

spread**1. [spred] n**

1. 1) распространение, рост, увеличение

the spread of disease [of knowledge, of science] - распространение болезни [знаний, науки]

the spread of an elastic material - растяжимость эластичного материала

2) *шутл.* прибавка в весе

middle-age spread - \cong не от котлет, а от лет

2. протяжённость, протяжение; широта, размах

the birds' wings have a spread of three feet - крылья этих птиц имеют размах в три фута

the wide spread of prairie - (широкий) простор прерий

3. *разг.*

1) накрытый стол

2) пиршество, обильное угощение

to give a royal spread to smb. - угостить /принять/ кого-л. по-царски

3) роскошь напоказ

4. *амер.* паста, пастообразный продукт; масло, джем, паштет *и т. п.*

cheese spread - (мягкий) плавленный сыр

herring spread - рубленая селёдка

5. покрывало; скатерть; простыня

6. 1) разворот (*книги, газеты*)

2) газетный, журнальный *и т. п.* материал, данный на развороте

7. *амер. ком.* разница, разрыв (*между ценами, курсами и т. п.*)

8. *слец.*

1) рассеивание

2) диапазон отклонений, разброс

hand spread - *радио* растягивание диапазона

◇ spread worker - *сл.* рыночный торговец снадобьями, шарлатан

2. [spred] v (spread)

1. распространять (*по поверхности*); расстилать (*тж. spread out*)

to spread a cloth on a table - расстилать скатерть на столе

to spread (out) a carpet on the floor - расстелить ковёр на полу

to spread manure over a field - разбрасывать навоз по полю

to spread hay to dry - разбрасывать сено для просушки

a meadow spread with daisies - луг, усеянный маргаритками

a blanket was spread on the sofa, the sofa was spread with a blanket - диван был покрыт одеялом

2. 1) раскладывать (*тж. spread out*)

to spread (out) a map on a table - раскладывать карту на столе

2) развёртывать, раскрывать

to spread a banner [a newspaper] - развернуть знамя [газету]

the bird spread its wings - птица расправила крылья

a peacock spreads its tail - павлин распускает хвост

the branches spread themselves far and wide - ветви раскинулись широко

3. 1) мазать, намазывать

to spread butter on bread, to spread bread with butter - намазывать масло на хлеб, мазать хлеб маслом

2) мазаться, намазываться

margarine spreads easily - маргарин намазывается легко

the paint spreads well - краска ложится хорошо

3) распределять, укладывать бетонную смесь (*тж. to spread concrete*)

4. простирать, протягивать

to spread one's hands to the fire - протянуть руки к огню

5. распространяться, простираться

on every side spreads a desert - по обе стороны простирается пустыня

the rash is spreading all over his body - сыпь распространяется у него по всему телу

this forest spreads for many miles - этот лес тянется на много миль

the town spreads along the river bank - город тянется по берегу реки

6. 1) разносить, распространять

to spread knowledge - распространять знания

to spread rumours - распускать слухи

flies spread disease - мухи разносят болезни

his name spread fear in every quarter - имя его повсюду сеяло ужас

flowers spreading their fragrance - цветы, льющие аромат

the news is already spread all over the town - это известие уже разнесли по всему городу

2) распространяться, получать распространение

this news will spread like wildfire - эта новость моментально разнесётся повсюду

the fire [the panic] spread quickly - пожар [паника] быстро распространился [-лась]

the strike is spreading to other groups of industrial workers - забастовка постепенно охватывает и другие группы промышленных рабочих

7. давать рассрочку; отсрочить (*платёж и т. п.*; *тж. spread over*)

to spread the cost of medical care - платить в рассрочку за медицинское обслуживание

to spread the payments over a six-month period - растянуть платежи на шесть месяцев
repayments can be spread over for two years - выплата долга может быть рассрочена на два года

8. 1) **накрывать (на стол)**

the table was spread for supper - стол был накрыт для ужина

2) **амер.** подавать, сервировать

to spread the afternoon tea - подать днём чай

9. 1) **растягивать, тянуть**

to spread work [a course of study] - растягивать работу [курс обучения]

2) **затягиваться, растягиваться**

the grammar lectures spread over into the next term - лекции по грамматике продолжались и в следующем семестре

3) **спец.** растягивать работу путём сокращения рабочих дней и часов (*для борьбы с безработицей*)

10. **тех.** растягивать, расширять; вытягивать, расплющивать, расклёпывать, разводять (*шплинт*)

11. **разводить, раздвигать (рельсы и т. п.)**

◇ to spread oneself - а) стараться понравиться; «выставляться»; лезть вон из кожи; б) **сл.** оказывать хороший приём; угощать на славу; they spread themselves to entertain their guests - они ничего не пожалели для приёма гостей; в) ораторствовать, распространяться

to spread oneself thin - разбрасываться, не сосредоточиваться на чём-л. одном; браться за всё и ничего не доводить до конца

to spread the opponent defence - **спорт.** рассредоточить защиту противника

to spread one's net for smb. - расставить сети кому-л.

to spread it on thick - преувеличивать; хватить через край

to take a hammer to spread a plaster - ≅ браться за дело с неподходящими средствами

spread

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spread [**spread** **spreads** **spreading**] **verb, noun** *BrE* [**spreɪd**] ^m *NAmE* [**spreɪd**] ^m

verb (**spread, spread**)

OPEN/ARRANGE

1. transitive ~ sth (out) (on/over sth) to open sth that has been folded so that it covers a larger area than before

- to spread a cloth on a table
- Sue spread the map out on the floor.
- The bird spread its wings.

2. transitive ~ sth (out) (on/over sth) to arrange objects so that they cover a large area and can be seen easily

- Papers had been spread out on the desk.

ARMS/LEGS

3. transitive ~ sth (out) to move your arms, legs, fingers, etc. far apart from each other

- She spread her arms and the child ran towards her.

AMONG PEOPLE

4. intransitive, transitive to affect or make sth affect, be known by, or used by more and more people

- (+ **adv./prep.**) The disease spreads easily.
- Within weeks, his confidence had spread throughout the team.
- Use of computers **spread rapidly** during that period.
- ~ **sth** to **spread rumours/lies** about sb
- The disease is spread by mosquitoes.

COVER LARGE AREA

5. intransitive, transitive to cover, or to make sth cover, a larger and larger area

- (+ **adv./prep.**) The fire rapidly spread to adjoining buildings.
- Water began to spread across the floor.
- A smile spread slowly across her face.
- ~ **sth** Using too much water could spread the stain.

6. transitive ~ sb/sth to cause sb/sth to be in a number of different places

- Seeds and pollen are spread by the wind.
- We have 10 000 members spread all over the country.

7. intransitive ~ (out) + adv./prep. to cover a large area

- The valley spread out beneath us.

SOFT LAYER

8. transitive, intransitive to put a layer of a substance onto the surface of sth; to be able to be put onto a surface

- ~ (**A on/over B**) to spread butter on pieces of toast
- ~ (**B with A**) pieces of toast spread with butter
- If the paint is too thick, it will not spread evenly.

DIVIDE/SHARE

9. transitive to separate sth into parts and divide them between different times or different people

- ~ **sth** Why not pay monthly and spread the cost of your car insurance?
- ~ **sth (out) (over sth)** A series of five interviews will be spread over two days.
- ~ **sth between sb/sth** We attempted to spread the workload between the departments.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	spread
	BrE /spreɪd/
	NAmE /spreɪd/
he / she / it	spreads
	BrE /spreɪdz/
	NAmE /spreɪdz/
past simple, past participle	spread
	BrE /spreɪd/
	NAmE /spreɪd/
-ing form	spreading
	BrE /'spredɪŋ/
	NAmE /'spredɪŋ/

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Old English -spræcðan (used in combinations), of West Germanic origin; related to Dutch spreiden and German spreiten.

Thesaurus:

spread verb

1. T

- He spread the map out on the floor.

lay sth out • • lay • • unfold • • open • • unroll •

spread/lay out/lay/open sth **on** sth

spread/lay/open sth **out**

spread out/lay out/unfold/open a **map**

2. T

- Papers were spread out on the desk.

scatter • • strew •

spread/scatter/strew sth **on/onto/over/across** sth

spread/scatter **seeds**

3. I, T

- The disease spreads easily.

pass sth on • • hand sth down • • infect • |especially spoken **give** • |formal **transmit** •

spread sth/pass sth on/hand sth down/give sth/transmit sth **to** sb

spread/pass on/infect sb with/give sb/transmit a/an **disease/infection/virus**

spread/pass on/transmit **information/a message**

spread/pass on/hand down **knowledge**

4. T, I (usually used with an adverb or preposition)

- She spread butter on a piece of toast.

cover • • coat • • smear • • rub • • daub •

spread/cover/coat/smear/rub/daub sth **with** sth

spread/smear/rub/daub sth **on** sth

be spread/covered/coated with **chocolate**

Example Bank:

- Allow plenty of space for this plant as its roots spread widely.
- Don't make the paste too thick, or it will not spread evenly.
- Expertise in this field is very thinly spread across the country.
- Friends may be spread geographically. Neighbours, by definition, are nearby.
- He had a newspaper spread open on his knee.
- He spread jam on the toast.
- His fame had spread far and wide.
- Spread each slice generously with butter.
- The course takes forty hours, spread over twenty weeks.
- The disease can be spread by contact.
- The effects of this policy spread far beyond children now at school.
- The news spread like wildfire.
- We spread the rug out on the floor.
- We tried to spread the workload evenly between the departments.
- With four markets to manage, there's a danger that she's spreading herself too thin.
- a bird with its wings spread wide
- He shuffled the cards and spread them in a fan.
- If the paint is too thick, it will not spread easily.
- She spread butter on a piece of toast.
- Spread the cake with cream and then sprinkle flakes of chocolate on top.
- The bird spread its wings and flew away.
- They spread a cloth on a table.
- I wish he would stop spreading lies about me.
- Within weeks his confidence had spread throughout the team.

Idioms: ↑spread like wildfire ▪ ↑spread the word ▪ ↑spread your net ▪ ↑spread your wings ▪ ↑spread yourself too thin

noun

INCREASE

- 1. uncountable** an increase in the amount or number of sth that there is, or in the area that is affected by sth
 - to prevent the spread of disease
 - to encourage the spread of information
 - Shut doors to delay the spread of fire.
 - the spread of a city into the surrounding areas
- see also** ↑middle-age spread

RANGE/VARIETY

- 2. countable, usually singular** a range or variety of people or things
 - a **broad spread** of opinions
 - There was a good spread of scores on the test.

ON BREAD

- 3. countable, uncountable** a soft food that you put on bread
 - Use a low-fat spread instead of butter.
 - cheese spread

AREA COVERED

- 4. countable, usually singular ~ (of sth)** the area that sth exists in or happens in
 - The company has a good geographical spread of hotels in this country.
- 5. countable, usually singular ~ (of sth)** how wide sth is or the area that sth covers
 - The bird's wings have a spread of nearly a metre.

IN NEWSPAPER/MAGAZINE

- 6. countable** an article or advertisement in a newspaper or magazine, especially one that covers two opposite pages
 - The story continued with a **double-page spread** on the inside pages.
- see also** ↑centre spread

MEAL

- 7. countable (informal)** a large meal, especially one that is prepared for a special occasion
 - They had laid on a huge spread for the party.

OF LAND/WATER

- 8. countable, usually singular ~ (of sth) (NAmE)** an area of land or water
 - a vast spread of water
 - They have a huge spread in California (= a large farm or ↑ranch) .

FINANCE

- 9. uncountable** the difference between two rates or prices

ON BED

- 10. countable (NAmE) = ↑bedspread**

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Example Bank:

- Her work featured in a two-page spread in 'New Woman' magazine.
- Such unhygienic conditions encourage the spread of disease.
- The current survey will have a wider geographical spread.
- the spread of fire
- The questionnaire revealed a wide spread of opinions on the issues.
- They offered me some crackers with cheese spread.
- Try to have a broad spread of investments, rather than concentrating on one industry.

spread

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I. spread¹ **S2 W2** /spred/ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m *verb* (past tense and past participle **spread**)

[Language: Old English; Origin: sprædan]

1. AFFECT MORE PEOPLE/PLACES [intransitive and transitive] if something spreads or is spread, it becomes larger or moves so that it affects more people or a larger area

spread through

Fire quickly spread through the building.

spread over

He watched the dark stain spread over the gray carpet.

spread among

The disease spread rapidly amongst the poor.

spread (from something) to something

The cancer had spread to her liver.

Revolution quickly spread from France to Italy.

2. INFORMATION/IDEAS

a) [intransitive] to become known about or used by more and more people:

News of the explosion spread swiftly.

spread to/through/over etc

Buddhism spread to China from India.

The news spread like wildfire (=very quickly).

Word spread quickly that she was leaving.

b) [transitive] to tell a lot of people about something:

Andy loves spreading rumours about his colleagues.

They are spreading the word about the benefits of immunization.

3. OPEN/ARRANGE (also **spread out**) [transitive] to open something out or arrange a group of things so that they cover a flat surface

spread something over/across/on something

Papers and photos were spread across the floor.

He spread the map out on the desk.

a table spread with a white cloth

4. THROUGHOUT AN AREA [intransitive] (also **be spread, spread out**) to cover or exist across a large area

spread over

the forest that spread over the whole of that region

spread throughout

The company has more than 2,500 shops spread throughout the UK.

5. SOFT SUBSTANCE [intransitive and transitive] to put a soft substance over a surface, or to be soft enough to be put over a surface

spread something on/over something

He spread plaster on the walls.

spread something with something

Spread the toast thinly with jam.

If you warm up the butter, it'll spread more easily.

Spread the nut mixture evenly over the bottom.

6. ARMS/FINGERS ETC [transitive] if you spread your arms, fingers, or legs, you move them far apart:

He shrugged and spread his hands.

7. OVER TIME [transitive] (also **spread out**) to do something over a period of time, rather than at one time

spread something over something

Could I spread the repayments over a longer period?

There will be 12 concerts spread throughout the summer.

8. SHARE [transitive] to share or divide something among several people or things

spread the load/burden

The bills are sent out on different dates to spread the workload on council staff.

They want the country's wealth to be more evenly spread.

9. SMILE/LOOK [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] if an expression spreads over someone's face, it slowly appears on their face

spread over/across

A slow smile spread over her face.

10. spread your wings

a) to start to have an independent life and experience new things:

A year spent studying abroad should allow him to spread his wings a bit.

b) if a bird or insect spreads its wings, it stretches them wide

11.

a) **be spread (too) thin/thinly** if money, effort etc is spread thin, it is being used for many things so there is not enough for each thing:

They complained that resources were spread too thinly.

b) **spread yourself too thin** to try to do too many things at the same time so that you do not do any of them effectively

12. spread seeds/manure/fertilizer to scatter seeds, ↑manure etc on the ground

⇒ **spread your net wide** at ↑net¹(8)

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meanings 1 & 2)

■ nouns

▪ **a disease spreads/is spread** (=among a group of people) The disease is spread by mosquitoes.

▪ **a cancer/infection spreads** (=in someone's body) The cancer had spread to his brain.

▪ **news/word spreads** As news of his death spread, his army disintegrated.

▪ **spread the news/the word** He has been spreading the word about ways to beat heart disease.

▪ **spread a story** (also **spread a rumour** *British English*, **spread a rumor** *American English*) When Brown's hotel burned down, Clark spread the rumor that Forsyth was to blame.

▪ **a story spreads** (also **a rumour spreads** *British English*, **a rumor spreads** *American English*) It was the sort of story that would spread like wildfire.

▪ **spread lies/gossip** How dare you spread such vicious lies! | Has someone been spreading malicious gossip?

▪ **spread terror/panic** The murders were clearly intended to spread terror.

▪ **fire spreads (also flames spread)** The fire had spread to a nearby shed.

▪ **violence/fighting spreads** There is no indication that the violence is likely to spread.

▪ **sb's fame/reputation spreads** Their musical fame has spread far beyond their native country.

■ adverbs

▪ **spread rapidly/quickly** The fire spread rapidly, consuming many of the houses.

■ phrases

▪ **spread like wildfire** (=spread extremely quickly) The news spread like wildfire through the town.

spread out *phrasal verb*

1. if a group of people spread out, they move apart from each other so that they cover a wider area:

▪ The search party spread out to search the surrounding fields.

2. **spread something ↔ out** to open something out or arrange a group of things on a flat surface:

▪ Sue spread out her notes on the kitchen table and began to write.

3. (also **be spread out**) to cover a large area:

▪ The city spread out below her looked so calm.

4. **spread something ↔ out** to do something over a period of time, rather than at one time

spread something ↔ out over

▪ The course is spread out over four days.

II. spread² *BrE* *AmE* *noun*

1. **INCREASE** [*singular*] when something affects or is known about by more people or involves a larger area ⇒ **increase**

spread of

▪ an attempt to stop the spread of nuclear weapons

▪ the rapid spread of cholera in Latin America

2. **SOFT FOOD** [*uncountable and countable*]

a) a soft substance made from vegetable oil that is used like butter:

▪ one slice of toast with a low-fat spread

b) a soft food which you spread on bread

cheese/chocolate etc spread

3. **RANGE** [*singular*] a range of people or things

wide/broad/good spread of something

▪ We have a good spread of ages in the department.

▪ a broad spread of investments

4. **AREA** [*singular*] the total area in which something exists:

▪ the geographical spread of the company's hotels

5. **double-page spread/centre spread** a special article or advertisement in a newspaper or magazine, which covers two pages or covers the centre pages:

▪ There's a double-page spread in Sunday's paper.

6. **LARGE MEAL** [*singular*] *informal* a large meal for several guests on a special occasion:

▪ Tom's mum laid on a huge spread.

7. **HAND/WINGS** [*uncountable*] the area covered when the fingers of a hand, or a bird's wings, are fully stretched

8. **BED COVER** [*countable*] a ↑**bedspread**

9. **MONEY** [*countable*] *technical* the difference between the prices at which something is bought and sold, or the ↑**interest** rates for lending and borrowing money

spread between

▪ the spread between the city banks' loan rates and deposit rates

10. **SPORT** [*singular*] *American English* the number of points between the scores of two opposing teams:

▪ a four-point spread

11. **spread of land/water** an area of land or water

12. **FARM** [*countable*] *American English* a large farm or ↑**ranch**

⇒ **middle-aged spread** at ↑**middle-aged**(3)

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THESAURUS

▪ **farm** an area of land, used for growing crops or keeping animals: a 300-hectare farm | a dairy farm | a sheep farm

▪ **ranch** a very large farm in the western US, Canada, or South America where sheep, cattle, or horses are bred: a cattle ranch in Wyoming

▪ **smallholding** *British English* a piece of land used for farming, that is smaller than an ordinary farm: a smallholding used for organic farming

▪ **plantation** a large area of land in a hot country, where crops such as tea, cotton, and sugar are grown: a rubber plantation | a tea plantation

▪ **homestead** a piece of land for farming that was given to people in the past by the US and Canadian governments: He still farms on the family homestead, a hundred years after his grandfather received it.

▪ **spread** *American English informal* an area of land used for farming or ranching: They have a pretty big spread just south of the Canadian border.

▪ **market garden** an area of land, often with ↑**greenhouses** on it, used for growing vegetables and fruit: He runs his own market garden, and sells his produce to the big supermarkets.

▪ **orchard** an area of land with trees, used for growing fruit: an apple orchard | cherry orchards

▪ **allotment** *British English* a small area of land of land, especially in a town or city, which you can use for growing your own

- vegetables. The land is usually owned by the local council, who charge a very low rent: We grew the tomatoes on our allotment.
- **agriculture** the practice of farming: More than 75% of the land is used for agriculture.
 - **arable** *adjective* relating to growing crops: a lack of arable land

spread

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