hop [hop hops hopped hopping] verb, noun BrE [hpp] \*

verb (-pp-)

- kids hopping over puddles
- He was hopping from foot to foot.
- 2. intransitive + adv./prep. (of an animal or a bird) to move by jumping with all or both feet together
  - A robin was hopping around on the path.
  - The frog hopped towards him.
- intransitive + adv./prep. (informal) to go or move somewhere quickly and suddenly
- Hop in, I'll drive you home.
- She hopped out of the car at the traffic lights.
- to hop into/out of bed
- I hopped on the next train.
- We hopped over to Paris for the weekend.
- 4. transitive ~ a plane, bus, train, etc. (NAmE) to get on a plane, bus, etc.
- 5. intransitive ~ (from sth to sth) to change from one activity or subject to another

- I like to hop from channel to channel when I watch TV.
- She's always hopping from one project to the next.

Verb forms:

| verb forms                   |               |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| present simple               |               |
| 1 / you / we /they           | hap           |
|                              | BrE /hop/     |
|                              | NAmE /ha:p/   |
| he / she /it                 | hops          |
|                              | BrE /hops/    |
|                              | NAmE /ha:ps/  |
| past simple, past participle | hopped        |
|                              | BrE /hopt/    |
|                              | NAmE /ha:pt/  |
| -ing form                    | happing       |
|                              | BrE /hopin/   |
|                              | NAmE /ha:piŋ/ |

# Word Origin:

- v. and n. senses 1 to 3 n. sense 6 Old English hoppian Germanic German hopfen German hopsen
- n. senses 4 to 5 late Middle English hoppe 'ripened hop cones for flavouringmalt liquor' Middle Low German Middle Dutch

# Example Bank:

- · He hopped up and down impatiently.
- She waited by the car, hopping from foot to foot to keep warm.
- · birds hopping around on the grass
- · He hopped painfully from foot to foot.
- · Hop in. I'll drive you home.
- · I couldn't put any weight on my ankle and had to hop everywhere
- I dumped my bags at a motel and hopped a cab to the outskirts of town.
- I hopped a plane for New York.
- I hopped on the next bus.
- The little girl hopped and skipped along the lane.

Idioms: \(^\text{hop it = }^\text{hop to it}\)

### noun

hop

- 1. countable a short jump by a person on one foot
  - He crossed the hall with a hop, skip and a jump.
- 2. countable a short jump by an animal or a bird with all or both feet together
- 3. countable a short journey, especially by plane
- 4. countable a tall climbing plant with green female flowers that are shaped like \(^1\)cones
- 5. hops plural the green female flowers of the hop plant that have been dried, used for making beer
- 6. countable (old-fashioned, informal) a social event at which people dance in an informal way see also hip hop, see catch sb on the hop at catch v

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#### Example Bank:

- She gave a little hop and a skip to keep up with his long strides.
- · He crossed the hall with a hop, a skip and a jump.
- It's only a short hop to Paris.

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I. hop ¹ /hpp \$ ha □ p BrE \* verb (past tense and past participle hopped, present AmE \* participle hopping)

[Language: Old English; Origin: hoppian]

- 1. JUMP [intransitive] to move by jumping on one foot:
  - a little girl hopping and skipping
- 2. [intransitive] if a bird, an insect, or a small animal hops, it moves by making quick short jumps
- 3. [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] informal to move somewhere quickly or suddenly:
  - Hop in I'll drive you home.
  - Patrick hopped out of bed and quickly got dressed.
- 4. hop a plane /bus/train etc American English informal to get on a plane, bus, train etc, especially after suddenly deciding to do
  - So we hopped a bus to Phoenix that night.
- 5. hop it! British English old-fashioned used to rudely tell someone to go away
- 6. hopping mad informal very angry SYN furious

# **THESAURUS**

- jump verb [intransitive and transitive] to push yourself up into the air, oversomething etc, using your legs: The cat jumped up onto the table. | He jumped overthe stream. | His horse jumped the fence successfully.
- **skip** *verb* [intransitive] to move forwards with little jumps between your steps, especially because you are feeling happy: The little girl was skipping down the street.
- hop verb [intransitive] to jump or move around on one leg: He was hopping around because he'd injured his foot.
- **leap** *verb* [intransitive and transitive] *especially written* to suddenly jump up high or a long way: The deer leapt over the fence. | Tina leapt onto the boat as it was moving away. | Fish were leaping out of the water.
- **bounce** *verb* [intransitive] to jump up and down several times, especially on something that has springs in it: Children love bouncing on beds.
- dive verb [intransitive] to jump into water with your head and arms first: Zoë dived into the swimming pool.
- vault /vɔ l\$ vɒ lt verb [intransitive and transitive] especially written to jump oversomething in one movement, using your hands or a pole to help you: He vaulted the ticket barrier and ran for the exit. | Ben tried to vault over the bar.

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II. hop<sup>2</sup> BrE AmE noun [countable]
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[Sense 1-2, 4-5: Date: 1500-1600; Origin: ⇒ †hop¹] [Sense 3: Date: 1400-1500; Language: Middle Dutch; Origin: hoppe]

- 1. catch somebody on the hop to do something when someone is not expecting it and is not ready
- 2. JUMP a short jump
- 3. PLANT
  - a) hops [plural] parts of dried flowers used for making beer, which give the beer a bitter taste
  - b) the tall plant on which these flowers grow
- 4. FLIGHT a single short journey by plane:
  - It's just a short hop from Cleveland to Detroit.
- 5. DANCE old-fashioned a social event at which people dance ⇒ HIP-HOP

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