

length[leŋθ] *n***1. длина**

the length of a road [of a stick, of a rope, of a ship] - длина дороги [палки, верёвки, судна]

the length of a field - протяжённость поля

of certain length - определённой длины

the length of a list - длина списка

to find the length of the sides - найти/определить/длину сторон

a room 20 feet in length and 12 feet in breadth - комната 20 футов длиной и 12 футов шириной

2. расстояние; протяжённостьat arm's length - на расстоянии вытянутой руки [*см. тж.* ◇]

ships a cable's length apart - корабли на расстоянии кабельтова друг от друга

length of the stage - *спорт.* протяжённость этапа велогонкиlength of march - *воен.* величина переходаlength of marching - *воен.* глубина походной колонны

large lengths of seas - морские просторы

3. протяжённость (во времени), длительность, продолжительность

(of) an hour's length - продолжительностью в час

the length of a speech [of the siege] - продолжительность речи [осады]

length of service in grade - *воен.* выслуга лет в данном чине /звании/

a stay of some length - довольно длительное пребывание

in length of time - с течением времени

to see a friend after a length of absence - увидеть друга после долгого отсутствия

to speak for a length of time - долго говорить

breakfast was drawn out to a great length - завтрак очень затянулся

4. 1) кусок, отрезок (троса, трубы или провода)**2) плеть (рельса)****5. отрез**

a silk dress length - отрез шёлка на платье

6. спорт. длина корпуса

the horse won by three lengths - лошадь опередила других на три корпуса

7. выход солодовой вытяжки (в пивоварении)**8. фон.** долгота (звука или слога)◇ at length - а) детально, подробно, пространно (*тж.* at full /at great, at some/ length); б) в натуральную величину (о *портрете*); в) наконец, в конце концов

to go (to) all lengths, to go (to) any length, to go a great length - ни перед чем не останавливаться, идти на всё

to go (to) the length of smth. - пойти/решиться/на что-л

he would go to any length to have his way - он не остановится ни перед чем, чтобы добиться своего

to go the whole length of it - делать что-л. основательно, доводить что-л. до конца

to find /to get, to have, to know/ the length of smb.'s foot - (стараться) узнать чьи-л. слабые стороны; присматриваться к кому-л.; ≅ раскусить кого-л.

at arm's length - на почтительном расстоянии [*см. тж.* 2]to keep smb. at arm's length - [*см.* keep II ◇]

to travel through the length and breadth of the country - исколесить всю страну вдоль и поперёк

to fall all one's length, to measure one's length on the floor /on the ground/ - растянуться во всю длину

length**length** [length lengths] *BrE* [leŋθ] ^m *NAmE* [leŋθ] ^m **noun**

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SIZE/MEASUREMENT**1. uncountable, countable** the size or measurement of sth from one end to the other

• This room is twice the length of the kitchen.

• The river is 300 miles **in length** .

• The snake usually reaches a length of 100 cm.

• He ran the entire length of the beach (= from one end to the other).

• Did you see the length of his hair?

compare ↑breadth, ↑width**TIME****2. uncountable, countable** the amount of time that sth lasts

• We discussed shortening the length of the course.

• He was disgusted at **the length of time** he had to wait.• She got a headache if she had to read **for any length of time** (= for a long time) .

• Size of pension depends partly on length of service with the company.

• Each class is 45 minutes **in length** .**OF BOOK/MOVIE****3. uncountable, countable** the amount of writing in a book, or a document, etc; the amount of time that a film/movie lasts

- Her novels vary in length.

-LENGTH

4. (in adjectives) having the **length** mentioned

- shoulder-length hair

see also ↑full-length, ↑knee-length

OF SWIMMING POOL

5. **countable** the distance from one end of a swimming pool to the other

- He swims 50 lengths a day.

compare ↑width

IN RACE

6. **countable** the size of a horse or boat from one end to the other, when it is used to measure the distance between two horses or boats taking part in a race

- The horse won by two clear lengths.

LONG THIN PIECE

7. **countable** a long thin piece of sth

- a **length of rope/string/wire**
- timber sold in lengths of 2, 5 or 10 metres

see also ↑long_{adj.}

more at keep sb at arm's length at ↑arm_{n.}

Idioms: ↑at length ▪ ↑at ... length ▪ go to any/some/great lengths ▪ ↑length and breadth of ...

Word Origin:

Old English lengthu, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **lengte**, also to ↑long (adjective).

Example Bank:

- Each lesson was an hour in length.
- He has to hold newspapers at arm's length to focus on the print.
- He measured the length and width of the table.
- He told me at length about his new job.
- I did 20 lengths today.
- Measure the size of the window and cut the cloth to length.
- She kept him at arm's length until he stopped smoking.
- The fence runs the length of the footpath.
- The pipe was six feet in length.
- The queen bee is twice the length of a worker bee.
- The queue stretched the whole length of the High Street.
- The vehicle has an overall length of 12 feet.
- There is a maximum length of 2 500 words.
- There were coloured lights along the whole length of the street.
- These fish can reach a length of over five feet.
- They complained about the inordinate length of time they had to wait.
- a ditch of great length and width
- a short length of wire
- long lengths of wool
- Carry a whistle and a spare length of rope.
- He ran the entire length of the beach.
- The pipe was attached to the wall with a length of wire
- The river is 300 miles in length.
- The snake usually reaches a length of 100 cm.
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[**Word Family**: **adverb**: ↑lengthwise, lengthways; **adjective**: lengthening, ↑lengthy; **verb**: ↑lengthen; **noun**: ↑length]

[**Language**: Old English; **Origin**: lengthu, from lang; ⇒ ↑long¹]

1. **SIZE** [**uncountable and countable**] the measurement of how long something is from one end to the other ⇒ **breadth**, **width**:

▪ We measured the length and width of the living room.

a length of 1 metre/2 feet etc

▪ Some fish can grow to a length of four feet.

2 feet/10 metres etc in length

▪ The hotel pool is 15 metres in length.

▪ You'll need several pieces of string of different lengths.

2. **TIME** [**uncountable and countable**] the amount of time that you spend doing something or that something continues ⇒ **duration**
length of

▪ Your pension will depend on your length of employment.

What's the average length of stay in hospital?

(not) for any length of time (=not for very long)

He wasn't left alone for any length of time.

REGISTER

In everyday English, people usually talk about **how long** something is in space or time, rather than using the noun **length**:

- *We need to know the length of the table.* → We need to know how long the table is.
- | *He was annoyed by the length of time he had to wait.* → He was annoyed by how long he had to wait.

3. **BOOKS/FILMS ETC** [uncountable and countable] the amount of writing in a book, or the amount of time that a film, play etc continues

length of

We had to cut the length of the book by one third.

of this length

Films of this length (=as long as this) are pretty unusual.

4. **run/stretch/walk etc the (full) length of something** to go or move from one end to the other of something:

The wall ran the full length of the garden.

They walked the length of the pier.

5. **shoulder-length/knee-length etc** reaching down as far as your shoulders etc:

shoulder-length hair

an ankle-length dress

6. **go to some/great/any lengths (to do something)** to try very hard or to do whatever is necessary to achieve something that is important to you:

He went to great lengths to keep their name out of the papers.

Bella would go to any lengths to fulfil her ambition.

7. **at (some/great etc) length**

a) if you talk at length about something, you talk about it for a long time

speak/talk etc at length

The young people spoke at length about their experiences.

We've already discussed the subject at great length.

b) *literary* after a long time:

'I don't agree,' she said at length.

8. **the length and breadth of the area/country/land etc** in or through every part of a large area:

The police searched the length and breadth of the country.

9. **PIECE** [countable] a piece of something long and thin

a length of rope/pipe/wire etc

10. **IN RACES** [countable] the measurement of a horse, boat etc from one end to the other – used when saying how far the horse, boat etc is ahead of another:

The horse won by three lengths.

11. **SWIMMING** [countable] the distance from one end of a swimming pool to the other

do/swim a length

She does at least 20 lengths a day.

⇒ **hold something at arm's length** at ↑arm¹(8), ⇒ **keep/hold somebody at arm's length** at ↑arm¹(9), ⇒ ↑full-length¹

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- **measure the length of something** The children measured the length of their shadows at three different times of day.
- **have a length of 1 metre/2 feet etc** These leaves have a length of about 7 cm.
- **grow to/reach a length of 2 metres/8 feet etc** A blue whale can reach a length of 100 feet.
- **run the length of something** (=exist along the whole length of something) A long corridor ran the length of the building.

■ adjectives

- **the total length** The total length of the completed railway line will be almost 650 kilometres.
- **an average length** These worms grow to an average length of about 1 metre.
- **the whole/full/entire length of something** The camera looks down the full length of the street.
- **medium length** All the girls had short or medium length hair.
- **equal/unequal length** She drew two lines of equal length.
- **a maximum/minimum length** This species of fish can reach a maximum length of 12 inches.

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RANGE: **2k** LENGTH ²⁸⁰⁶⁴

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