

tread**1. [tred] n****1. 1) походка**

firm [heavy, sprightly, airy] tread - твёрдая [тяжёлая, пружинистая, лёгкая] походка
she had the tread of an empress - у неё была царственная походка

2) шаги, поступь

the tread of armed men - поступь вооружённых людей
to walk with a measured tread - идти размеренным шагом

3) хождение

that incessant tread of feet wearing the rough stones smooth - беспрестанное хождение, от которого неровные камни становятся гладкими

4) звук шагов

to hear the tread of feet - услышать звук шагов

5) подошва (ботинка и т. п.)**2. след**

to leave a deep tread in the snow - оставлять в снегу широкий след /колею/

3. спаривание (птиц)**4. травма (возникающая в результате удара одной ноги лошади о другую)****5. 1) ступень (лестницы)****2) ширина ступени****6. уступ террасы; уступ на склоне местности****7. мор. длина киля****8. спец. ширина хода, колея****9. спец. поверхность катания****10. звено (гусеницы)****11. авт. протектор (покрышки)****2. [tred] v (trod; trodden, trod)****1. 1) ступать, шагать**

to tread lightly (in order not to wake smb.) - ступать тихо (чтобы не разбудить кого-л.) [ср. тж. ◇]
to tread through the meadow - идти /шагать/ через поляну
where no foot may tread - где не ступала нога человека

2) идти, ходить (по чему-л.)

to tread the streets - ходить по улицам
to tread the ground - ходить по земле [ср. тж. 1, 3]

3) идти, следовать

to tread a dangerous part - идти опасным путём
to tread the path of exile - быть изгнанником
to tread the path of virtue - идти стезёй добродетели
to tread new ground - вступать на новую почву, заняться новым делом [ср. тж. 1, 2]

2. 1) наступать (на что-л.)

to tread on a sharp stone - наступить на острый камень
don't tread on the flower beds - не топчите клумбы
to tread on a black beetle - растоптать таракана
he was trodden to death by the elephants - он был насмерть затоптан слонами

2) нажимать (на педаль велосипеда и т. п.)

he resolutely trod on the accelerator - он решительно выжал педаль акселератора

3) утаптывать, утрамбовывать

to tread soil - утрамбовывать землю

3. 1) топтать, давить

to tread (upon) grapes - давить виноград (при изготовлении вина)
to tread smth. into /in/ the ground - втоптать что-л. в землю-

2) попирать, притеснять (тж. to tread under foot)

to tread smb. to pieces - растоптать кого-л.

4. протаптывать

to tread path through the grass - протаптывать тропинку в траве

5. спариваться (о птицах); покрывать, топтать (курицу)**6. ставить протекторы на покрышки колёс автомобиля****7. уст. танцевать**

◇ to tread this earth /shoe-leather/ - жить, быть живым

to tread the deck - быть моряком

to tread the boards /the stage/ - быть актёром

to tread in smb.'s (foot)steps - идти по чьим-л. стопам, следовать чьему-л. примеру

to tread on the heels of smb. - следовать по пятам за кем-л.

to tread on air - ≙ ног под собой не чувствовать; радоваться, ликовать

to tread on smb.'s corns /on smb.'s toes/ - наступить кому-л. на любимую мозоль; больно задеть кого-л.; задеть чьи-л. чувства

to tread (as) on eggs - а) ступать /действовать/ осторожно; б) быть в щекотливом положении

to tread on the neck of smb. - притеснять угнетать кого-л.

to tread lightly /carefully, warily/ - действовать осторожно /тактично/ [ср. тж. 1, 1]

to tread water - плыть стоя

just try to keep treading water until help comes - старайтесь держаться на воде, пока не придёт помощь

to tread a measure - *усл.*, *поэм.* красиво /ритмично/ танцевать

tread

tread [tread treads trod treading trodden] **verb, noun** BrE [tred] ^m NAmE [tred]

verb (trod BrE [trɒd] ^m; NAmE [trɑːd] ^m trod-den BrE ['trɒdn] ^m; NAmE ['trɑːdn] ^m or trod)

1. intransitive ~ (on/in/over sth/sb) (especially BrE) to put your foot down while you are stepping or walking

- Ouch! You trod on my toe!
- Careful you don't tread in that puddle.

2. transitive ~ sth (+ adv./prep.) to crush or press sth with your feet

Syn: †trample

- Don't tread ash into the carpet!
- The wine is still made by treading grapes in the traditional way.

3. transitive, intransitive ~ (sth) (formal or literary) to walk somewhere

- Few people had trod this path before.
- He was treading quietly and cautiously.

more at fools rush in (where angels fear to tread) **at** †fool _{n.}, walk/tread a fine/thin line **at** †line _{n.}, tread/walk a tightrope **at** †tightrope

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	tread
	BrE /tred/
	NAmE /tred/
he / she / it	treads
	BrE /treds/
	NAmE /treds/
past simple	trod
	BrE /trɒd/
	NAmE /traːd/
past participle	trodden
	BrE /'trɒdn/
	NAmE /'trɒdn/
past participle	trod
	BrE /trɒd/
	NAmE /traːd/
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	BrE /tredɪŋ/
	NAmE /tredɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English tredan (as a verb), of West Germanic origin; related to Dutch treden and German treten.

Example Bank:

- Be careful not to tread on the flowers.
- Billy trod in a big puddle.
- He came down the stairs, treading as heavily as he could.
- She planted the seeds and trod the earth down.
- She trod gingerly. It would be risky to hurry.
- Some cake crumbs had been trodden into the carpet.
- The government will have to tread carefully in handling this issue.
- Careful you don't tread in that puddle.
- We must tread carefully — we don't want to offend anyone.

Idioms: tread a difficult/dangerous/solitary path ▪ tread carefully/warily ▪ †tread on somebody's heels ▪ †tread on somebody's toes ▪ †tread water

noun

1. singular the way that sb walks; the sound that sb makes when they walk

- I heard his heavy tread on the stairs.

2. countable, uncountable the raised pattern on the surface of a tyre on a vehicle

- The tyres were worn below the legal limit of 1.6 mm of tread.

3. countable the upper surface of a step or stair

compare †riser

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Example Bank:

- I heard his heavy tread moving about upstairs.
- The streets have echoed to the tread of feet for more than ten centuries.
- The tyre tread has been worn below the legal limit.
- His tread was measured and stately.
- I could hear his heavy tread on the stairs.
- She moved with the light tread of a dancer.

- The ground shook beneath the weight of their tread.

See also: ↑step on somebody's toes

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I. **tread**¹ /tred/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb* (past tense **trod** /trɒd \$ trɑːd, past participle **trodden** /'trɒdn \$ 'trɑːdn)

[Language: Old English; Origin: tredan]

1. **STEP IN/ON** [*intransitive* always + *adverb/preposition*] *British English* to put your foot on or in something while you are walking

SYN step

tread in/on

- ˈ Sorry, did I tread on your foot?
- ˈ She trod barefoot on the soft grass.

2. **tread carefully/warily/cautiously etc** to be very careful about what you say or do in a difficult situation:

- ˈ If I wanted to keep my job, I knew I'd have to tread lightly.

3. **CRUSH**

a) [*transitive*] *British English* to press or crush something into the floor or ground with your feet **SYN** track *American English*

tread something into/onto/over something

- ˈ Stop treading mud all over my clean kitchen floor!
- ˈ Bits of the broken vase got trodden into the carpet.

b) **tread grapes** to crush ↑grapes with your feet in order to produce juice for making wine

4. **tread a path** *British English written* to take a particular action or series of actions:

- ˈ Getting the right balance between home and work is a difficult path to tread.

5. **tread water** (past tense and past participle **treaded**)

a) to stay floating upright in deep water by moving your legs as if you are riding a bicycle

b) to make no progress in a particular situation, especially because you are waiting for something to happen:

- ˈ All I could do was tread water until the contracts arrived.

6. **WALK** [*intransitive, transitive* always + *adverb/preposition*] *literary* to walk:

- ˈ David trod wearily along behind the others.

7. **tread the boards** *humorous* to work as an actor

⇒ **tread on sb's toes** at ↑toe¹(3)

II. **tread**² *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun*



1. [*uncountable and countable*] the pattern of lines on the part of a tyre that touches the road

2. [*countable*] the part of a stair that you put your foot on

3. [*singular*] *literary* the particular sound that someone makes when they walk:

- ˈ I heard the back door bang, and Rex's tread in the hall.

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