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1. [teə] *n*

- 1) разрыв, разрывание
- 2) прореха; дыра
a tear in a dress - дыра на платье
- 2) 1) стремительный галоп *или* шаг
full tear - стремглав, опрометью
to go full tear - нестись опрометью, мчаться со всех ног
- 2) спешка
3. *амер. разг.* кутёж
to go on a tear - кутить напропалую
4. 1) страсть, неистовство
- 2) бешенство
to be in a tear - быть в бешенстве, быть вне себя
5. *тех.* задираание
◇ tear and wear, wear and tear *см.* wear and tear

2. [teə] *v* (*tore; torn*)

1. 1) разрывать, рвать
to tear paper - рвать бумагу
to tear one's hair - рвать на себе волосы (в отчаянии)
to tear a dress on a nail - порвать платье о гвоздь
to tear smth. to pieces - порвать что-л. в клочья [*ср. тж.* ◇]
to tear smth. in two - разорвать что-л. пополам
to tear open an envelope - вскрыть конверт
to tear a sheet of paper lengthwise - разорвать листок бумаги вдоль
- 2) рваться, разрываться; изнашиваться
this silk tears easily - этот шёлк легко рвётся
- 3) подрывать; чернить, смешивать с грязью
to tear smb.'s character to shreds - ничего не оставить от чьей-л. репутации, полностью дискредитировать кого-л.
- 4) *диал.* раскалывать; разрушать
2. (at)
- 1) раздирать
to tear at the lining - отдирать подкладку
- 2) терзать
to tear at smb.'s heart - разрывать /терзаты/ чье-л. сердце, вызывать душевную боль
- 3) набрасываться, накидываться (*на кого-л.*)
to tear at each other - наброситься друг на друга
3. ранить
to tear one's hands on barbed wire - поранить руки о колючую проволоку
4. *обыкн. pass*
- 1) нарушать спокойствие
a country torn by civil war - страна, раздираемая на части гражданской войной
- 2) терзать, раздирать
torn with remorse - мучимый угрызениями совести
a heart torn by /with/ grief - сердце, истерзанное горем
to be torn between smth. - разрываться на части /колебаться/ между чем-л.
5. пронзать, прорезать
the shouts tore the silence - тишину прорезали крики
6. выдёргивать, вырывать, вытягивать; выхватывать, отнимать
to tear several pages out of the book - вырвать из книги несколько страниц
7. *разг.*
- 1) нестись стремглав, опрометью; мчаться, рваться
to tear along the road - нестись по дороге
to tear down [up] the gorge - мчаться вниз [вверх] по ущелью
to tear upstairs [downstairs] - мчаться вверх [вниз] по лестнице
to tear out of the room - вырваться из комнаты
- 2) неистовствовать; бушевать, свирепствовать; горячиться
8. (into)
- 1) врываться
to tear into a room - ворваться в комнату
- 2) налетать, неся разрушения
the hurricanes tore into the coasts - ураганы прошли вдоль береговой линии, разрушая всё на своём пути
an enormous shell tore into the house - громадный снаряд попал в дом и разорвался
- 3) *разг.* набрасываться, накидываться
a legion of critics tore into him - полчища критиков набросились на него
9. (from) отрывать
he could not tear himself from that spot - он не мог расстаться с этим местом
10. (through)

1) проезжать (через что-л.) на большой скорости
to tear through France - стремительно пересечь Францию

2) пробивать

to tear a way through the wall - пробить проход в стене

◇ to tear smth. to pieces /to tatters/ - разнести /раскритиковать/ что-л.; разбить что-л. в пух и прах, камня на камне не оставить от чего-л. [ср. тж. 1, 1]]

to tear the guts out of smb. - вытянуть все жилы из кого-л.

to tear the guts of smth. - выхолостить что-л., свести что-л. на нет

to tear off a strip - пропесочить, отругать

that's torn it - теперь всему крышка

to tear up Jack - амер. диал. поднимать шум, скандалить

II

1. [tiə] n

1. слеза

bitter [crocodile] tears - горькие [крокодиловы] слёзы

in tears - в слезах; плачущий

to shed tears - проливать слёзы

to shed /to weep/ tears of blood - плакать кровавыми слезами

to burst into tears - расплакаться, разрыдаться

to move smb. to tears - растрогать кого-л. до слёз

she was on the verge of tears - она была готова расплакаться; слёзы подступили у неё к глазам, в её глазах закипали слёзы

it brought tears to her eyes - у неё на глаза от этого навернулись слёзы

2. pl горе, печаль

3. капля (росы, вина, смолы)

4. «слеза» (дефект стекла)

◇ to shed a tear for Nelson - помочиться, пописать

2. [tiə] v

слезиться

the smoke made his eyes tear - глаза у него слезились от дыма

tear

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▪ **tear** 1 [tear tears tore tearing torn] verb, noun BrE [teə(r)][Ⓜ] NAmE [ter][Ⓜ]

see also ↑tear²

verb (tore BrE [tɔː(r)][Ⓜ]; NAmE [tɔːr][Ⓜ] torn BrE [tɔː(r)][Ⓜ]; NAmE [tɔːrɪ][Ⓜ])

DAMAGE

1. **transitive, intransitive** to damage sth by pulling it apart or into pieces or by cutting it on sth sharp; to become damaged in this way

Syn: ↑rip

• ~ (sth) (+ adv./prep.) I tore my jeans on the fence.

• I tore a hole in my jeans.

• He tore the letter in two.

• a torn handkerchief

• Careful— the fabric tears very easily.

• ~ sth + adj. I tore the package open.

• I tore open the package.

2. **transitive** ~ sth in sth to make a hole in sth by force

Syn: ↑rip

• The blast tore a hole in the wall.

REMOVE FROM STH/SB

3. **transitive** ~ sth + adv./prep. to remove sth from sth else by pulling it roughly or violently

Syn: ↑rip

• The storm nearly tore the roof off.

• I tore another sheet from the pad.

• He tore his clothes off (= took them off quickly and carelessly) and dived into the lake.

4. **transitive** to pull yourself/sb away by force from sb/sth that is holding you or them

• ~ yourself/sb from sb/sth She tore herself from his grasp.

• ~ yourself/sb + adj. He tore himself free.

INJURE MUSCLE

5. **transitive** ~ sth to injure a muscle, etc. by stretching it too much

• a torn ligament

• She tore a calf muscle playing squash.

MOVE QUICKLY

6. **intransitive** + adv./prep. to move somewhere very quickly or in an excited way

• He tore off down the street.

• A truck tore past the gates.

TORN

7. (in adjectives) very badly affected or damaged by sth

- to bring peace to a strife-torn country
- a strike-torn industry

see also ↑war-torn

more at tear/rip the heart out of sth at ↑heart, tear/rip sb limb from limb at ↑limb, break/cut/tear loose from sb/sth at ↑loose adj.

pick/pull/tear sb to pieces/shreds at ↑piece n., pick/pull/tear sb to pieces/shreds at ↑shred n.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	tear
	BrE /tə(r)/
	NAme /tɛr/
he / she / it	tears
	BrE /tɛəz/
	NAme /tɛrz/
past simple	tore
	BrE /tɔː(r)/
	NAme /tɔːr/
past participle	torn
	BrE /tɔːn/
	NAme /tɔːn/
-ing form	tearing
	BrE /ˈtɛərɪŋ/
	NAme /ˈtɛrɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English teran Germanic Dutch **teren** German **zehren** Indo-European Greek **derein 'flay'**

Example Bank:

- He threatened to tear me limb from limb.
- His clothes were badly torn.
- One error and he would have been torn loose and hurled overboard by the squalling wind.
- Several pages had been torn out of the book.
- She tore her skirt on a nail.
- She tore herself free.
- She tore the label off the suitcase.
- She tore the letter open.
- She tore the piece of paper in half.
- The critics tore his last film to shreds.
- The fabric snagged and tore at the seams.
- A dog was tearing along the road beside the truck.
- He tore his clothes off and dived into the lake.
- He tore the package open.
- His jacket had been torn to shreds on the barbed wire.
- I felt like tearing my hair out in frustration.
- I tore a hole in my shirt.
- Our posters were torn down as quickly as we could put them up.
- Racial strife is tearing the country apart.
- She tore a page from her notebook.
- She's torn a ligament in her right hand.
- The girls looked at each other and tore off towards the house.

Idioms: ↑tear a strip off somebody ▪ ↑tear at your heart ▪ tear somebody apart/to shreds/to bits ▪ ↑tear somebody off a strip ▪ ↑tear your hair ▪ ↑tear your heart out ▪ tearing hurry ▪ ↑that's torn it ▪ ↑torn

Derived ↑tear at something ▪ ↑tear into somebody ▪ ↑tear somebody up ▪ ↑tear something apart ▪ ↑tear something away ▪ ↑tear something down ▪ ↑tear something up ▪ ↑tear yourself away

noun

a hole that has been made in sth by tearing

- This sheet has a tear in it.

see wear and tear at ↑wear n.

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• **II. tear** 2 [tear tears tore tearing torn] BrE [tɪə(r)]¹⁶ NAme [tɪr]¹⁶ noun usually plural

see also ↑tear 1 a drop of liquid that comes out of your eye when you cry

- A tear rolled down his face.
- She left the room **in tears** (= crying).
- He suddenly **burst into tears** (= began to cry).
- As he listened to the music, his **eyes filled with tears**.
- Their story will **move you to tears** (= make you cry).
- They **reduced her to tears** (= made her cry, especially by being cruel or unkind).

- Ann **wiped a tear** from her eye.
- The memory **brought a tear to her eye** (= made her cry) .
- Most of the audience was **on the verge of tears** .
- I was **close to tears** as I told them the news.
- Desperately she **fought back the tears** (= tried not to cry) .
- to **shed tears** of happiness
- tears of pain, joy, etc.
- The **tears welled up** in his eyes.

see blood, sweat and tears **at** ↑**blood** _{n,} bored to death/tears **at** ↑**bored**, crocodile tears **at** ↑**crocodile**, end in tears **at** ↑**tend** _{v,}

Derived Word ↑**teary**

Word Origin:

Old English **tēar** Germanic German **Zähre** Indo-European Old Latin **dacruma** Latin **lacrima** Greek **dakru**

Example Bank:

- He came to me in tears.
- He could never read the letter without tears coming to his eyes.
- He had to fight back tears of frustration.
- He shed no tears for his lost youth.
- He turned away to hide his tears.
- Her cheeks were wet with tears.
- Her eyes were blinded by scalding tears.
- Her tears brimmed over and fell on her cheek.
- Her tears spilled over her cheeks.
- His eyes filled with sudden tears.
- His eyes were bright with unshed tears.
- His father's angry shouting reduced the little boy to tears.
- I couldn't stop the tears.
- I picked the little girl up and helped dry her tears.
- I saw it all through a mist of tears.
- I wiped a stray tear from my eye.
- I won't shed any tears when Frank retires.
- It brings tears to your eyes to see the children having such fun.
- It turned out to be a lot of tears over nothing.
- More than once I came near to tears.
- She broke down in tears in court.
- She felt tears pricking her eyelids.
- She ran out of the room, tears streaming from her eyes.
- She tried to smile through her tears.
- She wept silent tears when she heard his name.
- Tears blurred his vision.
- Tears stood in Oliver's eyes.
- Tears streaked her face.
- There are times when suffering may be too deep for tears.
- There were angry tears in Lily's eyes.
- They weep crocodile tears for the poor and disadvantaged but are basically happy with things as they are.
- They weep crocodile tears for the poor, but do nothing to help.
- We were in floods of tears at the end of the film.
- tears of happiness
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tear

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1. **tear** ¹ **S3 W3** /tɪə \$ tɪr/ **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ **noun**

1. [countable usually plural] a drop of salty liquid that comes out of your eye when you are crying:

- The children were all in tears.
- She came home in floods of tears.
- I could see that Sam was close to tears.
- Bridget suddenly burst into tears and ran out.
- He was fighting back tears as he spoke.
- A lot of people were moved to tears by his story.
- He kissed her cheek, a gesture that brought tears to her eyes.

I must admit I shed a few tears when the school closed.

I saw grown men reduced to tears that day.

'Please don't talk like that,' Ellen implored him, her eyes filling with tears.

By this time, tears were streaming down my face.

The tears he shed were tears of joy.

2. **it'll (all) end in tears** *British English spoken* used to warn someone that something they are doing will cause problems or arguments between people

⇒ **bore somebody to tears** at ↑*bore*²(1), ⇒ **crocodile tears** at ↑*crocodile*(4)

COLLOCATIONS

phrases

- **be in tears** (=be crying) When Evelyn put the phone down, she was in tears.
- **be in floods of tears** *British English* (=be crying a lot) By the time she left, she was in floods of tears.
- **be close to/on the verge of tears** (=be almost crying) He could see that May was close to tears.
- **there are tears in sb's eyes** As she watched, there were tears of joy in her eyes.
- **tears of joy/frustration/rage etc** The tears he shed were tears of joy.

verbs

- **burst into tears** (=suddenly start crying) She burst into tears and begged me to stay.
- **break down in tears** (=suddenly start crying) I broke down in tears when I read the letter.
- **be moved to tears** (=be so upset that you cry) Members of the audience were moved to tears by her singing.
- **bring tears to sb's eyes** (=make somebody cry) This unexpected kindness brings tears to my eyes.
- **reduce somebody to tears** (=make somebody cry) His insults had reduced her to tears, but she had not changed her mind.
- **hold back the tears** (=not cry even though you feel like crying) She gave her version of events, often struggling to hold back the tears.
- **fight/choke/blink back tears** (=try not to cry) She fought back tears yesterday as she re-lived the horrors she had seen.
- **shed/weep tears** (=cry) Don't shed any tears for him.
- **sb's eyes fill with tears** His eyes filled with tears as he recalled his mother's sacrifices.
- **tears well up in sb's eyes** (=tears come into their eyes) She broke off, feeling the tears welling up in her eyes.
- **tears run/roll/stream down sb's face** Oliver laughed until tears ran down his face.

adjectives

- **bitter tears** She wept bitter tears of remorse for leaving her children behind.
- **hot tears** I felt the hot tears running down my face.

II. **tear**² **S2 W3** /teə \$ ter/ *BrE* ² *AmE* ² *verb* (past tense **tore** /tɔː \$ tɔːt, past participle **trn** /tɔːn \$ tɔːn)

[Language: Old English; Origin: *tearan*]

1. PAPER/CLOTH

a) [**transitive**] to damage something such as paper or cloth by pulling it hard or letting it touch something sharp **SYN rip**:

Be careful not to tear the paper.

His clothes were old and torn.

tear something on something

She realized she had torn her jacket on a nail.

tear something off

Tear off the slip at the bottom of this page and send it back to us.

tear something out (of something)

He tore a page out of his notebook and handed it to her.

The dog had torn a huge hole in the tent.

He picked up the envelope and tore it open.

She tore the letter to pieces and threw it in the bin.

Most of her clothes had been torn to shreds.

b) [**intransitive**] if paper or cloth tears, it splits and a hole appears, because it has been pulled too hard or has touched something sharp:

The paper is old and tears easily.

2. **MOVE QUICKLY** [**intransitive always + adverb/preposition**] to run or drive somewhere very quickly, especially in a dangerous or careless way:

She tore back into the house.

We tore down to the hospital.

He tore off into town.

3. **REMOVE SOMETHING** [**transitive always + adverb/preposition**] to pull something violently from a person or place

tear something from somebody/something

He tore the letter from my hand.

A bridge was torn from the bank by the floodwaters.

tear something off something

High winds nearly tore the roof off the house.

4. be torn

a) if you are torn, you are unable to decide what to do because you have different feelings or different things that you want

be torn between

She was torn between her love of dancing and her fear of performing in public.

He was torn two ways.

Jess was torn by anger and worry.

b) if a country or group is torn, it is divided because people in it have very different ideas and are arguing or fighting with each other:

The country was torn by civil war.

She spent two months in the war-torn city.

5. **MUSCLE** [transitive] to damage a muscle or †ligament:

She had torn a muscle in her leg.

6. **tear loose** to move violently and no longer be attached to something:

One end had torn loose.

7. **tear somebody/something to shreds/pieces** *informal* to criticize someone or something very severely:

He tore her arguments to shreds.

8. **tear somebody off a strip/tear a strip off somebody** *British English informal* to talk to someone very angrily because they have done something wrong

9. **tear somebody limb from limb** *literary* to attack someone in a very violent way

10. **be tearing your hair out** *British English informal* to feel anxious and upset because you are worried, or because you have to deal with something that is very difficult:

I've been tearing my hair out trying to get done in time.

11. **be in a tearing hurry** *British English* to be doing something very quickly because you are late

12. **tear sb's heart (out)/tear at sb's heart** to make someone feel extremely upset:

The thought of her out there alone tore at my heart.

13. **that's torn it!** *British English spoken old-fashioned* used when something bad has happened that stops you from doing what you intended to do:

Oh, no, that's torn it! I've left my keys in the car!

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COLLOCATIONS

■ phrases

▪ **tear a hole in something** She caught her shawl on a nail and tore a hole in it.

▪ **tear something open** She tore open the envelope.

▪ **tear something to pieces/shreds** The dogs tore the meat to pieces.

▪ **tear something in two** (also **tear something in half**) Jack snatched the letter from him and tore it in two.

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THESAURUS

▪ **tear** to damage paper or cloth by pulling it too hard, or letting it touch something sharp: She unwrapped the present carefully, trying not to tear the paper. | I tore a hole in my jacket, climbing over the fence.

▪ **rip** to tear something quickly or violently: Beth excitedly ripped open the package. | Stop pulling my dress! You'll rip it!

▪ **split** to tear your trousers or shirt when you put them on, because they are too tight for you: He bent down and split his trousers. | Oh no, now I've split my shirt.

▪ **ladder** *British English* if a woman ladders her †tights or **STOCKINGS**, she tears them so that a long thin line appears in them: Damn! I've laddered my tights!

▪ **snag** to catch a piece of clothing on something rough or sharp so that it tears slightly: I snagged my shirt on a nail.

▪ **shred** to deliberately destroy letters, documents etc by cutting them into thin pieces, often by using a special machine: In order to prevent fraud, it's best to shred your bank statements. | I went through all my papers shredding things I didn't need.

▪ **frayed** torn a little along the edges – used about clothes, carpets etc that have been used a lot: He was wearing an old pair of frayed jeans. | The rug was a little frayed around the edges. | The jacket was a little frayed at the cuffs.

tear somebody/something apart *phrasal verb*

1. **tear something** ↔ **apart** to cause serious arguments in a group of people **SYN rip apart**:

Scandal is tearing the government apart.

a row that tore the family apart

2. *literary* to separate people who are in a close relationship with each other:

Nothing can tear us apart!

3. to make someone feel extremely unhappy or upset:

Seeing her so upset really tore him apart.

4. **tear something** ↔ **apart** to break something violently into a lot of small pieces **SYN rip apart**:

Her body had been torn apart by wolves.

tear at somebody/something *phrasal verb*

to pull violently at someone or something:

The children were screaming and tearing at each other's hair.

tear somebody away *phrasal verb*

to make yourself or someone else leave a place when you or they do not want to leave:

He was enjoying the fun and couldn't tear himself away.

tear somebody away from

We finally managed to tear him away from the TV.

tear something ↔ **down** *phrasal verb*

to destroy a building deliberately:

A lot of the old tower blocks have been torn down to make way for new housing.

tear into somebody/something *phrasal verb*

1. to attack someone by hitting them very hard:

The two boys tore into each other.

2. to criticize someone very strongly and angrily:

From time to time she would really tear into her staff.

3. to start doing something quickly, with a lot of energy:

I was amazed at the way she tore into her work.

tear something ↔ off *phrasal verb*

to remove your clothes as quickly as you can:

He tore off his clothes and dived into the water.

tear something ↔ up *phrasal verb*

1. to tear a piece of paper or cloth into small pieces **SYN rip up**:

She tore up his letter and threw it away.

2. to remove something from the ground by pulling or pushing it violently:

the remains of trees that had been torn up by the storm

3. **tear up an agreement / a contract etc** to say that you no longer accept an agreement or contract:

threats to tear up the peace agreement

III. **tear**³ /teə \$ ter/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable]

a hole in a piece of cloth or paper where it has been torn

tear in

There was a huge tear in his shirt.

⇒ **wear and tear** at ↑wear²(2)

tear

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