

breathe

[bri:ð] *v*

1. 1) дышать; вдыхать; выдыхать
to breathe freely - свободно дышать
- 2) вздохнуть
- 3) (into) вдохнуть
to breathe new life into smb. - вдохнуть новую жизнь в кого-л.
to breathe life into a stone - оживить камень
2. жить, существовать
he's still breathing - он ещё дышит, он ещё жив
a better fellow does not breathe - лучше него нет человека /никого не найти/
3. 1) слегка дуть (о ветре)
- 2) благоухать
- 3) едва доноситься, слабо раздаваться (о звуке)
4. говорить тихо, шептать
he softly breathed her name - он прошептал её имя
not to breathe a syllable /a word/ - словом не обмолвиться, держать в секрете
5. (upon)
- 1) дуть (на что-л.)
- 2) запятнать (чью-л.) репутацию; чернить, клеветать
6. играть на духовых инструментах; дуть в духовые инструменты
7. дать передохнуть
to breathe a horse - дать лошади передохнуть
8. утомить, измотать
9. выражать (что-л.), дышать (чем-л.)
his words breathe a spirit of humanity - его слова проникнуты человеколюбием
10. *фон.* произносить без вибрации голосовых связок
◇ to breathe freely /easily/ - чувствовать облегчение (от беспокойства или боли), вздохнуть с облегчением
to breathe again - *разг.* а) снова вздохнуть б) почувствовать облегчение
to breathe down smb.'s neck - подгонять кого-л.; ≅ стоять у кого-л. над душой
to breathe one's last /breath/ - испустить последний вздох
to breathe a vein - *уст.* пустить кровь

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breathe [breathe breathes breathed breathing] *BrE* [briːθ] *NAmE* [briːθ]

verb

AIR/BREATH

1. **intransitive, transitive** to take air into your lungs and send it out again through your nose or mouth
 - He breathed deeply before speaking again.
 - The air was so cold we could hardly breathe.
 - She was beginning to breathe more easily.
 - He was breathing heavily after his exertions.
 - ~ **sth** Most people don't realize that they are breathing polluted air.
2. **transitive ~ sth (+ adv./prep.)** to send air, smoke or a particular smell out of your mouth
 - He came up close, breathing alcohol fumes all over me.

SAY QUIETLY

3. **transitive ~ sth | + speech (literary)** to say sth quietly
 - 'I'm over here,' she breathed.

OF WINE

4. **intransitive** if you allow wine to breathe, you open the bottle and let air get in before you drink it

OF CLOTH/SKIN

5. **intransitive** if cloth, leather, skin, etc. can breathe, air can move around or through it
 - Cotton clothing allows your skin to breathe.

FEELING/QUALITY

6. **transitive ~ sth (formal)** to be full of a particular feeling or quality
 - Her performance breathed wit and charm.

more at breathe/rest easy **at** ↑easy *adj.*, live and breathe sth **at** ↑live ¹

Idioms: ↑breathe again ▪ ↑breathe down somebody's neck ▪ ↑breathe life into something ▪ ↑breathe your last

Derived ↑breathe in ▪ ↑breathe out ▪ ↑breathe something in ▪ ↑breathe something out

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	breathe
	BrE /brɪ:ð/
	NAme /brɪ:ð/
he / she / it	breathes
	BrE /brɪ:ðz/
	NAme /brɪ:ðz/
past simple, past participle	breathed
	BrE /brɪ:ðd/
	NAme /brɪ:ðd/
-ing form	breathing
	BrE /brɪ:ðɪŋ/
	NAme /brɪ:ðɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English (in the sense 'exhale, steam'): from †breath.

Example Bank:

- 'Where are you?' breathed a voice in the dark.
- Always breathe through your nose.
- He breathed in her scent.
- He breathed the words against her ear.
- He hardly dared breathe in case they heard him.
- He was breathing raggedly, mouth open.
- I breathed a huge sigh of relief.
- I can barely breathe here.
- I can't breathe properly— I'm gasping for air!
- She breathed slowly in and out.
- She rushed into my office breathing fire and threatening me with a lawyer.
- The men breathe air that is filtered to remove any dust or gas.
- They were both breathing hard from the steep climb.
- Try not to breathe in the fumes.
- Try to breathe normally.
- You know I'd never breathe a word to anyone.
- 'I'm over here,' she breathed.

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[Word Family: noun: †breath, †breather, †breathing; adjective: †breathless, †breathy; verb: †breathe; adverb: †breathlessly]

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1. **AIR** [intransitive and transitive] to take air into your lungs and send it out again:

- The room filled with smoke, and it was becoming difficult to breathe.
- People are concerned about the quality of the air they breathe.
- Relax and breathe deeply (=take in a lot of air).

2. **BLOW** [intransitive and transitive] to blow air or smoke out of your mouth

breathe on

- Roy breathed on his hands and rubbed them together vigorously.

breathe something over somebody

- The fat man opposite was breathing garlic all over me.

3. **somebody can breathe easy/easily** used when saying that someone can relax because a worrying or dangerous situation has ended:

- With stocks going up, investors can breathe easily.

4. **breathe a sigh of relief** to stop being worried or frightened about something:

- Once the deadline passed, everyone breathed a sigh of relief.

5. **be breathing down sb's neck** *informal* to pay very close attention to what someone is doing, in a way that makes them feel nervous or annoyed:

- How can I concentrate with you breathing down my neck all the time?

6. **not breathe a word** to not tell anyone anything at all about something, because it is a secret:

- Don't breathe a word; it's supposed to be a surprise.

7. **breathe life into something** to change a situation so that people feel more excited or interested:

- Critics are hoping the young director can breathe new life into the French film industry.

8. **SKIN** [intransitive] if your skin can breathe, air can reach it

9. **CLOTHES/FABRIC** [intransitive] if cloth or clothing breathes, air can pass through it so that your body feels pleasantly cool and dry

10. **WINE** [intransitive] if you let wine breathe, you open the bottle to let the air get to it before you drink it

11. **SAY SOMETHING QUIETLY** [transitive] *written* to say something very quietly, almost in a whisper:

- 'Wait,' he breathed.

12. **breathe your last (breath)** *literary* to die

13. **breathe fire** to talk and behave in a very angry way ⇒ **live and breathe something** at †live¹(19)

COLLOCATIONS

adverbs

- **breathe deeply** (=take long slow breaths of air) She breathed deeply in the cool night air.
- **breathe heavily/hard** (=breathe loudly especially after exercise) He'd been running and he was breathing hard.
- **breathe fast/rapidly** (=breathe quickly because of illness, fear etc) He closed his eyes, breathing fast under the fever.
- **breathe slowly** Breathe slowly and try to relax.
- **breathe steadily/evenly** The baby was fast asleep and breathing steadily.
- **breathe easily** Make sure the injured person can breathe easily.

nouns

- **breathe some air/the air** It was wonderful to be outside and breathe some fresh air.
- **breathe fumes** These children are breathing traffic fumes all day long.

phrases

- **can hardly breathe** It was so hot that I felt as though I could hardly breathe.
- **have trouble/difficulty breathing** In high altitudes some people have trouble breathing.
- **struggle to breathe** The crowd pressed in around me and I struggled to breathe.

THESAURUS

- **breathe** [intransitive and transitive] to take air into your lungs and send it out again: Mary knew he was asleep because he was breathing deeply. | He breathed the clear spring air.
- **sigh** to breathe out slowly and make a noise that shows you are disappointed, tired, ↑relieved etc: She just sighed and shook her head. | 'Nevermind,' he sighed. 'I'm sure there'll be other opportunities.'
- **pant** to breathe quickly and noisily through your mouth, because you have been using a lot of effort: They were panting by the time they got to the finish line.
- **gasp** to breathe very quickly and deeply and with difficulty: Her eyes were wide, and she was gasping for breath. | 'Do you think you can walk?' 'I'll try to,' he gasped.
- **snore** to breathe noisily while you are sleeping: I couldn't sleep because my husband was snoring.
- **wheeze** to breathe with difficulty, making a noise in your throat and chest, because you are ill: His asthma was making him wheeze.
- **be out of breath** to be unable to breathe easily, especially because you have been running or doing other exercise: I was out of breath by the time we reached the top of the hill.
- **be short of breath** to be unable to breathe easily, especially because you are unhealthy: Because she was so overweight, she was often short of breath.

breathe in phrasal verb

to take air into your lungs ⇒ **inhale** :

- The doctor made me breathe in while he listened to my chest.

breathe something ↔in

- Wyatt breathed in the cool ocean air.

breathe out phrasal verb

to send air out from your lungs ⇒ **exhale** :

- Jim breathed out deeply.

breathe something ↔out

- Lauren lit up a cigarette, then breathed out a puff of smoke.

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