

patter

I

1. ['pætə] *n*
- условный язык, социальный *или* профессиональный жаргон
that's my name in Gipsy patter - цыгане называют меня так (*на своём жаргоне*)
thieves' patter - воровской жаргон
 - скороговорка (*торговцев, фокусников*)
a Cheap Jack extolls his goods with a patter - странствующий торговец расхваливает свой товар особой скороговоркой
 - 1) речитатив
 - 2) *разг.* слова песни, текст комических номеров; реприза
in provincial theatres half the people do not even know the patter - в провинциальных театрах половина зрителей не понимает репризы
 4. *разг.* пустая болтовня трескотня
I could hardly stand her patter - я с трудом выносил её болтовню
2. ['pætə] *v*
- говорить скороговоркой, тараторить
to patter prayers [charms] - отбарабанить молитвы [заклинания]
 - болтать пустое, бессмысленно тараторить
 - 1) говорить на жаргоне, на тайном языке (*мж.* to patter flash)
 - 2) *разг.* говорить на (*каком-л.*) языке
they patter French more or less - они кое-как изъясняются по-французски

II

1. ['pætə] *n*
- 1) стук, постукивание (*дождевых капель и т. п.*)
a patter of rain - шум дождя
the leaves kept up a patter on the window-panes - листья деревьев постукивали в окно
 - 2) лёгкий топот, топотание шлёпанье
the patter of little feet - топот маленьких ножек
the patter of hoofs - топот/стук/ копыт
2. ['pætə] *v*
- 1) барабанить стучать (*о дожде и т. п.*)
the rain pattered dismally against the panes - дождь уныло барабанил в окна
 - 2) топотать шлёпать (*мж.* patter about, patter around)
we could hear mice pattering about in the attic - мы слышали, как на чердаке шуршали мыши
she pattered downstairs - громко топая, она сбегала вниз
 - 3) бросать со стуком
the wind was pattering the acorns - сбитые ветром жёлуди со стуком падали на землю
2. обрызгивать
the trees pattered me all over with big drops - крупные капли, падающие с деревьев, обрызгали меня с головы до ног

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['pætə] *n сл.*
есть
he himself did not patter any of it - он сам к этому не притронулся

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pat·ter [patter patters pattered patterning] *noun, verb* BrE ['pætə(r)] ^m NAmE

['pætə]

noun

- singular** the sound that is made by sth repeatedly hitting a surface quickly and lightly
 - the **patter of feet/footsteps**
 - the patter of rain on the roof
- uncountable, singular** fast continuous talk by sb who is trying to sell you sth or entertain you
 - sales patter

Rem: orWord Origin:*v.* and *n.* **sense 1** early 17th cent. ↑pat*n.* **sense 2** late Middle English 'recite (a prayer, charm, etc.) rapidly' paternosterExample Bank:

- I could hear the pitter-patter of feet in the corridor.
- the sales patter of a sales representative

Idiom: ↑patter of tiny feet*verb*

- intransitive + adv./prep.** to make quick, light sounds as a surface is being hit several times
 - Rain pattered against the window.
- intransitive + adv./prep.** to walk with light steps in a particular direction
 - I heard her feet pattering along the corridor.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	patter
	BrE / 'pæte(r)/
	NAme / 'pæter/
he / she / it	patters
	BrE / 'pætez/
	NAme / 'pæterz/
past simple, past participle	pattered
	BrE / 'pæted/
	NAme / 'pæterd/
-ing form	pattering
	BrE / 'pæterɪŋ/
	NAme / 'pæterɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- Footsteps pattered across the floor.
- Rain pattered lightly on the window.
- The child's feet pattered along the landing.
- The rain pattered down softly.

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I. **patter**¹ /'pæte \$ -ər/ BrE " AmE " verb [intransitive]

[Date: 1600-1700; Origin: ⇨ ↑pat²]

if something, especially water, patters, it makes quiet sounds as it keeps hitting a surface lightly and quickly

patter on

" rain pattering on the window panes

II. **patter**² BrE " AmE " noun

[Sense 1,3: Date: 1800-1900; Origin: ⇨ ↑patter¹]

[Sense 2: Date: 1700-1800; Origin: paternoster name of a Christian prayer (9-21 centuries)]

1. [singular] the sound made by something as it keeps hitting a surface lightly and quickly

patter of

" the patter of footsteps

" the pitter-patter of raindrops

2. [singular, uncountable] fast, continuous, and usually amusing talk, used by someone telling jokes or trying to sell something:

" It's difficult to look at the cars without getting the sales patter.

3. **the patter of tiny feet** used humorously to mean that someone is going to have a baby:

" Are we going to hear the patter of tiny feet?

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