

retreat**1. [rɪˈtri:t] n****1. отступление, отход**to intercept the retreat - **воен.** отрезать путь к отступлению (*тж. перен.*)

retreat of the shore [of a glacier] - отступление береговой линии [ледника]

retreat from reality - отход от действительности

to make good one's retreat - а) **воен.** завершать отступление; б) удачно отделаться

Hitler's army was in full retreat - гитлеровские войска отступали по всему фронту

2. воен.**1) сигнал к отходу**to sound the retreat - давать сигнал к отходу [*см. тж. 2)*]**2) отбой**

to sound the retreat - давать отбой

to beat a retreat - а) бить отбой; б) идти на попятный

3) вечерняя зоря**4) спуск флага****3. 1) убежище, приют, пристанище**

country retreat - уединённый дом за городом; дача

2) логово, логовище

the robbers had their retreat among the hills - разбойничье логово находилось в горах

4. уединение

a retreat from public life - уход от общественной жизни

to go into retreat - уйти от мира

5. горн. отступающая выемка**2. [rɪˈtri:t] v****1. 1) отходить, отступать**

to retreat on the capital - отступить к столице

the army retreated - армия отступила

2) (from) отказываться (от обещания); отступать (от обязательств); брать обратно (слово)**3) сдавать свои позиции, уступать****2. удаляться, уходить**

he retreated to his room - он удалился в свою комнату

she retreated within herself - она ушла в себя /замкнулась/

3. шахм. отводить (фигуру)**4. амер. отклоняться назад; иметь покатость****5. тех. повторно обрабатывать; подвергать вторичной обработке****retreat**

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re-treat [retreat retreats retreated retreating] **verb, noun** BrE [rɪˈtri:t] NAmE

[rɪˈtri:t]

verb**FROM DANGER/DEFEAT****1. intransitive** to move away from a place or an enemy because you are in danger or because you have been defeated

- The army was forced to retreat after suffering heavy losses.
- We retreated back down the mountain.
- They retreated to a safe distance from the fighting.

Opp: ↑advance**MOVE AWAY/BACK****2. intransitive** to move away or back**Syn:** ↑recede

- He watched her retreating figure.
- The flood waters slowly retreated.

CHANGE DECISION**3. intransitive + adv./prep.** to change your mind about sth because of criticism or because a situation has become too difficult**Syn:** ↑back off

- The government had retreated from its pledge to reduce class sizes.
- He told them not to retreat in the face of opposition from the public.

TO QUIET PLACE**4. intransitive (+ adv./prep.)** to escape to a place that is quieter or safer**Syn:** ↑retire

- Bored with the conversation, she retreated to her bedroom.
- (figurative) He retreated into a world of fantasy.

FINANCE**5. intransitive + noun** to lose value

- Share prices retreated 45p to 538p.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	retreat
	BrE /rɪˈtri:t/
	NAmE /rɪˈtri:t/
he / she / it	retreats
	BrE /rɪˈtri:tɪz/
	NAmE /rɪˈtri:tɪz/
past simple, past participle	retreated
	BrE /rɪˈtri:tɪd/
	NAmE /rɪˈtri:tɪd/
-ing form	retreating
	BrE /rɪˈtri:tɪŋ/
	NAmE /rɪˈtri:tɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French **retret** (noun), **retraiter** (verb), from Latin **retrahere** 'pull back', from **re-** 'back' + **trahere** 'drag'.

Example Bank:

- He retreated behind the table.
- He retreated hastily back to his car.
- He retreated in the face of strong opposition.
- He retreated into his own world.
- I heard her footsteps retreat down the hall.
- Sandy retreated slowly, wary of what the man might do.
- She retreated from the busy office to her own room.
- The army has been ordered to retreat.
- They retreated before the Americans.
- She told them not to retreat in the face of opposition from the public.

noun

FROM DANGER/DEFEAT

1. countable, usually singular, uncountable a movement away from a place or an enemy because of danger or defeat

- Napoleon's retreat from Moscow
- The army was **in full retreat** (= **retreating** very quickly) .
- to **sound the retreat** (= to give a loud signal for an army to move away)

ESCAPE

2. countable, usually singular, uncountable ~ (from/into sth) an act of trying to escape from a particular situation to one that you think is safer or more pleasant

Syn: †escape

- Is watching television a retreat from reality?

CHANGE OF DECISION

3. countable, usually singular an act of changing a decision because of criticism or because a situation has become too difficult

- The Senator made an embarrassing retreat from his earlier position.

QUIET PLACE

4. countable a quiet, private place that you go to in order to get away from your usual life

- a country retreat

5. uncountable, countable a period of time when sb stops their usual activities and goes to a quiet place for prayer and thought; an organized event when people can do this

- He went into retreat and tried to resolve the conflicts within himself.
- to go on a Buddhist retreat

see beat a (hasty) retreat **at** †beat _{v.}

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Collocations:

War and peace

Starting a war

- declare /make/wage war (on sb/sth)
- go to war (against/with sb)
- cause/spark/provoke/foment/quell unrest
- incite/lead/crush/suppress a revolt/rebellion
- launch/mount/carry out a surprise/terrorist attack
- prevent/halt/represent an escalation of the conflict
- be torn apart by/be on the brink of civil war

enter/invade/occupy sb's territory
lead/launch/resist/repel an invasion

Military operations

adopt/develop/implement/pursue a military strategy
carry out/execute/perform military operations/manoeuvres (*especially US*) maneuvers
send/deploy/station/pull back/withdraw troops
go on/fly/carry out a reconnaissance/rescue mission
train/equip/deploy army/military/combat units
lead/launch/conduct a raid/a surprise attack/an (air/airborne/amphibious) assault (on sb)
employ/use guerrilla tactics
conduct/wage biological/guerrilla warfare
fight/crush/defeat the rebels/the insurgency
suffer/inflict a crushing defeat
achieve/win a decisive victory
halt/stop the British/German/Russian advance
order/force a retreat

Fighting

join/serve in the army/navy/air force
be/go/remain/serve on active duty
serve/complete/return from a tour of duty
be sent to the front (line)
attack/strike/engage/defeat/kill/destroy the enemy
see/report/be engaged in heavy fighting
call for/be met with armed resistance
come under heavy/machine-gun/mortar fire
fire a machine-gun/mortar shells/rockets (at sb/sth)
shoot a rifle/a pistol/bullets/missiles
launch/fire a cruise/ballistic/anti-tank missile
use biological/chemical/nuclear weapons
inflict/suffer/sustain heavy losses/casualties
be hit/killed by enemy/friendly/artillery fire
become/be held as a prisoner of war

Civilians in war

harm/kill/target/protect innocent/unarmed civilians
cause/avoid/limit/minimize civilian casualties/collateral damage
impose/enforce/lift a curfew
engage in/be a victim of ethnic cleansing
be sent to an internment/a concentration camp
accept/house/resettle refugees fleeing from war
fear/threaten military/violent reprisals
commit/be accused of war crimes/crimes against humanity/genocide

Making peace

make/bring/win/achieve/maintain/promote peace
call for/negotiate/broker/declare a ceasefire/a temporary truce
sign a ceasefire agreement
call for/bring/put an end to hostilities
demand/negotiate/accept the surrender of sb/sth
establish/send (in) a peacekeeping force
negotiate/conclude/ratify/sign/accept/reject/break/violate a peace treaty

Example Bank:

- Camp David, the presidential retreat in Maryland
- Eventually the police forced the crowd into retreat.
- He took part in the retreat from Paris.
- He went into retreat at his country home to escape the attention of the media.
- I decided to beat a hasty retreat.
- I made a tactful retreat before they started arguing.
- I went off on one of my annual retreats.
- I went on a ten-day silent retreat.
- On the eastern front the army was in full retreat.
- She goes on a spiritual retreat for two weeks every summer.
- She plans to use it as a winter retreat.
- The enemy was now in retreat.
- The family held its first retreat last October.
- They are staying here at their secret retreat from life in the city.
- We covered his retreat with bursts of gunfire.
- We succeeded in cutting off the enemy's line of retreat.
- Zen Mountain offers numerous wilderness retreats.
- a summer retreat for the rich
- an ignominious retreat to the River Vistula

- designed as a gentleman's country retreat
- fresh evidence that trade unionism is on the retreat
- her retreat into a fantasy world of her own
- the perfect retreat for a romantic honeymoon
- He went on a Buddhist retreat.
- Hitler's retreat from Russia
- She bought the cottage as a weekend retreat.
- The senator made an embarrassing retreat from his earlier position.

retreat

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I. **retreat**¹ /rɪ'tri:t/ *BrE* ^{AmE} *verb* [intransitive]

1. **ARMY** to move away from the enemy after being defeated in battle **OPP advance** :

- " The rebels retreated to the mountains.
- " They were attacked and forced to retreat.

2. **MOVE BACK** *written*

a) to move away from someone or something:

- " He saw her and retreated, too shy to speak to her.

retreat to/from/into etc

- " Perry lit the fuse and retreated to a safe distance.
- " It was not a conscious choice to retreat from public life.

b) if an area of water, snow, or land retreats, it gradually gets smaller:

- " The flood waters are slowly retreating.

3. **CHANGE YOUR MIND** *written* to decide not to do something you were planning to do, because it was unpopular or too difficult

retreat from

- " The Canadian government has retreated from a plan to kill 300 wolves.

4. **QUIET PLACE** to go away to a place that is quiet or safe

retreat from/into/to

- " After the noise of the city he was glad to retreat to his hotel room.

5. **retreat into yourself/your shell/fantasy etc** to ignore what is happening around you and give all your attention to your private thoughts

6. **FINANCE** *technical* if shares etc retreat, their value falls to a lower level

II. **retreat**² *BrE* ^{AmE} *noun*

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: retreat, from retraire 'to withdraw', from Latin retrahere, ⇒ ↑retract]

1. **OF AN ARMY** [uncountable and countable] a movement away from the enemy after a defeat in battle **OPP advance** :

- " Napoleon's retreat from Moscow
- " The rebel forces are in full retreat (=retreating very fast).
- " The bugler sounded the retreat (=gave a loud signal for retreat).

2. **MOVEMENT BACK** [singular, uncountable] a movement away from someone or something

retreat from

- " Ten thousand years ago the ice began its retreat from Scotland.

3. **beat a retreat** *informal* to leave a place quickly:

- " I saw my aunt coming and beat a hasty retreat.

4. **CHANGE OF INTENTION** [singular, uncountable] when you change your mind about something because your idea was unpopular or too difficult

retreat from

- " a retreat from hard-line policies

5. **PLACE** [countable] a place you can go to that is quiet or safe:

- " a country retreat

6. **THOUGHT AND PRAYER** [uncountable and countable] a period of time that you spend praying or studying religion in a quiet place

on (a) retreat

- " I spent three weeks on retreat in Scotland.

7. **FINANCE** [singular, uncountable] *technical* a situation in which the value of shares etc falls to a lower level

retreat

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RANGE: **5k** RETREAT¹⁰⁷⁴⁸

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