

cotton1. ['kɒtn] *n*

- 1) 1) *бот.* хлопчатник (*Gossypium gen.*)
- 2) хлопок
 - cotton in seed - неочищенный хлопок
 - long-staple cotton - длинноволокнистый хлопок
2. вата
3. хлопчатая бумага
4. 1) бумажная ткань
- 2) *pl* одежда из бумажной ткани
5. бумажная нитка; хлопчатобумажная пряжа
6. *бот.* опушение, пушок, ворсистость
7. *сл.* бензедрин (*вдыхаемый с ватки*)

2. ['kɒtn] *a*

- 1) хлопковый
 - cotton oil - хлопковое масло
- 2) хлопчатобумажный
 - cotton manufacture - хлопчатобумажное производство
 - cotton yarn - хлопчатобумажная пряжа
 - cotton goods - хлопчатобумажные товары

3. ['kɒtn] *v* *разг.*

1. (with, together)
 - 1) ладить, уживаться
 - gradually all cottoned together and plunged into conversation - постепенно неловкость исчезла, и завязался непринуждённый разговор
 - 2) согласоваться, гармонировать
2. (to) привязаться, полюбить, пристраститься
 - I cottoned to him at once - я сразу почувствовал к нему симпатию
 - I don't cotton to him at all - он мне совсем не по душе
 - he rather cottons to the idea - ему очень нравится эта мысль

cotton

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cot·ton [cotton cottons cottoned cottoning] **noun, verb** BrE ['kɒtn] ^m NAmE['kɑːtɪn] ^m**noun uncountable**

1. a plant grown in warm countries for the soft white hairs around its seeds that are used to make cloth and thread
 - **cotton fields/plants**
 - bales of cotton
2. the cloth made from the cotton plant
 - The sheets are 100% pure cotton.
 - a cotton shirt/skirt
 - printed cotton cloth
 - the cotton industry
 - a cotton mill
3. (especially BrE) thread that is used for sewing
 - sewing cotton
 - a cotton reel
4. (NAme) (US also **ab,sorbent 'cotton**) (BrE **,cotton 'wool**) a soft mass of white material that is used for cleaning the skin or a wound
 - Use a cotton ball to apply the lotion.

Word Origin:late Middle English: from Old French **coton**, from Arabic **qūṭn**.Culture:

In the 19th century the cotton industry made the north-west of England one of the richest areas in the world. The cotton arrived at the port of **↑Liverpool** was made into clothes in factories in **↑Lancashire**, and the clothes could be sent to other countries from Liverpool. The new inventions of the **↑Industrial Revolution** meant that the Lancashire factories could produce cotton goods and sell them around the world at lower prices than local goods. In the 20th century many other countries developed their own cotton industries, and most of the Lancashire factories closed.

In the US, the production of cotton was greatly improved after Eli **Whitney** invented the **cotton gin** (= a machine for separating the seeds of a cotton plant from the cotton). The economy of the **↑South** was strongly based on cotton in the 19th century, and this led to the **Civil War** because the cotton **plantations** (= large farms) kept slaves. When the **boll weevil** insects destroyed many cotton fields in the early 20th century, Southern farmers began to grow other crops.

Example Bank:

- a pure cotton T-shirt
- shivering in her thin cotton nightdress

Derived **↑cotton on** ▪ **↑cotton to somebody**

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	cotton
	BrE / 'kɒtn/
	NAme / 'kɑ:tn/
he / she / it	cottons
	BrE / 'kɒtnz/
	NAme / 'kɑ:tnz/
past simple, past participle	cottoned
	BrE / 'kɒtnɪd/
	NAme / 'kɑ:tnɪd/
-ing form	cottoning
	BrE / 'kɒtnɪŋ/
	NAme / 'kɑ:tnɪŋ/

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See also: ↑**absorbent cotton** ▪ ↑**cotton wool**

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I. **cotton**¹ **W3** /'kɒtn \$ 'kɑ:tn BrE¹ AmE¹ noun [uncountable]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: cotton, from Arabic qutn]

1. cloth or thread made from the white hair of the cotton plant:
 - a white cotton shirt
 - Made from 100% cotton.
2. a plant with white hairs on its seeds that are used for making cotton cloth and thread
3. **British English** thread used for sewing:
 - a needle and cotton
 - a cotton reel (=small round tube which cotton thread is wound around)
4. **American English** ↑cotton wool

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COLLOCATIONS

■ adjectives

- **thin/light cotton** a thin cotton dress
- **fine cotton** (=thin and good quality) For summer, fine cotton is more comfortable.
- **pure cotton** (=not mixed with any other materials) shirts made from pure cotton
- **raw cotton** (=natural, and not prepared for use) They imported raw cotton from America.
- **50%/100 per cent etc cotton** These lightweight trousers are made from 100% cotton.

■ cotton + NOUN

- **a cotton shirt/dress/jacket etc** Egyptian cotton sheets are very expensive here.
- **cotton cloth/fabric** cotton cloth from India
- **cotton thread** (=long thin cotton string that you use for sewing) I need some dark blue cotton thread.
- **the cotton industry/trade** The cotton industry began to boom in the 1780s.
- **a cotton field/farmer/plantation etc** Texas produced half of the US cotton crop.
- **a cotton mill** (=factory where cotton is made into thread or cloth)

■ verbs

- **be made of/from cotton** The fabric is made of cotton or wool.

II. **cotton**² BrE¹ AmE¹ verb

[Date: 1800-1900; Origin: cotton 'to be successful' (16-19 centuries), perhaps from cotton (of cloth) 'to form a soft surface' (15-19 centuries), from ⇒ ↑cotton¹]

cotton on phrasal verb informal

to begin to understand something ⇒ **realize** :

- It took me a while to cotton on.

cotton on to

- Sarah soon cottoned on to what he was trying to do.

cotton to somebody/something phrasal verb American English informal

to begin to like a person, idea etc **SYN take to**:

- I didn't cotton to her at first, but she's really nice.

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