choices someone could make, or two possibilities that could happen:

▪ I'm not sure which way he'll decide.

▪ The election could go either way (=both results are equally possible).

▪ Make your mind up one way or the other.

either way (=used to say that something will be the same, whichever of two things happens)

▪ Either way, it's going to be expensive.

22. within two feet/ten years etc either way no more than two feet etc more or less than a particular amount:

▪ Your answer must be within a centimetre either way.

23. (in) one way or another/one way or the other used to say that someone does or will do something somehow, although you are not sure how:

▪ One way or the other he always seems to win

▪ We'll find the money, one way or another.

24. way around/round/up a particular order or position that something should be in:

▪ Which way around does this skirt go?

the other way around/round/up (=in the opposite order or position)

▪ The picture should be the other way up.

▪ Art reflects life, or is it the other way around (=is it 'life reflects art')?

the right/wrong way around/round/up

▪ Are the batteries in the wrong way round?

25. by way of something

a) (also **in the way of something**) as a form or means of something:

▪ I'd like to say something by way of introduction.

little in the way of something (also **not much/enough in the way of something**) (=not much of something)

▪ The town has little in the way of leisure facilities.

b) if you travel by way of a place, you go through it **SYN via**:

▪ We went by way of London.

26. get in the way of something to prevent someone from doing something, or prevent something from happening:

▪ Your social life must not get in the way of your studies.

27. go out of your way to do something to do something with more effort than is usual or expected:

▪ She went out of her way to make me feel welcome.

28. get/have your (own) way to do what you want to, even though someone else wants something different:

▪ Don't let the children always get their own way.

29. go your own way to do what you want, make your own decisions etc:

▪ At 18, most young people are ready to go their own way.

30. go sb's way

a) if an event goes your way, it happens in the way you want:

▪ The government are hopeful that the vote will go their way.

everything/nothing goes sb's way (=used to talk about events in general)

b) **literary** to continue a journey, or to leave and do what you want to do next:

▪ She said goodbye and went her way.

c) to travel in the same direction as someone:

▪ I can take you – I'm going your way.

31. come sb's way if something comes your way, you get or experience it, especially by chance:

▪ Luck had come her way at the very last moment.

32. in a big/small way used to talk about the degree to which something happens, or how important it is:

▪ The business was a success, in a small way.

33. by a long way by a large amount:

▪ He was the best in the group by a long way.

34. talk/buy etc your way into/past etc something/somebody to get where you want or achieve something you want by saying or doing something:

▪ Caroline managed to talk her way past the guard.

35. work/munch/smoke etc your way through something to deal with, eat, smoke etc a large amount of things:

▪ He worked his way through the pile of documents.

▪ She had munched her way through a packet of biscuits.

36. be on the/your way out to be becoming less popular, important, powerful etc:

▪ Is the royal family on the way out?

37. across/over the way on the opposite side of the street:

▪ They live across the way from us at number 23.

38. have a way of doing something used to say that something often or usually happens:

▪ Cheer up – these problems have a way of working out.

39. get into the way of doing something *British English* to start to do something regularly:

▪ He'd got into the way of smoking first thing in the morning.

40. not in any way, shape, or form used to emphasize that something is not true:

▪ I am not responsible for his actions in any way, shape, or form.

41. split something two/three etc ways (also **divide something two/three etc ways**) to divide something into two, three etc equal parts:

▪ We'll split the cost between us five ways.

42. have a way with somebody/something to be especially good at dealing with people or things of a particular type:

David seems to have a way with children.

She's always had a way with words (=been good at using words effectively).

43. **the way of the world** how things always happen or are done, especially when this is not easy to change:

In those days these policies favoured men. That was the way of the world.

44. **every which way** *informal*

a) in all directions:

Bullets were flying every which way.

b) *British English* every possible method:

I tried every which way to avoid it.

45. **Way** used in the names of roads:

Church Way

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SPOKEN PHRASES

46. **by the way** used when saying something that is not related to the main subject you were talking about before:

By the way, have you seen my keys anywhere?

47. **no way!**

a) used to say that you will definitely not do or allow something:

'Can I borrow your car?' 'No way!'

There's no way I'll ever get married again.

no way José! (=used to emphasize that you will not do something)

b) *especially American English* used to say that you do not believe something or are very surprised by it:

She's 45? No way!

48. **the way I see it** also **my way of thinking** used before telling someone your opinion:

The way I see it, it was a fair trade.

49. **that's the way** used to tell someone that they are doing something correctly or well, especially when you are showing them how:

Now bring your foot gently off the clutch – that's the way.

50. **that's (just) the way something/somebody is/that's (just) the way something goes** used to say that a particular situation or person cannot be changed:

Don't try to fight it. That's just the way it is.

Sometimes Tim needs to be alone. That's the way he is.

51. **be with somebody all the way** to agree with someone completely:

I'm with you all the way on this salary issue, Joe.

52. **if I had my way** used when telling someone what you think it would be best to do:

If I had my way, we'd leave this place tomorrow.

53. **have it your (own) way** used to tell someone in an annoyed way that you will agree to what they want

54. **(there are) no two ways about it** used to say that something is definitely true, especially something unpleasant

55. **you can't have it both ways** used to say that you cannot have the advantages from both of two different possible decisions or actions:

It's a choice between the time and the money – you can't have it both ways!

56. **way to go!** *American English* used to tell someone that they have done something very well or achieved something special

57. **(that's/it's) always the way!** *British English* used to say that things always happen in the way that is least convenient:

The train was late – always the way when you're in a hurry!

58. **down your/London etc way** in your area, the area of London etc

59. **go all the way (with somebody)** to have sex with someone

⇒ [↑]halfway, [↑]one-way, [↑]right of way, [↑]two-way, ⇒ **that's the way the cookie crumbles** at [↑]cookie(3), ⇒ **cut both ways** at [↑]cut¹(36), ⇒ **in the family way** at [↑]family(7), ⇒ **go the way of all flesh** at [↑]flesh¹(9), ⇒ **go your separate ways** at [↑]separate¹(4), ⇒ **know your way around (something)** at [↑]know¹(10), ⇒ **be laughing all the way to the bank** at [↑]laugh¹(8), ⇒ **lead the way** at [↑]lead¹(7), ⇒ **look the other way** at [↑]look¹(9), ⇒ **out of harm's way** at [↑]harm¹(6), ⇒ **parting of the ways** at [↑]parting¹(3), ⇒ **pay your way** at [↑]pay¹(13), ⇒ **to put it another way** at [↑]put(4), ⇒ **rub somebody up the wrong way** at [↑]rub¹(7), ⇒ **see which way the wind is blowing** at [↑]wind¹(6), ⇒ **see your way (clear) to doing something** at [↑]see¹(39), ⇒ **any way you slice it** at [↑]slice², ⇒ **stand in sb's way** at [↑]stand¹(30), ⇒ **where there's a will there's a way** at [↑]will²(5), ⇒ **work your way to/through etc something** at [↑]work¹(12)

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

■ adjectives

- **the right way** That's not the right way to deal with the problem.
- **the wrong way** There is a right way and a wrong way to do it.
- **a good way** Parent and toddler groups are a good way to meet other mums.
- **the best way** Doing the job is often regarded as the best way of learning the job.
- **a different way** There are many different ways of borrowing money.
- **a sure way** Improving your diet is the surest way to lower your risk of heart disease.
- **a quick way** Wouldn't just asking him be the quickest way to find out?
- **an easy way** Here's an easy way to cut up a mango.

■ verbs

- **have a way** Do you have any way of finding out if that is true?
- **find a way** We must find a way to help them.
- **think of/devise a way** I have to think of a way to make some money.

■ phrases

- **ways and means** We are discussing ways and means of bringing jobs to our area.

COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 3)

■ adjectives

- **the quickest way** She knew the quickest way to the hospital.
- **the right way** Are you sure this is the right way?
- **the wrong way** He had ended up going the wrong way down a one-way street.

■ verbs

- **ask somebody the way** He asked me the way to the police station.
- **tell somebody the way** Can you tell me the way to the nearest post office, please?
- **show somebody the way** If you can show me the way, I'll take you by car.
- **know the way** Do you know the way to Birkleigh?
- **lose your way** He lost his way in the fog.
- **find your way** I managed to find my way home.

THESAURUS

■ a way of doing something

- **way** something you can do in order to achieve what you want or deal with a problem: Visiting a country is a great way to learn a language. | a good way to lose weight
- **method** a way of doing something, especially one that a lot of people know about and use: They still use traditional methods of farming. | modern teaching methods | Different research methods are used to gather data.
- **approach** a general way of dealing with a particular problem or situation, especially a way that has been carefully thought about: We need a whole new approach to environmental issues. | There will be considerable advantages to adopting this approach.
- **technique** a way of doing something for which you need a skill that must be learned and practised: I went to a class to learn relaxation techniques. | new surgical techniques | techniques for improving staff performance
- **strategy** a carefully planned way to achieve something difficult or complicated that may take a long time: They met to discuss the company's business strategy. | the government's long-term strategy for reducing crime

■ how to go to a place

- **way** the road, path, direction etc that you must take in order to get to a place: Are you sure this is the right way to the sea? | Will you come with me? I don't know the way.
- **route** a way from one place to another that people use regularly or that is shown on a map: There are two routes we could take but this is the quickest one. | the overland trade route between Europe and China
- **directions** instructions on how to get to a place: Let's stop and ask someone for directions. | If you follow these directions you'll have no problem finding the house.
- **short cut** a way of getting somewhere that is shorter than the usual way: Let's take a short cut across the field. | Taxi-drivers know all the short cuts.
- **how to get to ... especially spoken** used especially when you ask someone to tell you which is the right way: Can you tell me how to get to Grand Central Station? | It was getting dark and I wasn't sure how to get home.

II. way² S2 BrE² AmE² adverb

[Word Family: noun: ↑way, ↑subway; adverb: ↑midway, ↑way; adjective: ↑midway]

1. very far

way ahead/behind/out etc

- The other cyclists were way behind.
- She lives way out of town.

2. by a large amount

way above/below/past etc

- Her IQ is way above average.

way out

- Your guess was way out (=completely incorrect), he's actually thirty-eight.

way back

- We first met way back (=a long time ago) in the seventies.

way heavier/smarter/bigger etc (=much heavier etc)

- The tickets were way more expensive than I thought.

3. American English informal very:

- I think she's way cool, man.

way

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