

mountain

[ˈmaʊntɪn] *n*

1. гора
 mountain chain /range/ [stream, pass, air, climate, plants, flowers] - горная цепь [речка, -ый перевал, -ый воздух, -ый климат, -ые растения, -ые цветы]
 mountain cure - лечение горным воздухом
2. масса, куча, множество
 a mountain of debts [of difficulties] - масса /куча/ долгов [неприятностей]
3. (the Mountain) *уст.* «Гора» (партия монтаньяров во Франции)
4. сорт малаги (*тж.* mountain wine)
 ◇ to make a mountain out of a molehill - *пл* делать из мухи слона
 the mountain has brought forth a mouse - гора родила мышь
 if the mountain won't come to Mohammed, Mohammed must go to the mountain - *посл.* если гора не идёт к Магомету, то Магомет идёт к горе

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moun·tain [mountain mountains] *BrE* ['maʊntən] ^{us} *NAmE* ['maʊntn] ^{us} **noun**



1. a very high hill, often with rocks near the top
 - a **chain/range of mountains**
 - to climb a mountain
 - We spent a week walking **in the mountains** .
 - to enjoy the **mountain air/scenery**
 - **mountain roads/streams/villages**
 - a **mountain rescue team**
 - There is still snow on the mountain tops.



2. ~ **of sth** (*informal*) a very large amount or number of sth
 - a mountain of work
 - We made mountains of sandwiches.
 - the problem of Europe's butter mountain (= the large amount of butter that has to be stored because it is not needed)

I diom ↑**make a mountain out of a molehill**

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **montaigne**, based on Latin **mons**, **mont-** 'mountain' .

Thesaurus:

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- They took three days to climb the mountain.

hill • • **peak** • • **summit** • • **ridge** • • **highlands** • • **foothills** • • **fell** • |especially **BrE moor** • • **moorland** •

Opp: valley

on a mountain/a hill/a peak/the summit/a ridge/the fells/the moors

in the mountains/hills/highlands/foothills/fells

climb a mountain/hill/peak/ridge/fell

Example Bank:

- Between the two towns was 50 miles of mountain country.
- Many people come simply to enjoy the fresh mountain air.
- Many people come to the resort simply to enjoy the fresh mountain air.
- Mountains loom in the distance.
- She arranged to meet the others halfway up the mountain.
- The earth tremor made the mountains shake.
- The enquiry generated a mountain of paperwork.

- The invading army could only penetrate the mountain barrier at one point.
- The mountains fall to the east to the flat expanse of the plateau.
- The mountains here rise to well over 2 000 m.
- The school was facing a mountain of debt.
- The surrounding mountains make the city difficult to evacuate.
- They revealed a solution to reduce Europe's butter mountain.
- This type of goat lives high up in the mountains.
- Towering mountains surrounded the town.
- We crossed the rugged mountain heights.
- We enjoy walking in the mountains.
- a chain/range of mountains
- a large window overlooking the mountains
- a mountain-rescue team
- a pass through the mountains
- the holy mountain of the Lapp community
- We spent a week walking in the mountains.
- We stopped to enjoy the mountain scenery.
- mountain roads/streams/villages

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moun **tain** **S3** **W3** /'maʊntən, 'maʊntɪn \$ 'maʊntən/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun* [countable]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: montaigne, from Latin montanus, from mons; ⇒ [↑]mount²]

1. a very high hill:

- the highest mountain in Austria
- the Rocky Mountains
- a steep mountain road
- magnificent mountain ranges (=lines of mountains)
- snow-capped mountain peaks (=tops of mountains)
- a mountain rescue team (=a group of experienced climbers who help people to safety from a mountain)
- She was the first British woman to climb the mountain.

2. a mountain of something/mountains of something a very large pile or amount of something:

- I 'vgot mountains of paperwork to deal with.
- Her husband went off with another woman and left her facing a mountain of debt.

3. food/butter etc mountain a very large amount of food, butter etc that has been produced but is not needed or used ⇒ **lake**

4. make a mountain out of a molehill to treat a problem as if it was very serious when in fact it is not

5. (have) a mountain to climb *British English* used to say that someone has a lot of work to do to achieve their aim, especially when you believe it will be difficult

6. move mountains to do things that seem impossible:

- I have great faith in the power of love to move mountains.

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COLLOCATIONS

■ adjectives

- **high** These mountains are much higher than any in Europe.
- **rugged mountains** (=rough and uneven) the spectacular scenery of rugged mountains
- **a snow-capped mountain** (=with snow on the top) beautiful views of snow-capped mountains
- **a distant mountain** (=far away) The sun was setting over the distant mountains.
- **a great mountain** (=a high, impressive mountain) Here, great mountains are all around.
- **a sacred mountain** (=considered holy) Mount Fuji is a sacred mountain.

■ verbs

- **go/walk up a mountain** (also **ascend a mountain formal**) Carrie and Albert went up the mountain, neither of them speaking as they climbed.
- **climb a mountain** (=walk and/or climb to the top of a mountain) Hillary had climbed all the big mountains in New Zealand.
- **go/walk down a mountain** She lost her way as she went down the mountain.
- **cross the mountains** We crossed the mountains between Spain and France.
- **mountains rise** (=go high into the sky) The mountains rise above the plains.
- **mountains soar/tower literary** (=go very high into the sky) The distant mountains soar abruptly towards the sky.

■ mountain + NOUN

- **a mountain range/chain** (=a number of mountains in a line) The Alps are the largest mountain range in Europe.
- **a mountain top** Until the end of June you may find snow on the mountain tops.
- **a mountain peak** (=the top of a mountain) Clouds hid the mountain peaks.
- **a mountain slope** (=the sides of a mountain) Snow lay on the steep mountain slopes.
- **a mountain pass** (=a path or road between mountains) Their journey took them through river valleys and over mountain passes.
- **a mountain stream** The water was as clear and cold as a mountain stream.
- **mountain air** a walk in the clear mountain air
- **mountain rescue** (=people who help people who are in difficulty on a mountain) Mountain rescue teams were called out to search for the missing climbers.

■ phrases

- **the top of a mountain** (also **the summit of a mountain formal**) We climbed to the top of the mountain.

- **the foot of a mountain** (=the bottom of a mountain) We'll take the car to the foot of the mountain and walk from there.
- **the side of a mountain** The path wound up the side of the mountain.

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THESAURUS

- **mountain** a very high hill: the highest mountain in Austria
- **hill** an area of land that is higher than the land around it, which is like a mountain but smaller and usually has a rounded top: We went for a walk in the hills. | The house is surrounded by woods, farmland and gentle hills.
- **Mount** (also **Mt** *written abbreviation*) used in the names of mountains. Don't say 'Fuji Mountain' – say '**Mount Fuji**': Mount Everest
- **cliff** the steep side of an area of land, often next to the sea: the white cliffs of Dover
- **precipice** *especially literary* a very steep and dangerous cliff: They were standing on the edge of a precipice.
- **crag** a high steep rock or mountain: An eagle sailed over the high crags.
- **ridge** a long narrow area of high ground, especially at the top of a mountain: I could see a group of climbers high up on a ridge.
- **knoll** a small round hill: a grassy knoll
- **volcano** a mountain with a large hole at the top, through which ↑**lava** (=hot liquid rock) is sometimes forced out: the eruption of a volcano
- **summit** the very highest point of a mountain: the summit of Mt Everest
- **peak** *especially literary* the top of a mountain: the snow-covered peaks of the Himalayas | a distant peak
- **range/chain** a group of mountains or hills arranged in a line: the mountain range that is part of the border between Norway and Sweden
- **foothills** a group of smaller hills below a range of high mountains: the Sierra foothills

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