### tide

tide [tide tides tided tiding] noun, verb BrE [taid] NAmE [taid] Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

# 1. countable, uncountable a regular rise and fall in the level of the sea, caused by the pull of the moon and sun; the flow of water that happens as the sea rises and falls

- the ebb and flow of the tide
- The tide is in/out .
- Is the tide coming in or going out?
- The body was washed up on the beach by the tide.

# see also high tide, how tide, heap tide, spring tide

- 2. countable, usually singular the direction in which the opinion of a large number of people seems to be moving
  - It takes courage to speak out against the tide of opinion.
- · There is a growing tide of opposition to the idea.

- · a tide of optimism
- 3. countable, usually singular a large amount of sth unpleasant that is increasing and is difficult to control
  - There is anxiety about the rising tide of crime.
  - Measures have been taken to stem the tide of pornography (= stop it from getting worse).
- 4. singular ~ of sth a feeling that you suddenly have that gets stronger and stronger
  - · A tide of rage surged through her.
- 5. -tide singular (old use) (in compounds) a time or season of the year
  - Christmastide

### Word Origin:

Old English tīd 'time, period, era', of Germanic origin; related to Dutch tijd and German Zeit, also to 1time. The sense relating to the sea dates from late Middle English.

### Example Bank:

- He didn't have the courage to swim against the political tide.
- If caught in a rip tide, strong swimmers should swim for shore.
- In the early 1990s there was a marked turn of the tide.
- It takes courage to speak out against the tide of public opinion.
- · Seals lie on the rocks at low tide.
- · Seeing the tide was now running in his direction, he renewed his campaign for reform.
- The body was washed up by the tide the next day.
- The tide of public opinion seems to be turning at last.
- They were carried along on a tide of euphoria.
- · We have to get up early to catch the tide.
- · We went out to sea on the ebb tide.
- When the sea recedes, tide pools reveal a bewildering diversity of marine life.
- · attempts to stem the tide of revolution
- the high tide mark
- · the rising tide of crime
- · the shifting tides of history
- · the time of day when the highest tides occur
- · Measures have been taken to stem the tide of pornography.
- The 1830s saw a tide of emigrants leave Europe for Australia.

Idioms: go/swim with the tide = 1tide turned = 1turn the tide

<u>Derived</u> ↑tide somebody over

# verb

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verb forms		
present simple		
I / you / we /they	tide	
	BrE /taxd/	
	NAmE /tasd/	
he / she /it	tides	
	BrE /taxdz/	
	NAmE /tasdz/	
past simple, past participle	tided	
	BrE /taɪdɪd/	
	NAmE /taidid/	
-ing form	tiding	
	BrE /taɪdɪŋ/	
	NAmE /taidin/	

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I. tide 1 /taɪd/ BrE \* AmE \* noun

[Language: Old English; Origin: tid 'time']

1. the tide the regular rising and falling of the level of the sea

the tide is in/out (=the sea is at a low/high level)

- Is the tide going out or coming in?
- We went for a walk and got cut off by the tide. ⇒ high tide(1), low tide
- 2. [countable] a current of water caused by the tide:

Strong tides make swimming dangerous.

- 3. [countable, usually singular] the way in which events or people's opinions are developing
  - With the tide of public opinion against him, the president may lose.
  - It was their first major victory. The tide had turned (=changed).
  - The <u>tide</u> of battle <u>turned</u> <u>against</u> the Mexican army.

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swim with/against the tide (=support or oppose what most people think)

- 4. [countable, usually singular] a large amount of something that is increasing and is difficult to control tide of violence/crime etc
  - The crisis prompted a rising tide of protest.
  - She swallowed back a tide of emotion.
  - efforts to stem the tide of hysteria caused by the shootings (=prevent it from getting worse)
- 5. [singular] a large number of people or things moving along together

- the tide of refugees flowing over the border
- 6. Christmastide/eveningtide /morningtide etc old use a particular time of the year or day

# **COLLOCATIONS**

#### adjectives

- the tide is in (=the sea covers the shore) You can't walk on the beach when the tide is in.
- the tide is out Let's go for a walk along the beach while the tide is out.
- high tide At high tide the island is completely cut off.
- low tide The sands are exposed at low tide.
- the incoming tide The box was carried upstream on the incoming tide.
- the rising tide The rising tide had begun to fill up the channel.
- an ebb tide (=the flow of the sea away from the shore) We sailed out to sea on the ebb tide.
- a flood tide (=the flow of the sea towards the land) The wind drove the yacht inland on the flood tide.
- a spring tide (=a large rise and fall in the level of the sea, that happens when there is a new moon and when there is a full moon) It must be a spring tide.
- a neap tide (=a very small rise and fall in the level of the sea, that happens at the first and third quarters of the moon) Spring tides alternate with neap tides.

#### verbs

- the tide comes in (=the sea comes nearer) Once the tide comes in, the cove is cut off.
- the tide goes out They sat on the beach watching the tide going out.
- the tide turns (=starts coming in or going out) Soon, the tide would turn and the waves would begin to creep inshore again.
- be cut off by the tide (=become trapped as the sea rises) Two anglers had to be rescued after getting cut off by the tide.

## **THESAURUS**

- the sea especially British English the large area of salty water that covers much of the Earth's surface: She lives by the sea. The sea was very rough.
- the ocean especially American English the large area of salty water that covers much of the Earth's surface: a house by the ocean | The restaurant had a sweeping view of the ocean.
- waters a large area of water used about an area of water that belongs to a particular country, or when describing what the water is like: boats fishing in Canadian waters | British territorial waters | the calm waters of the harbour | dangerous waters | choppy waters (=with a lot of waves)
- bay an area of sea that is partly enclosed by a curve in the land: I swam across the bay. I the Bay of Biscay
- gulf a very large area of sea partly enclosed by land: the Gulf of Mexico | oil from the Gulf (=the area of water near Iran, Saudi Arabia etc)
- tide the regular rising and falling of the level of the sea: Is the tide going out or coming in ? I High tide (=when the sea is at its highest level) is at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. I low tide (=when the sea is at its lowest level) | The rocks are visible at low tide.
- wave a line of raised water that moves across the surface of the sea: The waves were crashing against the rocks.
- II. tide <sup>2</sup> BrE AmE verb

tide somebody over (something) phrasal verb

to help someone through a difficult period, especially by lending them money:

Could you lend me £10 to tide me overtill next week?

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