

## two

1. [tu:] *n*
  - 1) двойка, цифра2 (*мж.* the figure of two)  
double two - две двойки  
for Geneva dial double two - чтобы связаться с Женевой, наберите две двойки
  - 2) два предмета *или* человека; пара  
by two, in /by/ twos, two and two - по два; по две; по двое; попарно  
to walk in twos - гулять парами  
a mother of two - мать двоих детей  
two of a trade - два конкурента
  - 3) двойка (*в различных играх*)  
two of hearts - двойка червей  
twos and threes - двойки и тройки (*детская игра типа третьего лишнего*)
  - 4) второй размер  
to wear a two - носить второй размер
  - 5) два года (*о возрасте*)  
he is two - ему два года  
at two - в два года, в двухлетнем возрасте  
a boy of two - двухлетний мальчик
  - 6) два часа  
he will come at two - он придёт в два
  - 7) двухдолларовая банкнота *или* бумажка
  - 8) два доллара, шиллинга, рубля *и т. п.*; две марки, кроны *и т. п.*  
two and fifty - два доллара пятьдесят центов  
two and sixpence - два шиллинга шесть пенсов  
◇ in two - а) надвое; to cut in two - разрубить пополам; б) врозь, отдельно  
in two twos - немедленно, в два счёта  
to have had one or two - быть навеселе, быть под хмельком /на взводе/  
that makes two of us - он в этом не одинок *или* вы в этом не одиноки; это и мой случай  
it is a game at which two can play, two can play at that game - посмотрим, чья возьмёт /кто из нас одержит верх/  
two in distress makes sorrow less - *посл.* разделённое горе - половина горя

## 2. [tu:] *num*

- 1) (число) два  
two o'clock - два часа (*время дня*)  
two hours - два часа (*продолжительность*)  
half past two, two thirty - половина третьего, два тридцать  
two boys [girls] - два мальчика [две девочки]  
two times as many - в два раза больше  
no two men are alike - нет двух похожих людей  
he is two years old - ему два года  
two were found - двое были обнаружены  
one! two! - раз!, два!  
two and two make four - два плюс /и/ два - четыре  
two fives are ten - дважды пять - десять
- 2) (номер) два; (номер) второй  
chapter two - вторая глава  
Room two - комната (номер) два  
I live at number two - я живу в доме (номер) два
- 3) приблизительно два  
to come in a minute or two - прийти через минуту-две  
fire a shot or two - сделай парочку выстрелов  
◇ to put two and two together - а) оценить обстановку, сообразить что к чему; б) догадаться /смекнуть/, в чём дело

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**two** [**two twos**] *BrE* [tu:] <sup>а</sup> *NAmE* [tu:] <sup>а</sup> *number*

2 There are examples of how to use numbers at the entry for **five**.

**more at** be in two minds about sth/doing sth be of two minds about sth/doing sth **at** <sup>↑</sup>**mind** <sub>n.</sub>, in two shakes in a couple of shakes **at** <sup>↑</sup>**shake** <sub>n.</sub>

Idioms: day/moment/pound or two ▪ <sup>↑</sup>**fall between two stools** ▪ <sup>↑</sup>**in two** ▪ <sup>↑</sup>**in twos and threes** ▪ <sup>↑</sup>**it takes two to do something** ▪ not have two beans/brain cells to rub together ▪ <sup>↑</sup>**put two and two together** ▪ <sup>↑</sup>**that makes two of us** ▪ <sup>↑</sup>**two sides of the same coin**

### Word Origin:

Old English twā (feminine and neuter) of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **twee** and German **zwei**, from an Indo-European root shared by Latin and Greek **duo**. Compare with <sup>↑</sup>**twain**.

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**two** /tu/ *BrE* <sup>а</sup> *AmE* <sup>а</sup> *number*

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

1. the number 2:
  - " I'll be away for almost two weeks.
  - " We have to be there by two (=two o'clock).
  - " His family moved to Australia when he was two (=two years old).
2. **in twos** in groups of two people or things:
  - " I'd like you to line up in twos, please. ⇒ **↑twosome**
3. **put two and two together** to guess the meaning of something you have heard or seen:
  - " I saw him leaving her house and I put two and two together.
4. **that makes two of us** *spoken* used to tell someone that you are in the same situation and feel the same way:
  - " 'But I don't know anything about children!' 'Well, that makes two of us.'
5. **two can play at that game** *spoken* used to tell someone that they will not have an advantage over you by doing something because you can do it too
6. **a year/a week/a moment/an hour etc or two** *spoken* one or a few years, weeks etc
7. **two sides of the same coin** used to talk about two ways of looking at the same situation
8. **two heads are better than one** used to say that two people are more likely to solve a problem or think of an idea than one person working alone
9. **be in two minds (about something)** *British English*, **be of two minds (about something)** *American English* to be unable to decide what to do, or what you think about something:
  - " I was in two minds about whether to go with him.
10. **two cents (worth)** *American English informal* your opinion or what you want to say about a subject:
  - " Everyone had to put in their two cents worth.
11. **two's company, three's a crowd** used to say that it is better to leave two people alone to spend time with each other  
 ⇒ **don't care two hoots** at **↑hoot**<sup>1</sup>(5), ⇒ **two/three etc of a kind** at **↑kind**<sup>1</sup>(5), ⇒ **be two/ten a penny** at **↑penny**(11), ⇒ **in ones and twos** at **↑one**<sup>1</sup>(3), ⇒ **it takes two to tango** at **↑tango**<sup>2</sup>(2), ⇒ **kill two birds with one stone** at **↑kill**<sup>1</sup>(13), ⇒ **no two ways about it** at **↑way**<sup>1</sup>(54), ⇒ **fall between two stools** at **↑fall**<sup>1</sup>(32)  
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## THESAURUS

- **pair** two things of the same type that you use together. Also used about two people who do something together or who you often see together: a pair of shoes | a pair of socks | Winners will receive a pair of tickets for the show. | The pair were arrested six days after the killing. | They're a funny pair! | The British pair will be playing in the final on Saturday.
- **a couple (of something)** two things of the same type, or a very small number of things: There were a couple of empty seats at the table. | Do you have any stamps? I just need a couple.
- **couple** *noun* [countable] two people who are married or having a sexual relationship: a married couple | The couple met at university.
- **twins** *noun* [plural] two children who were born on the same day to the same mother: The twins look very alike. | identical twins
- **duo** *noun* [countable] two people who perform together or who are often seen together: a comedy duo
- **duet** *noun* [countable] a piece of music written for two people to play: They played a duet by Brahms.
- **twice** two times *adverb*: The group meets twice a week. | She sneezed twice.

## ■ for two people

- **for two** for two people: A table for two, please.
- **double bed/double room** a bed for two people, or a room that has a bed for two people in it: I'd like to book a double room.
- **twin beds/twin room** two separate single beds, or a room with two separate single beds: We asked for a twin room, and they've give us a double room.

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 15000 **70**<sup>COCA</sup>  
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 two 534609  
 twice 27576  
 twos 340  
 COCA 500k Unlemmatized  
 131041 **81**<sup>533321</sup> *mc*  
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 503 **30476**<sup>541</sup> *jj*  
 53 **100715**<sup>58</sup> *nnu*  
 18 **186266**<sup>18</sup> *cc*  
 11 **234765**<sup>12</sup> *mc221*  
 6 **349704**<sup>6</sup> *pph1*