

## I

1. [bəʊ] *n*
  - 1) лук (*оружие*)
  - 2) *pl* лучники, стрелки из лука
  - 2) 1) что-л. имеющее форму дуги
  - 2) *стр.* арка
  - 3) *поэт.* радуга
  - 3) 1) смычок
  - 2) удар смычка
  4. лучок дрели *или* пилы
  5. седельная лука, арчак
  6. 1) бант
    - a bow of red ribbon - бант из красной ленты
    - to tie shoe-laces in a bow - завязать шнурки бантиком
  - 2) галстук, *особ.* галстук-бабочка
  7. *спец.* лекало
  8. *спец.* токоприёмник, бугель (*электровоза*)
  9. *архит.* эркер
  10. *амер.* заушник (*очков*)
  11. *амер.* металлическое кольцо, используемое в качестве ручки (*в ножницах, ключе, часах и т. п.*)
    - ◇ to draw a /the/ long bow - сильно преувеличивать, рассказывать небылицы
    - to draw a bow at a venture - сделать (*что-л.*) наугад /наудачу/
    - another /second, extra/ string to one's bow - запасной вариант /ход/
    - draw not your bow till your arrow is fixed - *посл.* ≅ семь раз отмерь, один раз отрежь
2. [bəʊ] *v*  
владеть смычком
  - he bows admirably - он великолепно владеет смычком

## II

1. [baʊ] *n*  
поклон
  - to give smb. a bow - поклониться кому-л.
  - to make one's bow - откланяться, удалиться
  - to make one's best bow - а) вежливо /учтиво/ откланяться; б) уйти в отставку; в) поклониться, отвесить поклон, приветствовать поклоном
  - to take a bow - раскланиваться (*в ответ на аплодисменты*)
2. [baʊ] *v*
  1. 1) кланяться
    - to bow smb. into the room - с поклоном ввести кого-л. в комнату
    - he bowed to us as he passed - проходя мимо, он поклонился нам
  - 2) кивнуть, наклонением головы выразить (*что-л.*)
    - to bow one's thanks - поклониться в знак благодарности
    - to bow one's assent - кивнуть в знак согласия
  2. подчиняться (*мж.* bow down)
    - to bow to the inevitable [to fate] - покоряться неизбежному [судьбе]
    - to bow to smb.'s decision - подчиниться чьему-л. решению
  3. преклоняться (*мж.* bow down)
    - to bow to a great writer - преклоняться перед великим писателем
    - to bow to /before/ grandeur [magnanimity] - преклоняться перед величием [великодушием]
  4. (*мж.* bow down) *дуал.*
    - 1) гнуть, сгибать, наклонять
      - the branches were bowed down with the weight of the snow - ветки согнулись под тяжестью снега
      - he bowed his head over a book - он склонил голову над книгой
      - his father is bowed with age - его отец согнулся от старости
      - his heart was bowed with grief - горе сломило его
      - not to bow the neck to the invaders - не покоряться захватчикам
    - 2) гнуться, сгибаться, наклоняться
      - the trees bowed as the wind swept over them - деревья гнулись при каждом порыве ветра
      - ◇ to bow and scrape - угодничать, заискивать
      - to bow down one's ear to smb. - благосклонно внимать кому-л.

## II

- [baʊ] *n*
1. нос (*корабля, дирижабля*)
    - bow chock for chain [for rope] - *мор.* носовой полуклюз для цепи [для троса]
    - bows on - *мор.* носом вперёд
  2. = bowman2

**bow**

▪ **I. bow** 1 [bow bows bowed bowing] verb, noun *BrE* [baʊ] <sup>ⓘ</sup> *NAmE* [baʊ] <sup>ⓘ</sup>  
 see also ↑bow <sup>2</sup>

**verb**

- 1. intransitive** to move your head or the top half of your body forwards and downwards as a sign of respect or to say hello or goodbye
  - ~ (to/before sb/sth) He bowed low to the assembled crowd.
  - ~ down (to/before sb/sth) The people all bowed down before the Emperor.
- 2. transitive ~ your head** to move your head forwards and downwards
  - She bowed her head in shame.
  - They stood in silence with their heads bowed.
- 3. intransitive, transitive** to bend or make sth bend
  - (+ adv./prep) The pines bowed in the wind.
  - ~ sth (+ adv./prep) Their backs were bowed under the weight of their packs.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	bow
	<i>BrE</i> /baʊ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /baʊ/
he / she / it	bows
	<i>BrE</i> /baʊz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /baʊz/
past simple, past participle	bowed
	<i>BrE</i> /baʊd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /baʊd/
-ing form	bowing
	<i>BrE</i> /baʊɪŋ/
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Word Origin:

Old English būgan 'bend, stoop' Germanic German *biegen* ↑bow <sup>2</sup> late Middle English Low German *boog* Dutch *boeg* 'shoulder or ship's bow' ↑bough

Example Bank:

- He swept off his hat and bowed deeply to the Queen.
- The Emperor's subjects bowed down before him.
- The pianist stood up and bowed to the audience.

Idioms: ↑bow and scrape ▪ ↑take a bow

Derived ↑bow down to somebody ▪ ↑bow out ▪ ↑bow to something

**noun**

- the act of bending your head or the upper part of your body forward in order to say hello or goodbye to sb or to show respect
  - She gave a slight bow of her head in greeting.
  - The messenger made a formal bow and left the room.
- (also **bows plural**) the front part of a boat or ship  
 compare ↑stern <sup>n.</sup>  
 more at a shot across the/sb's bows at ↑shot <sup>n.</sup>

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- He gave a formal bow and left the room.
- He made a deep bow to the king.
- He gave her a deep bow.
- The song ended and Albert took a bow.
- The boss takes his final bow today.
- The team's chairman takes his final bow at this match.
- The ship's name was printed on her bow.
- There were huge waves breaking over the bows.
- There's a small boat on the port bow.
- They fired a shot across our bow/bows.
- We left two men in the bow to receive the cargo.
- A huge whale crossed our bows.

▪ **II. bow** 2 [bow bows bowed bowing] noun, verb *BrE* [bəʊ] <sup>ⓘ</sup> *NAmE* [baʊ] <sup>ⓘ</sup>  
 see also ↑bow <sup>1</sup>

**noun**

1. a weapon used for shooting arrows, consisting of a long curved piece of wood with a tight string joining its ends
  - He was armed with a **bow and arrow** .
2. a knot with two **↑loops** and two loose ends which is used for decoration on clothes, in hair, etc. or for tying shoes
  - to tie your shoelaces in a bow
  - Her hair was tied back in a neat bow.
  - a dress decorated with bows and ribbons
3. a long thin piece of wood with thin string stretched along it, used for playing musical instruments such as the **↑violin**  
**see** have another string/more strings to your bow **at ↑string** n.

Word Origin:

Old English boga ‘bend, bow, arch’ Germanic Dutch boog German Bogen **↑bow** <sup>1</sup>

Example Bank:

- Can you tie a bow?
- She tied the ribbon into a neat bow.
- She drew and aimed her bow.
- She drew the bow across the strings.

verb intransitive, transitive ~ (sth)

to use a **↑bow** to play a musical instrument that has strings

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bow Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

I. **bow** <sup>1</sup> /baʊ/ *BrE* <sup>1</sup> *AmE* <sup>1</sup> *verb*

1. **[intransitive]** to bend the top part of your body forward in order to show respect for someone important, or as a way of thanking an **↑audience**:
  - She bowed and left the stage.
  - Corbett entered the room, bowing respectfully.
  - The servant bowed low and handed his master the sealed note.

**bow before/to**

- He bowed before the king.

2. **bow your head** to bend your neck so that you are looking at the ground, especially because you want to show respect for God, or because you are embarrassed or upset:

- She bowed her head and prayed.
- Phil stood, his head bowed in shame.

3. **[intransitive and transitive]** to bend your body over something, especially in order to see it more closely

**bow over**

- Teaguesat at his desk, bowed over a book.

4. **[intransitive and transitive]** to bend, or to make something bend:

- The trees bowed in the wind.
- His back was bowed under the weight of the heavy bag.

5. **bow and scrape** to show too much respect to someone in authority – used to show disapproval

**bow down** *phrasal verb*

1. to bend your body forward, especially when you are already kneeling, in order to show respect

**bow down before/to etc**

- Maria bowed down before the statue.
- Come, let us bow down in worship.

2. **bow down to somebody** *literary* to let someone give you orders or tell you what to do – used to show disapproval

**bow out** *phrasal verb*

1. to stop taking part in an activity, job etc, especially one that you have been doing for a long time

**bow out of**

- Reeves thinks it is time for him to bow out of politics.

2. to not do something that you have promised or agreed to do

bow out of

You're not trying to bow out of this, are you?

**bow to somebody/something** *phrasal verb*

to finally agree to do something, even though you do not want to do it:

Congress may bow to public pressure and lift the arms embargo.

Myers finally bowed to the inevitable (=accepted something he could not change) and withdrew from the campaign.

II. **bow**<sup>2</sup> /bəʊ/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun*

1. [countable] the act of bending the top part of your body forward to show respect for someone when you meet them, or as a way of thanking an <sup>↑</sup>audience

**take/give a bow** (=bow to the audience at the end of a performance)

The music ended and the girl took a bow.

He gave a final bow just as the curtains came down.

This is done with a formal bow to the king or queen.

2. (also **bows** [plural]) [countable] the front part of a ship ⇒ **stern, yacht**

III. **bow**<sup>3</sup> /bəʊ/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable]



1. a weapon used for shooting <sup>↑</sup>arrows, made of a long thin piece of wood held in a curve by a tight string:

a bow and arrow

2. a knot of cloth or string, with a curved part on either side and two loose ends, worn in the hair as decoration or for tying

<sup>↑</sup>shoelaces:

Ella wore a bow in her hair.

**in a bow**

long chestnut hair tied back in a bow

3. a long thin piece of wood with a tight string fastened along it, used to play musical instruments such as the <sup>↑</sup>violin or <sup>↑</sup>cello

⇒ **have more than one string to your bow** at <sup>↑</sup>string<sup>1</sup>(8)

IV. **bow**<sup>4</sup> /bəʊ/ *BrE* *AmE* *verb*

[intransitive and transitive] to play a piece of music on a musical instrument with a <sup>↑</sup>bow<sup>3</sup>

**bow**

Freakuency Pack

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15000 **2362**<sup>COCA</sup>

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bows 1701

bowing 946

bowed 2924

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614 **27004**<sup>664</sup> *vvi*

259 **34374**<sup>439</sup> *np1*

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