

**bottom****1. ['bɒtəm] n****1. низ, нижняя часть; конец**

the bottom of a tree - комель

the bottom of a mountain - основание /подножие/ горы

from top to bottom - сверху донизу

at the bottom of a page - внизу страницы

at the bottom of the stairs - на нижней площадке лестницы

at the bottom of the pocket - в глубине кармана

at the bottom of a table - в конце стола

to be at the bottom of the class - быть последним учеником в классе

**2. суть, основа, основание**

at (the) bottom - в основе; по сути

he is at bottom a good-hearted fellow - в сущности он добродушный парень

to be at the bottom of smth. - быть подлинной причиной *или* источником чего-л.

her headache was at the bottom of her grumpy behaviour - на самом деле её ворчливость вызвана головной болью

to get to the bottom of smth. - добраться до сути чего-л.

**3. дно (моря, реки, озера)**

to go [to send] to the bottom - пойти [пустить] ко дну

to take the bottom - *мор.* сесть на грунт /на мель/

to touch bottom - а) коснуться дна, достать до дна; б) достигнуть предельно низкого уровня; the market has touched /has reached/ bottom - цены на рынке упали до самого низкого уровня; в) совершенно опуститься

**4. дно, днище**

bottom door - трап, люк

bottom escape - десантный люк (*боевой машины*)

the bottom of a bucket [of a cup] - дно ведра [чашки]

to drain /to empty/ a goblet to the bottom - осушить бокал до дна

**5. мор.****1) днище; подводная часть корабля****2) судно (торговое)**

goods imported in British bottoms - товар, ввезённый на британских судах

**6. сиденье (стула)****7. разг.****1) зад**

I'll smack your bottom - я тебя отшлёпаю, я тебе дам по попке

**2) задняя часть брюк****8. запас жизненных сил, выносливость; крепость (человека, лошади и т. п.)**

a horse of good bottom - очень крепкая /выносливая/ лошадь

**9. ложе реки****10. 1) стр. основание, фундамент****2) метал. под****3) геол. постель, грунт, почва; подстилающая порода**

bottom soil - подпочва

**4) текст. грунт, протрава, закрепитель красителя****11. басовые или баритональные инструменты в оркестре**

◇ at the bottom of the heart - в глубине души

from the bottom of the heart - из глубины души, от всего сердца

to have no bottom - быть неистощимым /неисчерпаемым/

to scrape the bottom of the barrel - ≅ скрести по сусекам

to knock the bottom out of smth. - выбить почву из-под ног; подорвать, опровергнуть, свести на нет (*аргумент, теорию и т. п.*)

this news has knocked the bottom out of my life - то, что я узнал, перевернуло всю мою жизнь

the bottom falls out (of) - ≅ почва уходит из-под ног

there's no bottom to it - этому нет конца; этому конца и края не видно

bottoms up! - пей до дна!

to stand on one's own bottom - быть независимым

every tub must stand on its own bottom - ≅ каждый должен сам о себе заботиться

**2. ['bɒtəm] a****1. 1) самый нижний**

bottom shelf - нижняя полка

bottom rung - нижняя ступенька приставной лестницы

bottom row - нижний ряд

**2) последний, крайний**

bottom price - крайняя цена

**2. находящийся на дне**

bottom fish - донная рыба

**3. служащий причиной; лежащий в основе**

◇ bottom drawer - ящик комода, в котором хранится приданое невесты

to bet one's bottom dollar - *амер. разг. см.* bet II ◇

### 3. ['bɒtəm] v

1. **приделывать дно, низ, сиденье**  
to bottom a chair - приделать сиденье к стулу
2. **касаться дна; измерять глубину**
3. **добираться до сути, искать причину; вникать, понимать**  
to bottom smb.'s plans [arguments] - понять чьи-л. планы [доводы]
4. 1) (on, upon) **обыкн. pass** **основывать; давать обоснование**  
his arguments were bottomed on good practical sense - он рассуждал вполне здраво
- 2) **книжн.** **основываться**  
on what do his arguments bottom? - на чём основываются его доводы?
5. **мех.** **грунтовать**

## bottom

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**bot·tom** [bottom bottoms bottomed bottoming] **noun, adjective, verb** BrE

['bɒtəm] <sup>1</sup> **NAmE** ['bɑːtəm] <sup>2</sup>

**noun**

### LOWEST PART

1. **countable, usually singular** ~ (of sth) **the lowest part of sth**

- Footnotes are given at the bottom of each page.
- The wind blew through gaps at the top and bottom of the door.
- I waited for them at the bottom of the hill.
- The book I want is right at the bottom (= of the pile) .

**Opp:** ↑top

- farmers who lived in the valley bottoms

2. **countable, usually singular** ~ (of sth) **the part of sth that faces downwards and is not usually seen**

- The manufacturer's name is on the bottom of the plate.

### OF CONTAINER

3. **countable, usually singular** ~ (of sth) **the lowest surface on the inside of a container**

- I found some coins at the bottom of my bag.
- Allow the tea leaves to settle to the bottom of the cup.

### OF RIVER/POOL

4. **singular** **the ground below the water in a lake, river, swimming pool, etc**

- He dived in and hit his head on the bottom.
- I feel safe as long as I can touch the bottom.

### END OF STH

5. **the** ~ (of sth) **singular (especially BrE) the part of sth that is furthest from you, your house, etc**

- I went to the school at the bottom of our street.
- There was a stream at the bottom of the garden.

### LOWEST POSITION

6. **singular** ~ (of sth) **the lowest position in a class, on a list, etc; a person, team, etc. that is in this position**

- a battle between the teams at the bottom of the league
- You have to be prepared to start at the bottom and work your way up.
- I was always bottom of the class in math.

**Opp:** ↑top

### PART OF BODY

7. **countable (especially BrE) the part of the body that you sit on**

**Syn:** ↑backside, **Syn:** ↑behind

### CLOTHING

8. **countable, usually plural** **the lower part of a set of clothes that consists of two pieces**

- a bikini bottom
- a pair of pyjama/tracksuit bottoms

**compare** ↑top

### OF SHIP

9. **countable** **the lower part of a ship that is below the surface of the water**

**Syn:** ↑hull

### -BOTTOMED

10. (in adjectives) **having the type of bottom mentioned**

- a flat-bottomed boat

**more at** at the top/bottom of the heap **at** ↑heap <sub>n.</sub>, from the (bottom of your) heart **at** ↑heart, (at the) bottom/top of the pile **at** ↑pile

n., scrape (the bottom of) the barrel **at** ↑scrape v., from top to bottom **at** ↑top n., touch bottom **at** ↑touch v.

### Word Origin:

Old English botm, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **bodem** 'bottom, ground' and German **Boden** 'ground, earth'.

### Thesaurus:

**bottom** noun C, usually sing.

- There are notes at the bottom of each page.

**base** • • **foot** • • **foundation** •

**Opp:** top

**at/near/towards** the bottom/base/foot of sth  
**on** the bottom/base of sth

**Bottom or foot?** **Foot** is used in more literary contexts, and especially with **tree**, **hill**, **mountain**, **stairs**, **steps** and **page**.

**Bottom** is used for a much wider range of things.

### Synonyms:

**bottom**

**base** • **foundation** • **foot**

These are all words for the lowest part of sth.

**bottom** • [usually sing.] the lowest part of sth: ▪ Footnotes are given at the bottom of each page. ◊▪ I waited for them at the bottom of the hill.

**base** • [usually sing.] the lowest part of sth, especially the part or surface on which it rests or stands: ▪ The lamp has a heavy base.

**foundation** • [usually pl.] a layer of bricks, concrete, etc. that forms the solid underground base of a building: ▪ to ▪ lay the foundations ▪ of the new school

**foot** • [sing.] the lowest part of sth: ▪ At the foot of the stairs she turned to face him.

**bottom or foot?**

**Foot** is used to talk about a limited number of things: it is used most often with **tree**, **hill/mountain**, **steps/stairs** and **page**. **Bottom** can be used to talk about a much wider range of things, including those mentioned above for **foot**. **Foot** is generally used in more literary contexts.

**at/near/towards** the bottom/base/foot of sth

**on** the bottom/base of sth

(a) **firm/solid/strong** base/foundation(s)

### Example Bank:

- He reached the bottom of the steps in no time.
- He started at the bottom and worked his way up through the company.
- He's near the bottom of the class.
- I'd love to know what lies at the bottom of all this.
- Line the bottom of the cage with newspaper.
- She could only just touch the bottom.
- The boat sank to the bottom of the sea.
- The only way to get to the bottom of it is to confront the chairman.
- We rode along the bottom of the valley.
- a case with a false bottom
- at the bottom of the hill
- in the bottom of my bag
- on the bottom of the box
- strange sounds from the bottom of the well
- The book I want is right at the bottom.

Idioms: ↑**at bottom** ▪ at the bottom of something ▪ ↑**bottom drops out** ▪ ↑**bottoms up!** ▪ ↑**get to the bottom of something**

Derived ↑**bottom out**

### adjective only before noun

in the lowest, last or furthest place or position

- the bottom line (on a page)
- your bottom lip
- the bottom step (of a flight of stairs)
- on the bottom shelf
- Put your clothes in the bottom drawer.
- Their house is at the bottom end of Bury Road (= the end furthest from where you enter the road).
- in the bottom right-hand corner of the page
- the bottom end of the price range
- to go up a hill in bottom gear
- We **came bottom** (= got the worst result) with 12 points.

**see** you can bet your life/your bottom dollar (on sth/(that)...) **at** ↑**bet** v.

**see also** ↑**rock-bottom**

### Word Origin:

verb

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	bottom
	BrE / 'bɒtəm/
	NAmE / 'bɑ:təm/
he / she / it	bottoms
	BrE / 'bɒtəmz/
	NAmE / 'bɑ:təmz/
past simple, past participle	bottomed
	BrE / 'bɒtəmd/
	NAmE / 'bɑ:təmd/
-ing form	bottoming
	BrE / 'bɒtəmiŋ/
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**bottom**

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I. **bottom**<sup>1</sup> **S1 W3** /'bɒtəm \$ 'bɑ:ɒ-/ **BrE** <sup>m</sup> **AmE** <sup>e</sup> **noun**

[Language: Old English; Origin: botm]

1. **LOWEST PART** **the bottom** the lowest part of something **OPP the top**

**the bottom of**

" Can you hold the bottom of the ladder for me?

**at the bottom (of something)**

" Grandma was standing at the bottom of the stairs.

" at the bottom of the page

" Go downstairs and wait for me at the bottom.

**the bottom of the page/screen**

" There should be a menu bar at the bottom of your screen.

2. **LOWEST SIDE** [countable usually singular] the flat surface on the lowest side of an object

**the bottom of something**

" What's that on the bottom of your shoe?

3. **LOWEST INNER PART** [countable usually singular] the lowest inner surface of something such as a container

**at/in the bottom of something**

" I found the keys – they were at the bottom of my handbag.

" The drugs had been hidden in a suitcase with a false bottom.

4. **LOWEST SOCIAL POSITION/RANK** **the bottom** the lowest position in an organization or company **OPP the top**

**the bottom of**

" The Giants are at the bottom of the league.

**the bottom of the ladder/pile/heap** (=the lowest position in society, an organization etc)

" Immigrants were at the bottom of the pile.

" Higgins had started at the bottom (=in a low position in a company) and worked his way up to become managing director.

**second/third etc from bottom**

" United currently lie second from bottom of the Premier League.

5. **OCEAN/RIVER** **the bottom** the ground under a sea, river etc, or the flat land in a valley

**the bottom of**

" The bottom of the pool is very slippery.

**at/on the bottom (of something)**

" A body was found at the bottom of the canal.

**the sea/river bottom**

" fish living on the sea bottom

6. **BODY** [countable] the part of your body that you sit on **SYN backside**:

" I just sat on my bottom and slid down.

7. **CLOTHES** [countable usually plural] the part of a set of clothes that you wear on the lower part of your body:

" pyjama bottoms

" a blue bikini bottom

8. **FURTHEST PART** **the bottom of a road/garden etc especially British English** the part of a road, area of land etc that is furthest from where you are:

" There's a shop at the bottom of the street.

9. **get to the bottom of something** to find out the cause of a problem or situation:

" I never got to the bottom of this!

10. **be/lie at the bottom of something** to be the basic cause of a problem or situation:

" Lack of money is at the bottom of many family problems.

11. **be at/hit/reach rock bottom**

a) to be in a very bad situation that could not be any worse:

" I was at rock bottom, and knew I had to try and stop drinking.

b) to be at a very low level:

" We bought the house when prices were at rock bottom.

12. **from the bottom of your heart** in a very sincere way:

" Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

13. **the bottom drops/falls out of the market** when people stop buying a particular product, so that the people who sell it can no longer make any money

14. **bottoms up!** *spoken* used to tell someone to enjoy or finish their alcoholic drink

15. **big-bottomed/round-bottomed etc** having a bottom or base that is big, round etc

16. **at bottom** *formal* the way a person or situation really is, although they may seem different:

" She's a good kind person at bottom.

⇒ **top**,

⇒ **you can bet your bottom dollar** at ↑bet<sup>1</sup>(4), ⇒ **knock the bottom out of** at ↑knock<sup>1</sup>(25), ⇒ **from top to bottom** at ↑top<sup>1</sup>(21),

⇒ **the bottom of the list** at ↑list<sup>1</sup>(2), ⇒ **scrape the bottom of the barrel** at ↑scrape<sup>1</sup>(5)

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### THESAURUS

- **the bottom** the lowest part of something: The house is at the bottom of that hill. | She scrolled down to the bottom of the screen.
- **the underneath/the underside** the bottom surface on the outside of something: You will find the serial number on the underneath of the vacuum cleaner.
- **base** the lowest part or the wide bottom part on which something stands: The lamp has a square base. | He had broken a bone at the base of his spine.
- **the foot** *literary* the bottom of a tree, a hill, or some stairs: There was a small village at the foot of the mountain.
- **bed** the ground at the bottom of a river, a lake, or the sea: the sea bed | They found some interesting stones on the riverbed.
- **the foundations** the layer of cement and stones that forms the bottom of a building: The builders have begun laying the foundations for the house.

### II. **bottom**<sup>2</sup> S1 W3 BrE <sup>Ⓜ</sup> AmE <sup>Ⓜ</sup> adjective

1. [**only before noun**] in the lowest place or position **OPP top**:

" It's on the bottom shelf.

" The towels are in the bottom drawer.

" You've got some butter on your bottom lip.

" the bottom right-hand corner of the page

2. [**not before noun**] the least important, successful etc **OPP top**:

" I was bottom of the class (=the least successful student) in Spanish.

" Britain came bottom on efforts to tackle pollution and global warming.

3. [**only before noun**] *especially British English* in the place furthest away from where you are:

" the bottom field

4. **bottom gear** the lowest ↑gear of a vehicle

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### COLLOCATIONS

#### ■ nouns

- **the bottom drawer/shelf** My passport's in the bottom drawer of my desk.
- **the bottom step** Jenna sat on the bottom step.
- **the bottom corner** Look at the bottom left-hand corner of your screen.
- **the bottom row** That's me in the middle of the bottom row of the photograph.
- **the bottom half** There were only two windows in the bottom half of the building.
- **the bottom rung** (=of a ladder) I put my foot on the bottom rung and started to climb.
- **sb's bottom lip** Her bottom lip trembled and she started to cry.

### III. **bottom**<sup>3</sup> BrE <sup>Ⓜ</sup> AmE <sup>Ⓜ</sup> verb

#### **bottom out** *phrasal verb*

if a situation, price etc bottoms out, it stops getting worse or lower, usually before improving again ⇒ **level off/out**:

" There are signs that the recession has bottomed out.

### bottom

12500 **1741**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **1139**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **1k** BOTTOM 40208

bottom 37594

bottoms 1686

bottomed 225

bottoming 128

bottomless 575

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

15997 **1781**<sup>24163</sup> *nn1*

9533 **3257**<sup>12796</sup> *jj*

448 **30797**<sup>532</sup> *vvi*

84 **81517**<sup>87</sup> *vv0*

11 **245264**<sup>11</sup> *nnu*

5 **388156**<sup>5</sup> *np1*