

**drop****1. [drɒp] n**

## 1. 1) капля

drop of rain [of dew] - капля дождя [росы]

drop by drop - капля за каплей, капля по капле; по капельке

to drink to the last drop - выпить до последней капли

## 2) слезинка; капля крови; капелька пота

cold drops of sweat - капли холодного пота

## 2. 1) капля, капелька; чуточка; глоток

drop of tea [of water] - глоток чаю [воды]

## 2) глоток спиртного

to take one's drop - выпивать

to have/to take/ a drop too much - хватить лишнего, напиться

to have a drop in one's /the/ eye - быть под хмельком /навеселе/

3. *pl мед.* капли

nasal drops - капли для носа

eye drops - глазные капли

## 4. драже; леденец

chocolate drops - шоколадное драже

## 5. 1) серьга; подвеска; висюлька

2) *архит.* орнаментная отделка в виде подвески

## 6. падение, понижение, снижение; спад, спуск

a great drop in prices [in temperature] - резкое падение цен [понижение температуры]

drop in the market - падение цен на рынке

a drop of 10% - падение (*курса, цен и т. п.*) на 10 процентов

7. спад (*гимнастика*)8. *ав.*1) разбрасывание, сбрасывание с самолёта (*листовок и т. п.*); сбрасывание на парашюте (*боеприпасов, продовольствия и т. п.*)

## 2) десант:

paratroop drop - авиадесант, парашютный десант

9. расстояние сверху вниз, высота; обрыв; глубина падения *или* погружения

drop to the sea - обрыв к морю

drop of a hundred feet - стофутовая высота

10. *театр.* опускающей занавес11. опускающаяся подставка (*виселицы*)

## 12. падающее устройство, падающая дверца, трап

## 13. пластинка, закрывающая замочную скважину

14. прорезь, щель (*для денег, писем и т. п.*)

money drop - щель /отверстие/ для монет (*у автомата*)

## 15. 1) = drop-kick

## 2) = drop-shot

16. *тех.* перепад (*давления и т. п.*); падение (*потенциала*)

voltage drop - перепад напряжения

17. результат поиска, выдача (*в информационно-поисковой системе*)18. *сл.* тайник (*для передачи шпионской информации*)19. *амер. сл.* круглый сирота; беспризорник

◇ a drop in the /a/ bucket /ocean/ - ≅ капля в море

at the drop of the /a/ hat - а) по знаку, по сигналу; б) без колебаний

to have/to get/ the drop on smb. - *амер.* поставить кого-л. в невыгодное положение, иметь преимущество перед кем-л.

**2. [drɒp] v**

## 1. 1) капать; стекать каплями

to drop from the eaves - капать с карниза

a gentle rain dropped - накрапывал дождик

sweat dropped from his forehead - с его лба падали капли пота

he drops at the nose - у него из носа течёт

## 2) капать, выпускать по капле

to drop a tear over smth. - проливать слёзы над чем-л.; говорить о чём-л.

## 2. 1) падать, выпадать; вываливаться

the book dropped out of his hand - книга выпала у него из рук

## 2) ронять, выпускать

to drop a handkerchief [a book] - выронить платок [книгу]

to drop one's purse - обронить кошелек

to drop the curtain - а) опустить занавес; б) закончить рассказ, представление; поставить точку

to drop the reins - а) бросить поводья; б) отдаться на волю судьбы

## 3. 1) бросать, сбрасывать; спускать

to drop anchor - бросать якорь

to drop bombs - сбрасывать бомбы

- to drop a boat - спустить шлюпку  
to drop a letter into the post-box - бросить письмо в почтовый ящик
- 2) спускать *или* сбрасывать на парашюте
4. 1) падать, опускаться  
to drop into a chair - опуститься на стул  
to drop dead - упасть замертво [ср. тж. ◇ ]  
to be ready to drop - валиться с ног от усталости, выбиться из сил  
to work till one drops - работать до изнеможения  
to drop on /to/ one's knees - опуститься /упасть/ на колени  
he almost dropped with surprise - он чуть не упал от удивления
- 2) валить, сваливать; сшибать, сбивать  
to drop a bird - подстрелить /подбить/ птицу  
to drop smb. at once - уложить /сразить/ кого-л. одним ударом /выстрелом/
5. умирать (тж. drop off)  
he dropped off peacefully in his sleep - он скончался тихо во сне  
men dropped like flies - люди мёрли как мухи
6. 1) падать, снижаться, понижаться; спадать, стихать  
the production of bauxite dropped - добыча боксита сократилась  
his voice dropped almost to a whisper - он понизил голос почти до шёпота
- 2) снижать, понижать  
to drop the level of water - снизить уровень воды  
to drop one's voice - понизить голос
- 3) идти (круто) вниз  
the road drops into the valley - дорога круто спускается в долину
- 4) падать с определённой высоты  
the river drops some 700 feet - река падает с высоты в 700 футов
- 5) мор. погружаться вертикально
7. 1) опускаться:  
her eyes dropped - она опустила глаза  
his jaw dropped - у него отвисла челюсть  
his shoulders dropped with fatigue - его плечи были устало опущены /устало поникли/
- 2) опускать  
to drop one's eyes - потупить взор
- 3) мат. опускать  
to drop a perpendicular on /to/ a line - опустить перпендикуляр на линию
8. 1) посылать:  
to drop smb. a note - послать кому-л. записку  
to drop smb. a line - черкнуть кому-л. несколько строк
- 2) спорт. посылать, забивать (мяч)  
to drop the ball to the back of the court - послать мяч в конец корта
9. (часто drop down)
- 1) спускаться, идти вниз по течению  
the boat dropped down the river - лодку отнесло вниз течением
- 2) спускать по течению
10. 1) отступать назад (часто drop behind)  
to drop to the rear - отступать назад  
to drop astern - мор. дать задний ход [ср. тж. 2)]
- 2) оставлять сзади, обгонять (часто drop behind)  
to drop smth. astern - оставить что-л. за кормой [ср. тж. 1)]
- 3) спорт. передавать назад
11. разг.
- 1) кончаться, подходить к концу; прекращаться  
the search did not drop - поиски не прекращались  
there the matter dropped - на этом дело (за)кончилось  
when she came in the conversation dropped - с её приходом разговор оборвался, когда она вошла, наступило молчание  
for a moment the pedantry dropped from his manner - на какое-то мгновение он утратил присущую ему педантичность
- 2) кончать, прекращать  
to drop one's studies - забросить занятия  
to drop smoking - бросить курить  
to drop the subject - оставить тему  
drop it!, let it drop! - оставим это!, довольно!, оставьте!, бросьте!; не будем больше об этом говорить  
you'll have to drop this idea - вам придётся расстаться с этой мыслью  
I've dropped politics - я оставил политику, я распрощался с политикой
- 3) оставлять, бросать  
to drop one's friends - порвать с друзьями
- 4) распускать  
to drop a team - спорт. распустить /ликвидировать/ команду
12. опускать, пропускать  
to drop a letter - пропустить букву

to drop one's h's - не произносить h; иметь протонародный выговор  
to drop one's lines - забывать слова, пропускать свою реплику (об актёре)

## II A

1. исключать (из списков, из школы); увольнять, отстранять  
to drop smb. from command - отставить/отстранить кого-л. от командования  
he was dropped from the board of directors - он был исключён из правления /из совета директоров/
2. **разг.**
  - 1) терять, растрчивать, спускать (деньги)  
she dropped \$300 on her new spring outfit - на весенний костюм она потратила 300 долларов  
he was dropping money every day on the track - каждый день он проигрывал деньги на ипподроме  
how much did you drop? - сколько ты спустил?
  - 2) проигрывать, терпеть поражение (на соревнованиях)  
to drop a set - проиграть сет /партию/  
the team dropped five straight games - команда проиграла пять игр подряд
  3. 1) промолвить, обронить (слово и т. п.)  
to drop a hint - обронить намёк  
to drop a remark - отпустить замечание
  - 2) быть произнесённым кем-л.  
a remark dropped from him - он отпустил /обронил/ замечание
4. сбрасывать (карту)  
to drop a king - сбросить короля
5. спустить (петлю - в вязании)
6. 1) родить, метать (детёнышей); телиться, жеребиться, пороситься, котиться и т. п.  
2) родиться (о животном)
7. испражняться (о животном)
8. **сл.** глотать, заглатывать (наркотик и т. п.)

## II Б

1. 1) to drop smb. somewhere ссаживать, высаживать кого-л. где-л.  
to drop smb. at his door - подвезти кого-л. к дому
- 2) to drop smth. somewhere подвезти что-л. куда-л.  
to drop a parcel at smb.'s door - оставить пакет у чьих-л. дверей
2. to drop into a place заглянуть /зайти/ мимоходом куда-л.  
to drop into one's club - зайти /заглянуть/ ненадолго в свой клуб
3. to drop out of smth.
  - 1) выбывать, выходить из чего-л.  
to drop out of a game - выбыть /выйти/ из игры  
to drop out of the contest - выбыть из соревнования
  - 2) выбыть из учебного заведения; оказаться исключённым
  - 3) оторваться от общества, от обычной жизни; отказаться от принятых норм поведения, морали и т. п.
4. to drop upon /across/ smb., smth. наталкиваться, наткаться на кого-л., что-л.  
to drop upon /across/ smb. - случайно встретить кого-л.
5. 1) to drop on /upon/ smb., to drop across smb. **разг.** обрушиваться, нападать, набрасываться на кого-л.; отчитывать, наказывать кого-л.  
to drop on smb. like a ton of bricks - обрушиться на кого-л. с ругательствами
- 2) to drop (up)on smth., to drop on to smth. случайно наткнуться на что-л.  
to drop on to smb.'s secret - случайно узнать чей-л. секрет
6. to drop into a state (резко) переходить в другое состояние  
to drop into one's old habits - вернуться к старым привычкам  
he dropped into a troubled sleep - он забылся беспокойным сном  
to drop into a walk - **спорт.** перейти с бега на шаг  
to drop into the local dialect - (снова) заговорить на местном диалекте
7. to drop in with smb. встречаться с кем-л.
8. to drop with smth. истекать чем-л.  
to drop with blood - истекать кровью  
he dropped with sweat - пот градом катился с него

## III A

в сочетании с рядом существительных называет действия, соответствующие значению существительных:

to drop a sigh - вздохнуть  
to drop a nod - кивнуть  
to drop a curtsey - присесть в реверансе  
to drop a hint of doubt - усомниться, выразить сомнение



to drop out of smb.'s sight - исчезнуть из чьего-л. поля зрения  
to drop out of things - перестать интересоваться происходящим  
drop a word for me! - замолви за меня словечко  
drop dead! - **груб.** чтоб тебе сдохнуть!, иди ты к чёрту! [**ср. тж.** I 4, 1])  
to drop a brick - **сл.** сделать ляпсус, допустить бестактность  
to drop like a hot potato /a hot brick, a hot chestnut/ - поспешно бросить, избавиться  
one could hear a pin drop - ≅ было слышно, как муха пролетит

**drop** [drop drops dropped dropping] *verb, noun* *BrE* [drɒp] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* [drɑːp] <sup>ˈ</sup>  
*verb* (-pp-)

## FALL

- 1. intransitive, transitive** to fall or allow sth to fall by accident
  - The climber slipped and dropped to his death.
  - ~ **sth** Be careful not to drop that plate.
- 2. intransitive, transitive** to fall or make sth fall deliberately
  - + **adv./prep.** He staggered in and dropped into a chair.
  - ~ **sth (+ adv./prep.)** Medical supplies are being dropped into the stricken area.
  - (BrE) He dropped his trousers (= undid them and let them fall) .
  - (NAmE) He dropped his pants.
- 3. intransitive (informal)** to fall down or be no longer able to stand because you are extremely tired
  - I feel **ready to drop** .
  - She expects everyone to work till they drop.

## BECOME WEAKER/LESS

- 4. intransitive, transitive** to become or make sth weaker, lower or less

**Syn:** ↓fall

- The temperature has dropped considerably.
- At last the wind dropped.
- His **voice dropped** to a whisper.
- The Dutch team have dropped to fifth place.
- The price of shares dropped by 14p.
- Shares **dropped in price** by 14p.
- ~ **sth** She **dropped her voice** dramatically.
- You must drop your speed in built-up areas.

## EYES

- 5. intransitive, transitive your eyes/gaze ~ | ~ your eyes/gaze (formal)** to look down

- Her eyes dropped to her lap.

## SLOPE DOWNWARDS

- 6. intransitive ~ (away) (from sth)** to slope steeply downwards
  - In front of them the valley dropped sharply away from the road.

## DELIVER/SEND

- 7. transitive** to stop so that sb can get out of a car, etc; to deliver sth on the way to somewhere else
  - ~ **sb/sth** Can you drop me near the bank?
  - ~ **sb/sth off** You left your jacket, but I can drop it off on my way to work tomorrow.
- 8. transitive ~ sb a line/note** to send a short letter to sb
  - Drop me a line when you get there.

## LEAVE OUT

- 9. transitive ~ sb/sth (from sth)** to leave sb/sth out by accident or deliberately
  - She's been dropped from the team because of injury.
  - He spoke with a cockney accent and **dropped his aitches** (= did not pronounce the letter 'h' at the start of words) .

## FRIENDS

- 10. transitive ~ sb** to stop seeing sb socially
  - She's dropped most of her old friends.

## STOP

- 11. transitive ~ sth** to stop doing or discussing sth; to not continue with sth
  - I dropped German (= stopped studying it) when I was 14.
  - **Drop everything** and come at once!
  - Look, can we just **drop it** (= stop talking about it) ?
  - I think we'd better **drop the subject** .
  - Let's drop the formalities— please call me Mike.
  - The police decided to drop the charges against her.

## HINT

- 12. transitive ~ a hint** to say or do sth in order to show sb, in an indirect way, what you are thinking

## IN KNITTING

- 13. transitive ~ a stitch** to let a ↑stitch go off the needle  
**more at** the bottom drops/falls out (of sth) **at** ↑bottom <sub>n.</sub>, die/fall/drop like flies **at** ↑fly <sub>n.</sub>, you could/can hear a pin drop **at** ↑hear,  
 sb's jaw dropped/fell/sagged **at** ↑jaw <sub>n.</sub>, drop/dump sth in sb's lap sth drops/falls into sb's lap **at** ↑lap <sub>n.</sub>, the penny drops **at** ↑penny

## Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	drop
	BrE /drɒp/
	NAmE /drɑ:p/
he / she / it	drops
	BrE /drɒps/
	NAmE /drɑ:ps/
past simple, past participle	dropped
	BrE /drɒpt/
	NAmE /drɑ:pt/
-ing form	dropping
	BrE /drɒpɪŋ/
	NAmE /drɑ:pɪŋ/

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## Thesaurus:

### drop verb

#### 1. ↓

- He staggered in and dropped into a chair.

**fall** • • **sink** • • **crash** • • **tumble** • • **come down** • • **go down** •

**Opp: rise**

drop/fall/sink/crash/tumble/come/go down

#### 2. ↓

- The temperature has dropped considerably.

**fall** • • **decline** • • **come down** • |formal **decrease** • |especially business **sink** • • **slump** • • **plunge** • • **plummet** • • **tumble** •

**Opp: rise, Opp: climb**

drop/fall/decline/come down/decrease/sink/slump/plunge/plummet/tumble **by** 100, 25%, a half, etc.

drop/fall/decline/come down/decrease/sink/slump/plunge/plummet/tumble **from** 1 500 to 1 000

**prices** drop/fall/decline/decrease/come down/sink/slump/plunge/plummet/tumble

the **temperature** drops/falls

sb's **voice** drops/falls/sinks

**Drop, fall or decline?** All these words can be used about numbers, levels, prices, profits and sales. Use **decline** to talk about a loss of economic strength in an area:

- The city/industry has declined (in importance).

A person's health or people's support for sth **declines**. Voices and temperatures **fall** or **drop**. Things can **fall** or **decline** over a period of time, but **drop** cannot be used in the progressive tenses:

- Sales have been falling/declining.

✗ Sales have been dropping.

## Language Bank:

### fall

#### Describing a decrease

- Car crime in Oxford **fell significantly** ▪ last year.
- Car crime **fell** ▪ by about a quarter over a 12-month period.
- The number of stolen vehicles **dropped** ▪ from 1 013 to 780, **a fall of** ▪ 26 per cent.
- According to this data, 780 vehicles were stolen, 26% **down** ▪ on the previous year.
- There was an 11% **drop** ▪ in reported thefts from motor vehicles, from 1 871 to 1 737.
- These figures show that, as far as car crime is concerned, **the main trend is downwards** ▪.

Language Banks at <sup>↑</sup>**expect**, <sup>↑</sup>**illustrate**, <sup>↑</sup>**increase**, <sup>↑</sup>**proportion**

## Example Bank:

- Both countries have agreed to drop border controls.
- Can't we just let the matter drop?
- He casually drops the latest buzzwords into the conversation.
- He dropped lightly down onto the lawn beneath.
- He has been quietly dropped from the England team.
- He saw Emma and promptly dropped his tray of drinks.
- He slowly dropped to the floor.
- He suddenly dropped his habitual banter.
- Her heart dropped like a stone at this news.
- Her mouth dropped open in disbelief.
- His arms dropped limply to his sides.
- I accidentally dropped my glasses into the water.
- I feel ready to drop.
- I'm ready to drop= because I am so tired.
- Sales are likely to drop further.
- She smiled and let her eyes drop again.

- She was unceremoniously dropped by her record label.
- The cheese drops onto a conveyor underneath.
- The formal grade of Geologist was dropped in favour of Scientific Officer.
- The land dropped steeply away into a small valley.
- The number of children in the class has dropped from 25 to 18.
- The price has dropped by 15 per cent.
- The price of oil has dropped significantly.
- The subject was quietly dropped.
- The temperature rarely drops below 30°C.
- When nobody volunteered the idea was finally dropped altogether.
- Drop everything and come at once.
- I dropped German when I was 14.
- I think we'd better drop the subject.
- Let's drop the formalities— please call me Mike.
- Look, can we just drop it?
- Sales have fallen/declined/dropped by 20%.
- She's been dropped from the team because of injury.

Idioms: ↑at the drop of a hat ▪ ↑drop a brick ▪ ↑drop dead ▪ ↑drop in the ocean ▪ ↑drop names ▪ ↑drop somebody in it ▪ ↑drop the ball ▪ ↑drop your bundle ▪ ↑let somebody drop

Derived ↑drop away ▪ ↑drop back ▪ ↑drop behind somebody ▪ ↑drop by ▪ ↑drop in on somebody ▪ ↑drop into something ▪ ↑drop off ▪ ↑drop out

noun

## OF LIQUID

**1. countable** a very small amount of liquid that forms a round shape

- drops of rain
- a drop of blood
- Mix a few drops of milk into the cake mixture.

**see also** ↑raindrop, ↑teardrop

**2. countable, usually singular** a small quantity of a liquid

- Could I have a drop more milk in my coffee, please?
- Would you like a drop of brandy?
- I haven't touched a drop (= drunk any alcohol) all evening.
- He drained the last drop of beer from the glass.

## FALL

**3. countable, usually singular ~ (in sth)** a fall or reduction in the amount, level or number of sth

- a **drop in prices/temperature, etc.**
- a **dramatic/sharp drop** in profits
- If you want the job, you must be prepared to take a drop in salary.
- There was a substantial drop in the number of people out of work last month.
- a five per cent drop

## DISTANCE

**4. singular** a distance down from a high point to a lower point

- There was a sheer drop of fifty metres to the rocks below.
- a twenty-foot drop

## MEDICINE

**5. drops plural** a liquid medicine that you put one drop at a time into your eyes, ears or nose

- eye drops
- Use the drops three times a day.

## DELIVERING

**6. countable** the act of delivering sb/sth in a vehicle or by plane; the act of dropping sth

- Aid agencies are organizing food drops to civilians in the war zone.
- a parachute drop

## SWEET/CANDY

**7. countable** a small round sweet/candy of the type mentioned

- fruit drops
- cough drops (= sweets/candy to help a cough)

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Thesaurus:

drop noun

1. C

- A few drops of rain fell.

bead •• globule •• splash •• drip • |informal blob •

a drop/bead/splash of **blood**

a drop/bead of **moisture/sweat/perspiration**

a drop/splash of **water**

2. C, usually sing.

- The restaurant suffered a drop in trade.

fall •• decline •• cut •• reduction •• decrease •• downturn •

Opp: rise

a drop/fall/decline/cut/reduction/decrease/downturn in sth

(a) **big/huge/massive/major** drop/fall/decline/cuts/reduction/downturn

**lead to/result in/cause** a drop/fall/decline/cut/reduction/decrease

**Drop, fall or decline ?** These words all describe a process that happens, not a deliberate action by sb. **Fall** and **decline** can happen over time, but a **drop** cannot:

- a gradual decline/fall

✗ a gradual drop

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- According to this data, 780 vehicles were stolen, 26% **down** ▫ on the previous year.
- There was an 11% **drop** ▫ in reported thefts from motor vehicles, from 1 871 to 1 737.
- These figures show that, as far as car crime is concerned, **the main trend is downwards** ▫.

Language Banks at ↑expect, ↑illustrate, ↑increase, ↑proportion

Example Bank:

- Great drops of rain started to fall.
- Large drops of sweat rolled down her face.
- She wiped a drop of water from her chin.
- The cliff plunged in a sheer drop down to the beach.
- The glut of coffee led to a sharp drop in prices.
- The restaurant has suffered a big drop in trade.
- Tiny drops of sweat appeared on her forehead.
- We mustn't waste a single drop.
- A few drops of rain fell.
- Can I have a drop more milk in my coffee, please?
- He drained the last few drops from his glass.
- I haven't touched a drop all evening.
- There was a drop of blood on her shirt.
- There was a twenty-foot drop onto the stones beneath.
- We were inches away from a sheer drop to the crashing waves below.
- a fall/drop of 30%

See also: ↑drop in the bucket

drop

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I. **drop**<sup>1</sup> **S1 W2** /drɒp \$ drɑp BrE " AmE " verb (past tense and past participle **dropped**, present participle **dropping**)

[Language: Old English; Origin: droppian]

1. LET SOMETHING FALL [transitive]

a) to stop holding or carrying something so that it falls:

" He dropped his briefcase on a chair.

" She screamed and dropped the torch.

b) to make something such as a bomb fall from a plane:

" U.S. planes began dropping bombs on the city.

" Supplies are being dropped for the refugees.

2. FALL [intransitive] to fall suddenly onto the ground or into something

drop from/off

" The apples are beginning to drop from the trees.

" Your button has dropped off.

3. MOVE YOUR BODY DOWN [intransitive always + adverb/preposition, transitive] to lower yourself or part of your body suddenly

drop down/onto/into

" He dropped down onto the floor and hid under the table.

" She dropped her head back against the cushion.

4. **BECOME LESS** [intransitive] to fall to a lower level or amount, especially a much lower level or amount

**drop suddenly/sharply/dramatically**

- The number of deaths on the roads has dropped sharply.
- Temperatures drop quite dramatically at night, so bring some warm clothing.

**drop to**

- Their share of the market dropped to 50 percent this year.

5. **REDUCE** [transitive] to reduce the level or amount of something:

- You might be able to get them to drop the price.
- As soon as she saw the police car she dropped her speed.

6. **NOT INCLUDE** [transitive] to decide not to include someone or something:

- His name was dropped from the list.

**drop somebody from a team/side**

- Taylor was bitterly disappointed to be dropped from the England side.

7. **STOP DOING SOMETHING** [transitive] to stop doing something, discussing something, or continuing with something:

- The proposal was dropped after opposition from civil liberties groups.

**drop charges/drop a case**

- New evidence was presented to the court and the case was dropped.

**drop a subject at school/university (=stop studying it)**

- Students are allowed to drop history in Year 9.
- You can't expect me to drop everything (=completely stop doing whatever I am doing) whenever you're in town.
- Oh, drop the 'Senator' (=stop calling me 'Senator') – just call me Gordon.
- Some time later, the matter was quietly dropped.

8. **STOP TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING** [intransitive and transitive] to stop talking about something

**drop the subject**

- To her relief, Julius dropped the subject.

**drop it (=stop talking about a subject)**

- Just drop it, will you? I don't want to talk about it any more.
- 'What about the money?' 'We've agreed to let it drop (=we have agreed not to talk about it any more).'

9. **TAKE SOMEBODY SOMEWHERE** (also **drop off**) [transitive] to take someone by car to a place and leave them there, especially on your way to another place:

- Just drop me here – I can walk the rest of the way.

**drop somebody at something**

- She dropped Johnny at the school gates at about 8:30.

10. **TAKE SOMETHING SOMEWHERE** [transitive] to take something to a place and leave it there

**drop something round/in**

- I've got your books – I'll drop them round to your place later.

11. **VISIT** [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] to visit someone you know, usually without arranging a particular time

**drop by/round**

- I just dropped by to see how you were getting on.
- The kids drop round and see her from time to time.

**drop into**

- Jan dropped into the office this morning to tell me her news.

**drop in (on somebody)**

- Why don't you drop in for a drink one evening?

12. **SLOPE DOWNWARDS** [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] if a path, land etc drops, it goes down suddenly, forming a steep slope

**drop down**

- The cliff dropped down over a hundred feet to the sea below.

**drop away**

- On the left the ground drops away, giving a view over the rooftops.

13. **END A RELATIONSHIP** [transitive] *informal* to suddenly stop having a relationship with someone, especially a romantic relationship:

- She dropped him as soon as she found out he had been seeing another woman.

14. **until/till you drop** until you are too tired to continue doing something:

- We're going to shop till we drop!

15. **drop a hint** to suggest or ask for something in an indirect way, hoping that the person you are talking to will understand what you mean:

- He dropped some big hints about what he wanted for his birthday.

16. **drop somebody a line/note** *informal* to write a short letter to someone:

- Drop us a line to let us know how you're getting on.

17. **drop dead**

a) *informal* to die suddenly

b) *spoken informal* an impolite expression which you say to someone when you are extremely angry with them

18. **sb's jaw dropped** used to say that someone was very surprised

19. **drop your eyes/gaze** to stop looking at someone and look down, usually because you feel embarrassed or uncomfortable:

- Ben looked at me in horror for a moment and then dropped his gaze.

20. **the wind drops** the wind stops:

- They waited for the wind to drop.

21. **drop a bombshell** *informal* to suddenly tell someone a shocking piece of news:

- Finally she dropped the bombshell. She was pregnant and I was the father.



22. **drop somebody in it** *informal* to say or do something that gets someone else into trouble:  
 " You told her where we went on Friday night! You've really dropped me in it now!
23. **drop \$50/£2,000 etc** [*transitive*] *informal* to lose money in a business deal, a game etc:  
 " Phil dropped \$200 playing poker yesterday.
24. **drop a catch** to fail to catch a ball hit by a ↑*batsman* in ↑*cricket*
25. **drop a point** to lose a point in a sports competition:  
 " Real Madrid dropped a point at home yesterday.
26. **be dropping like flies** *informal* if people are dropping like flies, they are getting ill or dying in large numbers
27. **drop a clanger/brick** *British English* to say something embarrassing in a social situation
28. **drop a stitch** to let the wool fall off the needle when you are ↑*knitting*
29. **drop anchor** to lower a boat's ↑*anchor* to the bottom of the sea, a lake etc so that the boat does not float away
30. **drop acid** *informal* to swallow ↑*LSD* (=an illegal drug)
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## COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 7)

### ■ drop + NOUN

- **drop the charges/a case** (=stop the legal process of trying to prove someone is guilty) Both men have been released and the charges have been dropped.
- **drop everything** (=completely stop everything you are doing) When my mother was sick, I just dropped everything and flew to be with her in Seattle.
- **drop the idea** The project was going to be too expensive so the idea was dropped.
- **drop a plan** The company has dropped its plan to build a hotel on the site.
- **drop a scheme/program etc** Some banks have dropped their student loan scheme.
- **drop a subject** (=stop studying it at school or university) Students may choose to drop a subject in their second year.
- **drop the pretence** (=stop pretending) He has finally dropped the pretence that he's innocent.

### drop back (also drop behind) *phrasal verb*

to move more slowly than other people so that they get ahead of you:

- " He started out with the leaders but at the first fence he dropped back.
- " Ellen dropped behind to tie her shoelace.

### drop off *phrasal verb*

1. to begin to sleep:

- " She kept dropping off at her desk.
- " I must have dropped off to sleep.

2. **drop somebody/something** ↔ **off** to take someone or something to a place by car and leave them there on your way to another place:

- " I'll drop you off on my way home.

3. to fall to a lower level or amount:

- " The number of graduates going into teaching has dropped off sharply.

### drop out *phrasal verb*

1. to no longer do an activity or belong to a group:

- " The group gets smaller as members move away or drop out.

2. to leave a school or university before your course has finished ⇒ **dropout**

**drop out of**

- " Bill dropped out of college after his first year.

3. to refuse to take part in ordinary society because you do not agree with its principles ⇒ **dropout**:

- " In the 60s, Leary urged kids to 'Turn on, tune in and drop out.'

## II. drop<sup>2</sup> **S2 W3 BrE** *AmE* *noun*

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

1. **LIQUID** [*countable*] a very small amount of liquid that falls in a round shape

**drop of**

- " As the first drops of rain began to fall, Michael started to run.
- " A single drop of blood splashed onto the floor.
- " A drop of sweat ran down her forehead and into her eye. ⇒ ↑*rain drop*, ↑*teardrop*

2. **SMALL AMOUNT** [*usually singular*] *informal*

a) a small amount of liquid that you drink, especially alcohol

**drop of**

- " She likes to add a drop of brandy to her tea.
- " George hasn't touched a drop (=drunk any alcohol) for years.

b) a small amount of something

**drop of**

- " I haven't got a drop of sympathy for him.

3. **REDUCTION** [*singular*] a reduction in the amount, level, or number of something, especially a large or sudden one **SYN fall**

**drop in**

- " Manufacturers report a big drop in new orders.
- " a drop in temperature

a sharp/dramatic/marked drop in something

- " The results showed a sharp drop in profits.

4. **DISTANCE TO GROUND** [*singular*] a distance from a higher point down to the ground or to a lower point:

- " There was a steep drop on one side of the track.
- " a 20-metre drop

There was an almost sheer (=vertical) drop to the valley below.

5. **at the drop of a hat** immediately and without pausing to think about what you are going to do:

Some of these corporations threaten to sue at the drop of a hat.

6. **DELIVERY** [countable] an act of delivering something somewhere, for example by dropping it from a plane **SYN delivery** :

Air drops (=from a plane) of food aid were made to the region yesterday.

My first drop of the day is usually somewhere in north London. ⇒ ↑mail drop

7. **lemon/fruit/chocolate etc drop** a sweet that tastes of ↑lemon etc

8. **a drop in the ocean** *British English*, **a drop in the bucket** *American English* a very small amount of something compared to what is needed or wanted:

5,000 new schools are to be built, but this is just a drop in the ocean for such a vast country.

9. **eye/ear etc drops** a type of medicine that you put in your eye, ear etc, one drop at a time

## drop

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