1. a strong shoe that covers the foot and ankle and often the lower part of the leg: (BrE) walking boots

- (NAmE) hiking boots
- · a pair of black leather boots
- · cowboy boots

see also †desert boot, †football boot, †wellington

- 2. (BrE) (NAmE trunk) the space at the back of a car that you put bags, cases, etc. in
 - I'll put the luggage in the boot.
 - Did you lock the boot?

see also †car boot sale

- 3. usually singular (informal) a quick hard kick
 - · He gave the ball a tremendous boot.
- **4.** (NAmE) = ↑Denverboot

Rem: or

more at be/get too big for your boots at big adj., fill sb's shoes/boots at fill v., lick sb's boots at lick v., (as) tough as old boots at tough adj.

Word Origin:

n. and v. Middle English Old Norse bóti Old French bote

Old English bōt 'advantage, remedy' Germanic Dutch boete German Busse 'penance, fine' 1better 1best

Example Bank:

- · The meat was as tough as old boots.
- · What have you got in the boot?
- · a pair of heavy walking boots

Idioms: 1 boot is on the other foot = 1 get the boot = 1 given the boot = 1 put the boot in

Derived 1boot somebody out

verb

- 1. transitive ~ sth + adv./prep. to kick sb/sth hard with your foot
 - · He booted the ball clear of the goal.
- 2. intransitive, transitive ~ (sth) (up) (computing) to prepare a computer for use by loading its ↑operating system; to be prepared in this way
- **3.** transitive **be/get booted** (NAmE, informal) if you or your car is booted, a piece of equipment is fixed to the car's wheel so that you cannot drive it away, usually because the car is illegally parked

see also †clamp

Verb forms: verb forms

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	boot
	BrE /bu:t/
	NAmE /bu:t/
he / she /it	boots
	BrE /bu:ts/
	NAmE /bu:ts/
past simple, past participle	booted
	BrE /bu:trd/
	NAmE /bu:tid/
-ing form	booting
	BrE /bu:tm/
	NAmE /bu:tiŋ/

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Syn: throw out

See also: \frac{1}{2} shoe is on the other foot \(\bigcirc \) trunk

• II. to boot idiom

(old-fashioned humorous) used to add a comment to sth that you have said

• He was a vegetarian, and a fussy one to boot.

Main entry: 1 bootidiom

boot

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I. boot¹ S2 W3 /bu □/t BrE AmE noun [countable]

[Sense 1-3, 5-7: Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: bote]

[Sense 4: Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old English; Origin: bot 'advantage, profit, use']



- 1. a type of shoe that covers your whole foot and the lower part of your leg ⇒ Wellington:
 - hiking boots
 - a pair of boots ⇒ ↑rubber boot
- 2. British English an enclosed space at the back of a car, used for carrying bags etc SYN trunk American English:
 - The new model has a bigger boot.
- 3. the boot informal when someone is forced to leave their job SYN the sack British English ⇒ dismiss
 - The chairman denied that he had been given the boot.
 - He should have got the boot years ago.
- **4**. **to boot** in addition to everything else you have mentioned:
 - She was a great sportswoman, and beautiful to boot.
- 5. put the boot in British English informal
 - a) to criticize or be cruel to someone who is already in a bad situation
 - b) to attack someone by kicking them repeatedly, especially when they are on the ground
- 6. the boot is on the other foot British English used to say someone who has caused problems for other people in the past is now in a situation in which people are causing problems for them
- 7. American English a metal object that the police attach to one of the wheels of an illegally parked car so that it cannot be moved SYN wheel clamp British English
- \Rightarrow be/get too big for your boots at $^{\uparrow}$ big 1 (14), \Rightarrow lick sb's boots at $^{\uparrow}$ lick 1 (7), \Rightarrow tough as old boots at $^{\uparrow}$ tough 1 (2)

COLLOCATIONS

types of boots

- leather boots He bought some sturdy leather boots.
- wellington boots British English, rubber boots American English (=rubber boots that stop your feet and legs getting wet) The kids put on their rubber boots and went out in the rain.
- walking /hiking boots In the mountains you'll need some strong walking boots.
- football/rugby/riding/ski boots Take your muddy football boots off before you come inside.
- ankle boots (=only as high as your ankles) Ankle boots are fashionable again this autumn.
- long boots (=as high as your knees or thighs) I bought a pair of long leather boots.
- knee-high boots She looked fabulous in a mini-skirt and knee-high boots.

phrases

a pair of boots I really need a new pair of boots this winter.

AmE * II. boot² BrE

[Sense 1: Date: 1900-2000; Origin: bootstrap 'to boot up' (1900-2000) probably from bootstrap (noun); ⇒ ↑bootstraps] [Sense 2-3: Date: 1800-1900; Origin: ⇒ ↑boot¹]

- 1. (also boot up) [intransitive and transitive] to start the program that makes a computer ready to be used ⇒ load
- 2. [transitive] informal to kick someone or something hard

boot something in/round/down etc

- The goalkeeper booted the ball upfield.
- 3. [transitive] American English to stop someone from moving their illegally parked vehicle by fixing a piece of equipment to one of the wheels SYN clamp British English

boot somebody
→out phrasal verb informal

to force someone to leave a place, job, or organization, especially because they have done something wrong SYN throw out: His fellow students booted him out of the class.

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