floor [floor floors floored flooring] noun, verb BrE [floor] NAmE [flo□]r[®] noun

OF ROOM

- 1. countable, usually singular the surface of a room that you walk on
 - a wooden/concrete/marble, etc. floor
 - ceramic floor tiles
 - The body was lying on the kitchen floor.
 - The furniture and floor coverings date from the 1920s.
 - The alterations should give us extra floor space.

OF VEHICLE

- 2. (NAmE also floor-board) countable, usually singular the bottom surface of a vehicle
 - The floor of the car was covered in cigarette ends.

LEVEL OF BUILDING

- 3. countable all the rooms that are on the same level of a building
 - Her office is on the second floor
 - the Irish guy who lives two floors above
- · There is a lift to all floors.
- Their house is **on three floors** (= it has three floors) .

see also †ground floor

OF THE SEA/FORESTS

- 4. countable, usually singular the ground at the bottom of the sea, a forest, etc
 - the ocean/valley/cave/forest floor

IN PARLIAMENT, ETC.

- **5. the floor** singular the part of a building where discussions or debates are held, especially in a parliament; the people who attend a discussion or debate
 - Opposition politicians registered their protest on the floor of the House.
 - · We will now take any questions from the floor.

AREA FOR WORK

- 6. countable, usually singular an area in a building that is used for a particular activity
 - on the floor of the Stock Exchange (= where trading takes place)

see also †dance floor, †factory floor, †shop floor

FOR WAGES/PRICES

- 7. countable, usually singular the lowest level allowed for wages or prices
 - Prices have gone through the floor (= fallen to a very low level) .

compare †ceiling (2)

more at be/get in on the ground floor at 1 ground floor

Word Origin:

Old English flor, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch vloer and German Flur.

Thesaurus:

floor noun

- 1. C. usually sing.
 - · She sat on the floor and watched TV.

ground · · earth ·

Opp: ceiling

on/under the floor/ground/earth drop/fall to (the) floor/ground/earth

reach/hit (the) floor/ground

2. C

· an office on the third floor

level · · deck · |especially BrE storey · |AmE usually story ·

on the top, etc. floor/level/deck/storey

the top/upper/lower floor/level/deck/storey

the main floor/deck

Floor or storey? Use floor to talk about which level of a building sb lives/works on; use storey to talk about how many floors a building has

- His office is on the fifth floor.
- · a five-storey house

British/American:

floor

In **BrE** the floor of a building at street level is the **ground floor**, the one above it is the **first floor** and the one below it is the **basement**, or **lower ground floor** in a public building.

In *NAmE* the floor at street level is usually called the **first floor**, the one above it is the **second floor** and the one below it is the **basement**. In public buildings the floor at street level can also be called the **ground floor**. note at †storey

Synonyms:

floor

ground • land • earth

These are all words for the surface that you walk on.

floor • the surface of a room that you walk on: = She was sitting on the floor watching TV.

ground • (often the ground) the solid surface of the earth that you walk on: ■ I found her lying on the ground. ♦ The rocket crashed a few seconds after it ■ left the ground ■.

land • the surface of the earth that is not sea: ■ It was good to be back on ■ dry land ■ again. • They fought both at sea and ■ on land ■.

earth • (often the earth) the solid surface of the world that is made of rock, soil, sand, etc: • You could feel the earth shake as the truck came closer.

ground, land or earth?

Ground is the normal word for the solid surface that you walk on when you are not in a building or vehicle. You can use **earth** if you want to draw attention to the rock, soil etc. that the ground is made of. **Land** is only used when you want to contrast it with the sea: the land beneath our feet \lozenge feel the land shake \lozenge sight ground/earth \lozenge travel by ground/earth

on/under the floor/ground/earth

bare floor/ground/earth

to drop/fall to the floor/the ground/(the) earth

to reach the floor/the ground/land

Which Word?:

storey / floor

You use storey (*BrE*)/story (*NAmE*) mainly when you are talking about the number of levels a building has: ■ a five-storey house ♦ ■ The office building is five storeys high.

Floor is used mainly to talk about which particular level in the building someone lives on, goes to, etc: • His office is on the fifth floor.

note at ↑floor

Example Bank:

- Do you mind sitting on the floor?
- · His glass fell to the floor and broke.
- I can't sleep on the bare floor!
- The offices occupy the top floor of the building.
- · a cafe on the mezzanine floor
- Her office is on the second floor.
- His footsteps echoed on the wooden floor.
- She was sitting on the floor watching TV.
- The bathroom floor was flooded with water.
- The vase fell to the floor with a crash.
- Their house is on three floors.
- There is a lift/an elevator to all floors.
- There were wooden panels from floor to ceiling.
- There's not really enough floor space in here.
- to clean/wash/sweep the floor

Idioms: 1 get have the floor = 1 hold the floor = 1 mop the floor with somebody = 1 take the floor

verb

SURPRISE/CONFUSE

- 1. ~ sb to surprise or confuse sb so that they are not sure what to say or do
 - His reply completely floored me.

2. usually passive ~ sb to make sb fall down by hitting them, especially in a sportHe was floored by the first punch.

BUILDING/ROOM

3. usually passive ~ sth to provide a building or room with a floor

DRIVING

4. ~ the accelerator to press the ↑accelerator pedal of a car hard

Verb forms: verb form

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	floor
	BrE /fb:(r)/
	NAmE /fla:r/
he / she /it	floors
	BrE /fb:z/
	NAmE /flo:rz/
past simple, past participle	floored
	BrE /fb:d/
	NAmE /flo:rd/
-ing form	flooring
	BrE /fb:rm/
	NAmE /flo:rin/

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See also: ↑floorboard

floor

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I. floor¹ \$1 W1 /flo□\$ flo□\textit BrE * AmE * noun [countable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: flor]

- 1. IN A BUILDING the flat surface that you stand on inside a building:
 - a polished wooden floor
 - a puddle of water on the kitchen floor
 - a warehouse that has 410,000 square feet of floor space
- 2. IN A CAR British English the part of a car that forms its inside floor SYN floorboard American English
- 3. LEVEL IN BUILDING one of the levels in a building:
 - a ground floor flat

on the top/first/tenth etc floor

Our office is on the top floor.

floor of

- We are located on the seventh floor of the building.
- 4. OCEAN/FOREST/CAVE FLOOR ETC the ground at the bottom of the ocean, the forest etc:
 - creatures that live on the ocean floor
- **5**. **FOR DANCING** an area in a room where people can dance:
 - There were two or three couples already on the dance floor.

take (to) the floor (=begin dancing)

Everyone took to the floor for the last waltz.

- 6. WHERE PEOPLE WORK a large area in a building where a lot of people do their jobs:
 - He wasn't keen on the idea of working on the shop floor (=the part of a factory where people make things using machines).
 - the busy trading floor (=area where STOCKS and SHARES are bought and sold)
- 7. LIMIT an officially agreed limit below which something cannot go ⇒ ceiling:
 - Manufacturers have tried to put a floor under the price of their products.
- 8. the floor
 - a) the people attending a public meeting:

Are there any questions from the floor?

- b) the part of a parliament, public meeting place etc where people sit:
 - The delegates crowded the floor of the House.
- **9**. take the floor to begin speaking at an important public meeting:

The chairman then took the floor.

- 10. have the floor to be speaking or have the right to speak at an important public meeting:
 - He stepped aside to allow other speakers to have the floor.
- 11. go through the floor if a price, amount etc goes through the floor, it becomes very low OPP go through the roof:

Share prices have gone through the floor.

COLLOCATIONS

verbs

- clean the floor Next he had to clean the floor.
- wash/mop the floor The floor needs mopping.
- sweep the floor He grabbed a broom and began sweeping the floor.
- wax/polish the floor I washed and waxed the kitchen floor.
- sit/lie/sleep on the floor Officers found her lying face down on the floor.
- fall/drop/sink to the floor He let his cigarette fall to the floor.

■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + floor

- the bathroom/kitchen/bedroom etc floor I've still got to clean the bathroom floor.
- **a wooden floor** The hut had a muddy wooden floor.
- a marble floor He strode across the marble floor.
- **a tiled floor** There were a couple of oriental rugs on the tiled floor.
- **a carpeted floor** Barbara was sitting on the carpeted floor.
- a bare floor (=not covered by anything) Father Murphy led me to a tiny room with a bare floor and a simple bed.

Ifloor + NOUN

- floor tiles (=flat square pieces of clay or other material, used to cover floors) When you buy floor tiles, always get a few extra.
- floor polish The room smelt of floor polish.
- a floor covering (=a material, such as carpet, that covers a floor) A carpet fitter can fit floor coverings quickly and inexpensively.
- floor space (=a measure of how big a room or building is, based on the size of the floor) The shop has 33,000 square feet of floor space.

THESAURUS

floor one of the levels in a building: She lives in an apartment on the eighteenth floor.

- storey British English, story American English used when saying how many levels a building has: a five-storey car park | The school is a single storey building.
- the ground floor (also the first floor American English) the floor of a building that is at ground level: There is a shop on the ground floor. | The emergency room is on the first floor.
- the first floor *British English*, the second floor *American English* the floor of a building above the one at ground level: She lives on the first floor.
- deck one of the levels on a ship, bus, or plane: The Horizon Lounge is on the top deck of the ship.
- **II. floor**² BrE AmE verb [transitive]
 - 1. to surprise or shock someone so much that they do not know what to say or do:
 - A couple of the questions completely floored me.
 - 2. to hit someone so hard that they fall down:
 - He was floored in the first round of the fight.
 - 3. American English informal to make a car go as fast as possible:
 - I got into the car and floored it.

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