

1. [heə] *n*1. *собир.* волосы

thick [thin] hair - густые [редкие] волосы

in one's hair - а) без парика; б) с непокрытой головой

a magnificent head /bush/ of hair - великолепная /роскошная/ шевелюра /копна волос/

to brush [to comb] one's hair - причесать волосы щёткой [гребёнкой]

to do one's hair - причёсываться, делать причёску

to set [to curl] one's hair - сделать укладку [завивку] (волос)

to have one's hair cut - постричься (у парикмахера)

to let one's hair down - распустить волосы [см. *тж.* ◇]

to put one's hair up - а) сделать себе «взрослую» причёску; б) стать взрослой, повзрослеть

to lose one's hair - лысеть [см. *тж.* ◇]

she has long fair hair - у неё длинные светлые волосы

2. волос, волосинка

I found a hair in my soup - в супе мне попался волос

3. 1) шерсть (*животного*)

the cat is losing /shedding/ its hair - кошка линяет

2) щетина, иглы (*дикообраза и т. п.*)

4. ворс

5. *тех.* волосок, нить; визир (*в приборе*)

6. = haircloth

7. = hair-spring

◇ by a hair - чуть-чуть

to win [to lose] by a hair - победить [проиграть], показав чуть более высокий [низкий] результат

both of a hair - ≅ одного поля ягода; два сапога - пара

within a hair of - почти

within a hair of death - на волосок от смерти /гибели/

to (the turn of) a hair - точно, точь-в-точь

exact to a hair - весьма точный; ≅ точная копия

the reproduction matched the original to a hair - репродукция до мельчайших деталей повторяла оригинал

against the hair - против шерсти

to stroke against the hair - гладить против шерсти

a hair in one's neck - *уст.* предмет /причина/ раздражения

a hair of the dog (that bit one) - порция спиртного для того, чтобы опохмелиться

to take a hair of the dog that bit one - а) опохмелиться; б) ≅ клин клином вышибать

to split hairs /a hair/ - вдаваться в тонкости; заниматься казуистикой, «занудствовать»

to lose one's hair - терять хладнокровие /самообладание/ [см. *тж.* 1]

to keep one's hair on - сохранять хладнокровие /самообладание/

keep your hair on! - ≅ не лезь в бутылку!

to tear one's hair - рвать на себе волосы (*от досады, горя и т. п.*)

not to turn a hair - а) не выказывать нервозности /тревоги/; ≅ глазом не моргнуть; б) не подавать признаков усталости

without turning a hair - а) хладнокровно, глазом не моргнув; б) без устали

not to touch a hair of smb.'s head - не дать волосу упасть с чьей-л. головы

to let one's hair down - а) держать себя очень непринуждённо /раскованно/; б) изливать душу; [см. *тж.* 1]

to let one's hair down with smb. - поговорить с кем-л. по душам; излить душу перед кем-л.

you can let your hair down in front of me - говорите всё, не стесняясь меня

to comb /to stroke/ smb.'s hair (for him) - задать кому-л. головомойку; намылить голову кому-л.

to make smb.'s hair curl - поразить /шокировать/ кого-л.; приводить кого-л. в ужас

to make smb.'s hair stand (on end) - испугать кого-л.

it made my hair stand - у меня от этого волосы встали дыбом

to get in smb.'s hair - раздражать кого-л.; досаждать кому-л.; играть на чьих-л. нервах

their snobbery gets in my hair - их снобизм выводит меня из себя

to get /to have/ by the short hairs - а) крепко держать, не давать вырваться; б) полностью контролировать

to have more hair than wit - быть дураком

2. [heə] *a*

1. = hairy 2

2. тонкий как волос

3. [heə] *v*

1. удалять волосы

2. *разг.* обрастать волосами3. тянуться тонкой нитью (*о горячем расплавленном сахаре и т. п.*)

hair [hair hairs] *BrE* [hæə(r)] ^ˈ *NAmE* [her] ^ˈ noun



1. uncountable, countable the substance that looks like a mass of fine threads growing especially on the head; one of these threads growing on the body of people and some animals

- **fair/dark hair**
- **straight/curly/wavy hair**
- to **comb/brush** your **hair**
- She often wears her hair loose.
- (*informal*) I'll be down in a minute. I'm **doing** (= brushing, arranging, etc.) **my hair** .
- I'm **having my hair cut** this afternoon.
- He's losing his hair (= becoming **↑bald**) .
- **body/facial/pubic hair**
- There's a hair in my soup.
- The rug was covered with cat hairs.



see also **↑camel hair**, **↑horsehair**

2. -haired (in adjectives) having the type of **hair** mentioned

- dark-haired
- long-haired

3. countable a thing that looks like a fine thread growing on the leaves and **↑stems** of some plants

more at hang by a hair/thread **at** **↑hang** ^{v.}, not see hide nor hair of sb/sth **at** **↑hide** ^{n.}, split hairs **at** **↑split** ^{v.}, tear your hair out **at** **↑tear** ¹ ^{v.}

Idioms: **↑get in somebody's hair** ▪ **↑hair of the dog** ▪ **↑keep your hair on** ▪ **↑let your hair down** ▪ **↑make somebody's hair stand on end** ▪ **↑not harm a hair of somebody's head** ▪ **↑not have a hair out of place** ▪ **↑not turn a hair**

Word Origin:

Old English hæor, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **haar** and German **Haar**.

Thesaurus:

hair noun **C**

- There's a hair in my soup.

strand • • **thread** • |*BrE* **fibre** • |*AmE* **fiber** •

a **long/single** hair/strand/thread/fibre

a **fine** hair/strand/thread

Collocations:

Clothes and fashion

Clothes

be wearing a new outfit/bright colours/fancy dress/fur/uniform

be (dressed) in black/red/jeans and a T-shirt/your best suit/leather/silk/rags (= very old torn clothes)

be dressed for work/school/dinner/a special occasion

be dressed as a man/woman/clown/pirate

wear /dress in casual/designer/second-hand clothes

wear jewellery/(*especially US*) jewelry/accessories/a watch/glasses/contact lenses/perfume

have a cowboy hat/red dress/blue suit on

put on/take off your clothes/coat/shoes/helmet

pull on/pull off your coat/gloves/socks

change into/get changed into a pair of jeans/your pyjamas/(*especially US*) your pajamas

Appearance

change/enhance/improve your appearance

create/get/have/give sth a new/contemporary/retro look

brush/comb/shampoo/wash/blow-dry your hair

have/get a haircut/your hair cut/a new hairstyle
have/get a piercing/your nose pierced
have/get a tattoo/a tattoo done (on your arm)/a tattoo removed
have/get a makeover/cosmetic surgery
use/wear /apply/put on make-up/cosmetics

Fashion

follow/keep up with (the) fashion/the latest fashions
spend/waste money on designer clothes
be fashionably/stylishly /well dressed
have good/great/terrible/awful taste in clothes
update/revamp your wardrobe
be in/come into/go out of fashion
be (back/very much) in vogue
create a style/trend/vogue for sth
organize /put on a fashion show
show/unveil a designer's spring/summer collection
sashay/strut down the catwalk/(NAmE also) runway
be on/do a photo/fashion shoot

Collocations:

Physical appearance

A person may be described as **having** :

Eyes

(bright) blue/green/(dark/light) brown/hazel eyes
deep-set/sunken/bulging/protruding eyes
small/beady/sparkling/twinkling/(informal) shifty eyes
piercing/penetrating/steely eyes
bloodshot/watery/puffy eyes
bushy/thick/dark/raised/arched eyebrows
long/dark/thick/curlly/false eyelashes /lashes

Face

a flat/bulbous/pointed/sharp/snub nose
a straight/a hooked/a Roman/(formal) an aquiline nose
full/thick/thin/pouty lips
dry/chapped/cracked lips
flushed/rosy/red/ruddy/pale cheeks
soft/chubby/sunken cheeks
white/perfect/crooked/protruding teeth
a large/high/broad/wide/sloping forehead
a strong/weak/pointed/double chin
a long/full/bushy/wispy/goatee beard
a long/thin/bushy/droopy/handlebar/pencil moustache/ (especially US) mustache

Hair and skin

pale/fair/olive/dark/tanned skin
dry/oily/smooth/rough/leathery/wrinkled skin
a dark/pale/light/sallow/ruddy/olive/swarthy/clear complexion
deep/fine/little/facial wrinkles
blonde/blond/fair/(light/dark) brown/(jet-)black/auburn/red/(BrE) ginger/grey hair
straight/curly/wavy/frizzy/spiky hair
thick/thin/fine/bushy/thinning hair
dyed/bleached/soft/silky/dry/greasy/shiny hair
long/short/shoulder-length/cropped hair
a bald/balding/shaved head
a receding hairline
a bald patch/spot
a side/centre/(US) center (BrE) parting/ (NAmE) part

Body

a long/short/thick/slender/(disapproving) scrawny neck
broad/narrow/sloping/rounded/hunched shoulders
a bare/broad/muscular/small/large chest
a flat/swollen/bulging stomach
a small/tiny/narrow/slim/slender/28-inch waist
big/wide/narrow/slim hips
a straight/bent/arched/broad/hairy back
thin/slender/muscular arms
big/large/small/manicured/calloused/gloved hands
long/short/fat/slender/delicate/bony fingers
long/muscular/hairy/shapely/(both informal, often disapproving) skinny/spindly legs
muscular/chubby/(informal, disapproving) flabby thighs
big/little/small/dainty/wide/narrow/bare feet

a good/a slim/a slender/an hourglass **figure**
be of slim/medium/average/large/athletic/stocky **build**

Example Bank:

- He ran both hands through his thinning hair.
- He went to the barber's to have his hair cut.
- Her blond hair fell over her eyes.
- Her only hair accessory was a headband.
- His hair curls naturally.
- His hair was shaved close to his head.
- His hair was tousled and he looked as if he'd just woken up.
- I don't like the way she's arranged her hair, do you?
- I'll be down in a minute, I'm just doing my hair.
- I'm trying to grow my hair.
- I've decided to have my hair permed.
- Kyle reached out to stroke her hair.
- She had beautiful auburn hair.
- She had shoulder-length black hair.
- She pushed a stray hair behind her ear.
- She showered, fixed her hair, and applied make up.
- She tossed her long hair out of her eyes.
- She wore her long hair loose on her shoulders.
- They had styled my hair by blowing it out straight.
- Why don't you let your hair grow?
- Why don't you put your hair up for this evening?
- a new shampoo for dull or dry hair
- a stylist specializing in hair extensions
- how to cope with hair loss
- waxing, and the other hair removal methods available for men
- There's a hair in my soup.

hair

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hair **S1 W1** /heə \$ her/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun*

[**Word Family**: **noun**: ↑hair, ↑hairiness; **adjective**: ↑hairless ≠ ↑hairy]

[**Language**: Old English; **Origin**: hǣr]

1. [**uncountable**] the mass of things like fine threads that grows on your head:

- Her hair was short and dark.
- a short fat man with no hair on his head

fair-haired/dark-haired/long-haired etc

- He's a tall fair-haired guy.

GRAMMAR

In this meaning, **hair** is an uncountable noun:

- He has black hair (NOT black hairs).

2. [**countable**] one of the long fine things like thread that grows on people's heads and on other parts of their bodies, or similar things that grow on animals:

- The cat has left white hairs all over the sofa.
- I'm starting to get a few grey hairs.

long-haired/short-haired

- long-haired cats

3. **be tearing/pulling your hair out** to be very worried or angry about something, especially because you do not know what to do:

- Anyone else would have been tearing their hair out trying to work it out.

4. **let your hair down** *informal* to enjoy yourself and start to relax, especially after working very hard:

- The party gave us all a chance to really let our hair down.

5. **bad hair day** a day when your hair does not look tidy or neat even when you try to arrange it carefully – used humorously:

- I'm having a bit of a bad hair day.

6. **keep your hair on** *British English spoken* used to tell someone to keep calm and not get annoyed:

- All right, all right, keep your hair on! I'm sorry.

7. **get in sb's hair** *informal* to annoy someone, especially by always being near them

8. **make sb's hair stand on end** to make someone very frightened

9. **make sb's hair curl** if a story, experience etc makes your hair curl, it is very surprising, frightening, or shocking:

- tales that would make your hair curl

10. **not have a hair out of place** to have a very neat appearance

11. **not turn a hair** to remain completely calm when something bad or surprising suddenly happens

12. **not harm/touch a hair of/on sb's head** to not harm someone in any way

13. **the hair of the dog (that bit you)** alcohol that you drink to cure a headache caused by drinking too much alcohol the night before – used humorously

⇒ **have a good/fine/thick etc head of hair** at ↑head¹(14), ⇒ **not see hide nor hair of** at ↑hide²(5), ⇒ **split hairs** at ↑split¹(8)

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COLLOCATIONS

■ colour

- **dark** He's about six feet tall, with dark hair and blue eyes.
- **black** his long black hair
- **jet black** *literary* (=completely black) She had shiny jet black hair, and skin as white as snow.
- **fair** Her long fair hair fell untidily over her shoulders.
- **blond/blonde** (=yellowish-white in colour) long blonde hair and blue eyes
- **golden** the beautiful girl with the long golden hair
- **brown** Her hair was pale brown.
- **chestnut** *literary* (=dark brown) She had a fine head of chestnut hair.
- **sandy** (=yellowish-brown) He wore his long, sandy brown hair in a ponytail.
- **mousy** (=an unattractive dull brown) I have pale, mousy hair that is dull and lacks shine.
- **red** The whole family had red hair.
- **ginger** *British English* (=orange-brown in colour) a cheeky little boy with ginger hair
- **auburn** *literary* (=orange-brown in colour) He gazed at her long neck and beautiful auburn hair.
- **white** an old man with white hair
- **grey** *British English*, **gray** *American English* She was about 70, with grey hair.
- **silver** Her father's hair was starting to turn silver.

■ length

- **short** I like your hair when it's short like that.
- **long** A few of the boys had long hair.
- **shoulder-length/medium-length** He had shoulder-length reddish hair.

■ type

- **straight** a girl with long straight hair
- **curly** When he was young, his hair was thick and curly.
- **frizzy** (=tightly curled) She had dark frizzy hair which might have been permed.
- **wavy** (=with loose curls) Her golden wavy hair fell around her shoulders.
- **thick** She had thick hair down to her waist.
- **fine** (=thin) Her hair is so fine, it's difficult to style.
- **spiky** (=stiff and standing up on top of your head) Billy had black spiky hair.

■ condition

- **in good/bad/terrible etc condition** How do you keep your hair in such perfect condition?
- **out of condition** (=no longer in good condition) If your hair is out of condition, this may be because you are eating the wrong foods.
- **glossy/shiny** She combed her hair until it was all glossy.
- **lustrous** *literary* (=very shiny and attractive) her lustrous dark hair flowing on to her shoulders
- **dull** (=not shiny) a shampoo for dull hair
- **greasy** (=containing too much oil) This shampoo is ideal for greasy hair.
- **dry** (=lacking oil) a shampoo for dry hair
- **lank** *especially literary* (= thin, straight, and unattractive) a scruffy young man with lank hair
- **thinning** (=becoming thinner because you are losing your hair) His dark hair was thinning on top.
- **receding** (=gradually disappearing, so that it is high on your forehead) The man was in his late thirties, and his hair was receding slightly.
- **dishevelled** *especially literary* (=very untidy) His face was bright red and his hair looked dishevelled.
- **tousled** *especially literary* (=a little untidy, in a way that looks attractive) his youthfully handsome face and tousled hair that hung untidily over his collar
- **windswept** *especially literary* (=blown around by the wind) Her hair was all windswept when they came off the beach.

■ verbs

- **have ... hair** She has beautiful blonde hair.
- **brush/comb your hair** He cleaned his teeth and brushed his hair.
- **wash your hair** He showered and washed his hair.
- **do your hair** (also **fix your hair** *American English*) (=arrange it in a style) She's upstairs doing her hair.
- **have your hair cut/done/permed** (also **get your hair cut etc**) (=by a hairdresser) I need to get my hair cut.
- **cut sb's hair** My Mum always cuts my hair.
- **dye your hair (blonde/red etc)** (=change its colour, especially using chemicals) Craig has dyed his hair black.
- **wear your hair long/in a ponytail etc** (=have that style of hair) He wore his hair in a ponytail.
- **grow your hair (long)** (=let it grow longer) I'm growing my hair long, but it's taking forever.
- **lose your hair** (=become bald) He was a small, round man who was losing his hair.
- **run your fingers through sb's hair** (=touch someone's hair in a loving way) He ran his fingers through her smooth silky hair.
- **ruffle sb's hair** (=rub it in a kind friendly way) He patted me on the back and ruffled my hair.

■ hair + NOUN

- **hair loss** The drug can cause hair loss.
- **hair colour** *British English*, **hair color** *American English* Genes control characteristics such as hair colour and eye colour.
- **hair dye** The survey showed that 75% of women have used hair dye.

■ phrases

- **a strand/wisp of hair** (=a thin piece of hair) She brushed away a strand of hair from her eyes.
- **a lock of hair** (=a fairly thick piece of hair) She tossed a stray lock of hair back off her forehead.
- **a mop of hair** (=a large amount of thick untidy hair) He had an unruly mop of brown hair.

■ COMMON ERRORS

- ▶ Do not say '*I cut my hair*' if another person cut your hair for you. Say **I had my hair cut**'.

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