

litterI
['lɪtə] *n*

1. паланкин
2. носилки (для переноски больных, раненых)
litter bearer - санитар-носильщик

II

1. ['lɪtə] *n*

- 1) разбросанные вещи; набросанная бумага, сор, мусор

••no litter•• - «не сорить» (надпись)

••for litter•• - «для мусора» (надпись на урне)

- 2) беспорядок

the room was in such a litter that he was ashamed to ask me in - в комнате был такой беспорядок, что ему было стыдно пригласить меня войти

- 2) соломенная *и т. п.* подстилка (для скота)

- 2) солома *и т. п.* для защиты от холода (растений *и т. п.*)

3. помёт (свиньи, собаки)

ten little pigs at a litter - десять поросят в одном помёте

4. палый лист и хворост; лесная подстилка

2. ['lɪtə] *v*

1. сорить, мусорить, набрасывать, делать беспорядок

to litter a desk with papers - набросать бумаги на письменном столе

to litter (up) one's room - устроить беспорядок в комнате

2. подстилать, делать подстилку (для лошади *и т. п.*; *тж.* litter down)

3. метать, приносить (детенышей)

litter

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lit-ter [lɪtər lɪtərs lɪtəd lɪtərɪŋ] *noun, verb* *BrE* ['lɪtə(r)] ^ˈ *NAmE* ['lɪtə] ^ˈ*noun*

1. **uncountable** small pieces of rubbish/garbage such as paper, cans and bottles, that people have left lying in a public place
 - There will be fines for people who **drop litter** .
2. **singular ~ of sth** a number of things that are lying in an untidy way
 - The floor was covered with a litter of newspapers, clothes and empty cups.
3. **uncountable** a dry substance that is put in a shallow open box for pets, especially cats, to use as a toilet when they are indoors
 - cat litter
 - (BrE) a litter tray
 - (NAmE) a litter box
4. **countable** a number of baby animals that one mother gives birth to at the same time
 - a litter of puppies
 - the runt (= the smallest and weakest baby) of the litter
5. **uncountable** the substance, especially ↑**straw**, that is used for farm animals to sleep on
6. **countable** a kind of chair or bed that was used in the past for carrying important people

Word Origin:

Middle English (originally referring to a structure used to carry people carried on men's shoulders or by animals): from Old French *litiere*, from medieval Latin *lectaria*, from Latin *lectus* 'bed'. Senses 1 and 2 date from the mid 18th cent.

Example Bank:

- Please do not leave litter after your picnic.
- The local council has pledged to clamp down on litter louts on the beach.
- 'Chief' was born six years ago, one of a litter of 11.
- Pick up your litter and take it home with you.
- There will be fines for people who drop litter.
- a litter of puppies/kittens
- the runt of the litter

verb

1. **transitive ~ sth** to be spread around a place, making it look untidy
 - Piles of books and newspapers littered the floor.
 - Broken glass littered the streets.
2. **transitive, usually passive, intransitive ~ (sth) (with sth)** to leave things in a place, making it look untidy
 - The floor was littered with papers.
 - (NAmE) He was arrested for littering.
3. **transitive be littered with sth** to contain or involve a lot of a particular type of thing, usually sth bad
 - Your essay is littered with spelling mistakes.

Verb forms:

| verb forms | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| present simple | |
| I / you / we / they | litter |
| | BrE / 'lɪtə(r) / |
| | NAmE / 'lɪtər / |
| he / she / it | litters |
| | BrE / 'lɪtəz / |
| | NAmE / 'lɪtərz / |
| past simple, past participle | littered |
| | BrE / 'lɪtəd / |
| | NAmE / 'lɪtəd / |
| -ing form | littering |
| | BrE / 'lɪtərɪŋ / |
| | NAmE / 'lɪtərɪŋ / |

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I. **litter**¹ /'lɪtə \$ -ər/ BrE " AmE " noun

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: *litiere*, from lit 'bed']

1. **WASTE** [uncountable] waste paper, cans etc that people have thrown away and left on the ground in a public place **SYN** rubbish, trash, garbage :

- " People who drop litter can be fined in some cities.
- " a town with a litter problem

GRAMMAR

Litter is an uncountable noun and has no plural form. Use a singular verb after it:

- Litter spoils the countryside.

2. **BABY ANIMALS** [countable] a group of baby animals that a mother gives birth to at the same time

- litter of**
- " a litter of kittens

3. **FOR CAT'S TOILET** [uncountable] small grains of a dry substance that is put in a container that a cat uses as a toilet indoors:

- " cat litter
- " a litter tray

4. **FOREST** [uncountable] (also **leaf litter**) dead leaves and other decaying plants on the ground in a forest

5. **a litter of something** *literary* a group of things that look very untidy:

- " A litter of notes, papers, and textbooks were strewn on the desk.

6. **FOR ANIMAL'S BED** [uncountable] a substance such as **↑straw** that a farm animal sleeps on

7. **BED** [countable] a chair or bed for carrying important people, used in past times

II. **litter**² BrE " AmE " verb

1. [transitive] (also **litter up**) if things litter an area, there are a lot of them in that place, scattered in an untidy way:

- " Clothes littered the floor.

litter something with something

- " The desk was littered with papers.

2. **be littered with something** if something is littered with things, there are a lot of those things in it **SYN** be full of something:

- " Recent business news has been littered with stories of companies failing.

3. [intransitive and transitive] to leave waste paper, cans etc on the ground in a public place

4. [intransitive] *technical* if an animal such as a dog or cat litters, it gives birth to babies

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