

harp

1. [hɑ:p] *n*

- арфа
to play /to string/ the harp - играть на арфе
- (Harp) *астр.* Лира (*созвездие*)
- шотл.* решето; сито
- пренебр.* ирландец
- = harper 2

2. [hɑ:p] *a спец.*

веерный, веерообразный

3. [hɑ:p] *v*

- 1) играть на арфе
- уст.* рассказывать (*что-л.*) под аккомпанемент, звуки арфы
- (on, upon) твердить, бубнить одно и то же
to harp on one's successes [troubles] - без конца говорить о своих успехах [бедах]
to harp on /upon/ the same string /note/ - ≅ тянуть одну и ту же песню
- редк.* высказывать предположение

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harp [harp harps harped harping] **noun, verb** *BrE* [hɑ:p] *NAmE* [hɑ:rp]

noun



a large musical instrument with strings stretched on a vertical frame, played with the fingers

see also ↑Jew's harp

Word Origin:

Old English hearpe, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch [harp](#) and German [Harfe](#).

Culture:

There are various types of harp. One is sometimes used as a symbol representing Ireland, e.g. on coins, because it is an important instrument in traditional Irish music.

Example Bank:

- By means of pedals, a harp can be set in any desired key.

Derived ↑harp on = ↑harp on something

verb

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	harp
	BrE /hɑ:p/
	NAmE /hɑ:rp/
he / she / it	harps
	BrE /hɑ:ps/
	NAmE /hɑ:rps/
past simple, past participle	harped
	BrE /hɑ:pt/
	NAmE /hɑ:rpt/
-ing form	harping
	BrE /hɑ:pɪŋ/
	NAmE /hɑ:rpiŋ/

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Example Bank:

- Don't keep harping on about my age!
- He is always harping on about the war.

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[Language: Old English; Origin: hearpe]



a large musical instrument with strings that are stretched across a vertical frame with three corners, and that you play with your fingers

—**harpist** *noun* [countable]

II. **harp**² *BrE* ² *AmE* ² *verb*

harp on about something *British English*, **harp on something** *American English phrasal verb informal*

to talk about something continuously, especially in a way that is annoying or boring:

² My grandfather **harps on** about the war all the time.

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