

**edge****1. [edʒ] n**

1) острый, лезвие; режущая кромка (*инструмента*)

a sword with two edges - обоюдоострый меч

2) острый край, острота

the knife has no edge - нож затупился

to put an edge on a knife - наточить нож

the razor has a keen edge - бритва остро наточена

3) острый, острота (*замечания, чувства и т. п.*)

the edge of sarcasm - острый сарказма

the remark has a biting edge - это очень обидное замечание

the keen edge of his sorrow grew more blunt - острота его горя притупилась

to take the edge off smth. - ослабить /смягчить/ что-л

to take the edge off one's appetite - заморить червячка

to give an edge to smth. - обострять /усиливать, стимулировать/ что-л

to give an edge to one's appetite - раздражить аппетит

2. край, кромка

from edge to edge - от края до края

edge of a wood - опушка леса

waters' edge - урез воды

on the edge of winter - на пороге зимы

to sit on the edge of a chair - сидеть на краешке стула

he is on the edge of death - он на пороге смерти

3. 1) обрез (*книги*)

2) поле (*страницы*)

3) бордюры

edge stone - бордюрный камень

4. 1) кряж, хребет, гребень (*горы*)

2) бровка (*уступа, канавы*)

5. 1) грань; фаска; ребро

2) опорная призма (*маятника, коромысла весов*)

6. критическое положение, критический момент

the edge of battle - разгар битвы

7. *разг.* преимущество, перевес

to have a slight edge (on /over/) - *спорт.* иметь небольшой перевес (над)

to win an edge in the elections - победить с незначительным перевесом на выборах

8. дуга (*фигурное катание*)

9. 1) ребро (*конька*)

inside [outside] edge - внутреннее [внешнее] ребро конька

2) кант (*лыжи*)

◇ on edge - нетерпеливый

to be (all) on edge - быть раздражённым /в большом нетерпении/; нервничать, волноваться

to set the teeth [the nerves] on edge - набивать оскомину [действовать на нервы, раздражать]

to give smb. the edge of one's tongue - резко поговорить с кем-л.

not to put too fine an edge on it - говорить без обиняков

to have an edge on - *сл.* быть пьяным, нализаться

**2. [edʒ] v**

1. точить, оттачивать; заострять

2. (with) окаймлять, обрамлять

to edge a handkerchief with lace - обшить носовой платок кружевами

the road was edged with grass - по обеим сторонам дороги росла трава

3. (медленно) продвигаться; (постепенно) приближаться

to edge one's way through a crowd - пробираться сквозь толпу

the climbers edged warily along the narrow shelf - альпинисты осторожно двигались по узкому выступу

he edged away - он отошёл бочком; он тихонько улизнул

to edge away from one's responsibilities - увиливать от своих обязанностей

they edged off - они стали потихоньку отходить; они постепенно ретировались

4. 1) (into) проскользнуть, пробраться

to edge into a room - проскользнуть в комнату

to edge into a job - пролезть на должность

to edge oneself into a conversation - постепенно присоединиться к разговору, влезть в разговор

2) (out of) выскользнуть, выбраться

3) (out of) столкнуть, спихнуть

to edge smb. out of a position of influence - спихнуть кого-л. с важного поста

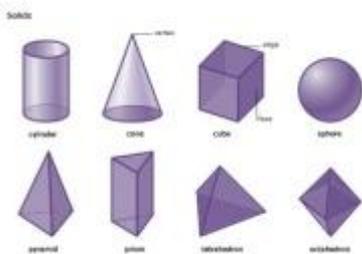
5. *тех.* кантовать

6. *спорт.* кантовать, вдавливать лыжи кантами в снег

7. *диал.* раздражать

**edge** [edge edges edged edging] *noun, verb* *BrE* [edʒ] *NAmE* [edʒ]

*noun*



**1. countable** the outside limit of an object, a surface or an area; the part furthest from the centre

- He stood **on the edge of** the cliff.
- a big house **on/at the edge of town**
- Don't put that glass so near the edge of the table.
- I sat down at the water's edge.
- Stand the coin on its edge.
- She tore the page out roughly, leaving a ragged edge in the book.

**see also** ↑leading edge

**2. countable** the sharp part of a blade, knife or ↑sword that is used for cutting

- Be careful— it has a sharp edge.

**see also** ↑knife-edge

**3. (usually the edge) singular** the point at which sth, especially sth bad, may begin to happen

**Syn:** ↑brink, **Syn:** ↑verge

- They had brought the country to the edge of disaster.

**see also** ↑cutting edge

**4. singular** a slight advantage over sb/sth

- The company needs to improve its **competitive edge**.
- ~ **on/over sb/sth** They have the edge on us.

**5. singular** a strong, often exciting, quality

- Her show now has a hard political edge to it.

**6. singular** a sharp tone of voice, often showing anger

- He did his best to remain calm, but there was a distinct edge to his voice.

**7. -edged** (in adjectives) having the type of edge or edges mentioned

- a lace-edged handkerchief

**see also** ↑gilt-edged

**more at** fray at/around the edges/seams **at** ↑fray *v.*, be on the razor's edge/be on a razor edge **at** ↑razor, rough edges **at** ↑rough *adj.*,

teeter on the brink/edge of sth **at** ↑teeter, set sb's teeth on edge **at** ↑tooth

#### Word Origin:

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#### Thesaurus:

**edge** *noun* **C**

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**end** • • **side** • • **limit** • • **fringe** • • **perimeter** • |**formal periphery** • • **margin** •

**Opp:** the middle

**at** the edge/end/side/limits/fringe/perimeter/periphery/margins

**on** the edge/end/side/fringe/perimeter/periphery/margins

**along/around** the edge/side/fringe/perimeter/periphery/margins

**reach** the edge/end/limit/fringe/perimeter/periphery

**Edge, end or side?** The **edge** of an object goes all the way around it. The **ends** or **sides** are the parts of the edge that are opposite each other. **Ends** have the longest distance between them.

#### Synonyms:

**nervous**

neurotic • on edge • jittery

These words all describe people who are easily frightened or are behaving in a frightened way.

**nervous** • easily worried or frightened ▪ She was ▪ of a nervous disposition ▪.

See also the entry for **worried**.

**neurotic** • not behaving in a reasonable, calm way, because you are worried about sth: ▪ She became neurotic about keeping the house clean.

**on edge** • nervous or bad-tempered: ▪ She was always on edge before an interview.

**jittery** • (informal) anxious and nervous ▪ All this talk of job losses was making him jittery.

a nervous/neurotic **man/woman/girl**

to **feel** nervous/on edge/jittery

a **bit** nervous/on edge/jittery

### Example Bank:

- A trellis provided shade and defined the edges of the courtyard.
- Erosion has left the house perched on the very edge of the cliff.
- Flip the fabric over so the cut edge is now to your left.
- I gripped the edge of my desk to steady myself.
- My fingers played with the frayed edges of my jeans.
- My foot caught the edge of the table.
- She could see rocky cliffs on the opposite edge of the lake.
- She sat on the edge of her bed.
- Smoke was making its way around the edges of the door.
- Soon we were at the edge of the woods.
- The building forms the northern edge of the courtyard.
- The car rolled over the edge of the cliff.
- The intensive training she had done gave her the edge over the other runners.
- The road skirts the western edge of the forest.
- Their training gave them an extra edge.
- They live right on the edge of town.
- Trees lined the edges of the path.
- We had reached the edge of the map and didn't know which way to go.
- a knife with a serrated edge
- the left edge of the image
- the rounded edges of her collarbone
- the top edge of the picture frame
- to gain a competitive edge over rival suppliers
- Don't put that glass so near the edge of the table.
- He believes Marseilles have a slight edge as they face Rangers at home.
- I sat down at the water's edge.
- Stand the coin on its edge and spin it.
- The company needs to improve its competitive edge.
- This is one of the key ways in which the firm can gain the edge over its competitors.

**Idioms:** ↑on edge ▪ ↑on the edge of your seat ▪ ↑take the edge off something

**Derived** ↑edge somebody out

### verb

1. **intransitive, transitive** to move or to move sth slowly and carefully in a particular direction

- **+ adv./prep.** She edged a little closer to me.
- I edged nervously past the dog.
- **~ sth + adv./prep.** Emily edged her chair forward.

2. **transitive, usually passive ~ sth (with/in sth)** to put sth around the edge of sth

- The handkerchief is edged with lace.

3. **intransitive + adv./prep.** to increase or decrease slightly

- Prices edged up 2% in the year to December.

**Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	edge
	BrE /edʒ/
	NAme /edʒ/
he / she / it	edges
	BrE /edʒɪz/
	NAme /edʒɪz/
past simple, past participle	edged
	BrE /edʒd/
	NAme /edʒd/
-ing form	edging
	BrE /edʒɪŋ/
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**edge** **verb**, **T** (always used with an adverb or preposition)

- She edged a little closer to me.

**inch** • • **crawl** • • **creep** • • **thread** •

edge/inch/crawl/creep **along/forwards/closer/nearer**

edge/inch/crawl/creep **towards** sth

edge/crawl/creep/thread **through** sth

**Edge or inch?** When you **inch** somewhere you tend to be moving forwards or towards sth. You can use **edge** when you are moving in any direction.

## Example Bank:

- He drew level and for a moment edged ahead of his rival.
- He edged carefully along the narrow ledge.
- Heaton began to edge away from Jed and headed for the stairs.
- The Italian edged ahead to win the race.
- We slowly edged our way towards the exit.
- He tried to edge away.
- I edged gingerly down the rocky track.
- She edged her way to the front of the crowd.
- The handkerchief was edged with lace.

## edge

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I. **edge** <sup>1</sup> **S2 W2** /edʒ/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *noun*

[Language: Old English; Origin: ecg]

1. **OUTSIDE PART** [countable] the part of an object that is furthest from its centre:

- Put the eggs in the centre of the dish, with the vegetables and herbs around the edge.

### the edge of something

- the right hand edge of the page
- Jennifer walked to the edge of the wood.
- Billy sat on the edge of the bed.
- He stood at the water's edge staring across the lake.
- A leaf was on the ground, curling up at the edges.

2. **BLADE** [countable] the thin sharp part of a blade or tool that cuts:

- a knife with a sharp edge

3. **ADVANTAGE** [singular, uncountable] something that gives you an advantage over others:

- Companies are employing more research teams to get an edge.
- The next version of the software will have the edge over its competitors.

4. **on edge** nervous, especially because you are expecting something unpleasant to happen:

- Paul felt on edge about meeting Lisa.

5. **VOICE** [singular] a quality in someone's voice that makes it sound slightly angry or impatient:

- There was an edge of hostility in Jack's voice.
- Desperation lent an edge to her voice.

6. **SLOPE** [countable] an area beside a very steep slope:

- She walked almost to the edge of the cliff.

7. **on the edge of something** close to the point at which something different, especially something bad, will happen:

- Their economy is on the edge of collapse.
- She is on the edge of despair.

8. **QUALITY** [singular] a special quality of excitement or danger:

- The school's campaign has been given an extra edge by being filmed for television.

9. **take the edge off something** to make something less bad, good, strong etc:

- Pascoe was drinking whisky to take the edge off the pain.

10. **on the edge of your seat** giving all your attention to something exciting:

- The film's ending had me on the edge of my seat.

11. **be on the edge** *informal* to be behaving in a way that makes it seem as if you are going crazy

⇒ <sup>↑</sup>cutting edge

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## COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

### ■ adjectives

- **the top edge** I gripped the top edge of the door and pulled myself up.
- **the bottom/lower edge** The lower edge of the window frame was starting to rot.
- **the front/back edge** I banged my elbow on the front edge of the desk.
- **the inside/inner edge** He painted carefully around the inner edge of each door.
- **the outside/outer edge** The airport is located on the outer edge of town.
- **the northern/southern etc edge** (=the part of an area that is close to the point where the area ends) There's a ridge of hills on the northern edge of the county.

### ■ phrases

- **the edge of the sea** (=the land next to the sea) The castle stands on the edge of the sea.
- **the river's/water's edge** (=the land next to a river etc) We sat down at the water's edge.

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## COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 3)

### ■ verbs

- **have the edge over somebody/something** (=to be slightly better than someone or something else) We believe our products have the edge over the competition.
- **get/gain an edge over somebody/something** (=gain a small advantage over someone or something else) A well trained workforce is a key factor in gaining a competitive edge over our rivals.
- **give somebody the edge** (=give someone a small advantage) I hope my qualifications and experience will give me the edge.
- **lose your edge** (=lose an advantage that you had) He's had a lot of injuries and lost a lot of his competitive edge.

## ■ adjectives

- **a slight edge** (also **a bit of an edge**) (=a small advantage) Running on the inside lane will give him a slight edge.
- **a distinct edge** (=a definite or noticeable advantage) Being tall gives you a distinct edge in some sports.
- **a competitive edge** (=something that makes a person or business able to compete successfully against other people or businesses) He believes investment in new technology is the only way for the company to maintain its competitive edge.

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## THESAURUS

- **edge** the part of something that is furthest from its centre or nearest the place where it ends: He got up quickly, knocking his plate off the edge of the table. | the outer edge of the village
- **side** the part of something that is near its left or right edge: On the left side of the garden there was an old stone wall. | They parked by the side of the road.
- **rim** the edge of something circular, especially the top of a cup or glass, or the outside edge of a pair of glasses: a white cup with a gold rim | She was looking at me over the rim of her spectacles.
- **margin** the empty space at the side of a page that has writing on it: My teacher had marked my essay and made some comments in the margin. | Leave wide margins on both sides of the page.
- **hem** the edge of a piece of cloth that is turned under and stitched down, especially the lower edge of a skirt, trousers etc: If you want the dress a bit shorter, I can easily turn up the hem.
- **kerb** *British English*, **curb** *American English* the edge of the pavement (=raised path) at the side of a road: A big black car was parked at the kerb.
- **outskirts** the areas of a city that are furthest away from the centre: The new station was built on the outskirts of the city.
- **perimeter** the outside edge around an enclosed area of land such as a military camp or a prison: Security guards patrol the perimeter night and day.

## II. edge<sup>2</sup> BrE<sup>1</sup> AmE<sup>1</sup> verb

1. **MOVE** [intransitive, transitive always + adverb/preposition] to move gradually with several small movements, or to make something do this:

- Tim was edging away from the crowd.
- She edged closer to get a better look.
- He edged her towards the door.

**edge your way into/round/through etc something**

- Christine edged her way round the back of the house.

2. **PUT AT EDGE** [transitive usually passive] to put something on the edge or border of something:

- The city square was edged by trees.

**be edged with something**

- The tablecloth is edged with lace.

3. **CHANGE** [intransitive, transitive always + adverb/preposition] to change gradually, especially so as to get better or worse

**edge up/down**

- Profits have edged up.
- The paper has edged ahead of (=been more successful than) its rivals.

4. **GRASS** [transitive] to cut the edges of an area of grass so that they are tidy and straight

**edge somebody** ↔ **out** phrasal verb

1. to defeat someone by a small amount:

- Italy edged out France by two points.

2. to gradually force someone to leave their job or an area of activity

## edge

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