

1. [fləʊt] *n*

1. плавучая масса (*льда и т. п.*)
2. 1) пробка, поплавок, буйёк
- 2) поплавок гидросамолёта
3. буй
4. плот, паром
5. лопасть, плица (*зребного колеса*)
6. пузырь (*у рыбы*)
7. плавательный пояс; надувная подушка *и т. п.* для обучающихся плавать
8. 1) полок, телега
- 2) низкая платформана колёсах, используемая на карнавалах для рекламы *и т. п.*
- 3) электрокар  
milk float - электрокар для развозки молока
9. *часто pl театр.* рампа
10. = floater 6
11. *стр.* мастерок, гладилка, тёрка
12. *геол.* нанос
13. *с.-х.* волокуша, шлейф
14. *фин.* плавающий курс (*валют*)
15. *амер.* прохладительный напиток с мороженым
16. *амер. унив. жарг.* свободный час, окно в расписании

2. [fləʊt] *v*

1. плавать, держаться на поверхности (*воды или другой жидкости*)  
wood floats on water - дерево не тонет в воде
2. плыть, нестись (*по течению, по воздуху*)  
the boat floated down the river - лодка плыла вниз по реке  
the clouds float slowly - тучи плывут медленно  
dust floats in the air - пыль носится в воздухе  
to float before one's eyes [in one's mind] - проноситься /промелькнуть/ перед глазами [в уме, в голове]
3. затоплять, наводнить  
to float oil over a swamp - залить нефтью болото
4. 1) спускать (*на воду*)
- 2) снимать с мели
5. сплавлять (*лес*)
6. 1) выпускать (*заём, акции*)
- 2) пускать в ход (*предприятие*); обеспечивать поддержку (*деньгами*)
7. пускать (*слух*)
8. *амер.* проявлять неустойчивость (*во взглядах*); вносить частые изменения (*в обстановку и т. п.*)
9. *тех.* работать вхолостую
10. *тех.* быть в равновесии
11. нежёстко крепить
12. *горн.* флотировать
13. *фин.*
  - 1) свободно колебаться, плавать (*о курсах валют*)
  - 2) вводить свободно колеблющийся, плавающий курс валют
14. *амер. прост.*
  - 1) быть на седьмом небе; чувствовать наслаждение, быть в приподнятом настроении
  - 2) ощущать эйфорию (*от наркотика*)

## float

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float [float floats floated floating] verb noun BrE [fləʊt] <sup>ˈ</sup> NAmE [flaʊt] <sup>ˈ</sup>

verb

## ON WATER/IN AIR

1. **intransitive + adv./prep.** to move slowly on water or in the air

Syn: ↑drift

- A group of swans floated by.
- The smell of new bread floated up from the kitchen.
- Beautiful music came floating out of the window.
- The boats were floating gently down the river.
- (figurative) An idea suddenly floated into my mind.
- (figurative) People seem to float in and out of my life.

2. **intransitive** to stay on or near the surface of a liquid and not sink

- Wood floats.
- ~ **in/on sth** A plastic bag was floating in the water.
- Can you float on your back?

3. **transitive** to make sth move on or near the surface of a liquid

- ~ **sth** There wasn't enough water to float the ship.

• ~ **sth + adv./prep.** They float the logs down the river to the towns.

## WALK LIGHTLY

4. **intransitive + adv./prep.** (*literary*) to walk or move in a smooth and easy way

**Syn:** †glide

- She floated down the steps to greet us.

## SUGGEST IDEA

5. **transitive ~ sth** to suggest an idea or a plan for other people to consider

- They floated the idea of increased taxes on alcohol.

## BUSINESS/ECONOMICS

6. **transitive ~ sth** (*business*) to sell shares in a company or business to the public for the first time

- The company was floated on the stock market in 2007.
- Shares were floated at 585p.

7. **transitive, intransitive ~ (sth)** (*economics*) if a government floats its country's money or allows it to float, it allows its value to change freely according to the value of the money of other countries

**more at** float/walk on air **at** †air <sub>n.</sub>

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	float
	BrE /fləʊt/
	NAme /floʊt/
he / she / it	floats
	BrE /fləʊts/
	NAme /floʊts/
past simple, past participle	floated
	BrE /fləʊtɪd/
	NAme /floʊtɪd/
-ing form	floating
	BrE /fləʊtɪŋ/
	NAme /floʊtɪŋ/

Word Origin:

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Thesaurus:

**float** *verb* |

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**drift** • • **hang** • • **hover** •

**Opp:** sink

float/drift/hang/hover **over** sth

float/hang/hover **above/overhead/in the air/in the sky**

a **boat** floats/drifts

**clouds** float/drift/hang/hover

**Float or drift?** **Float** places more emphasis on the idea of sth being supported on the surface of the water or in the air. **Drift** places more emphasis on the fact that sth is moving slowly in a particular direction, often without any control.

Example Bank:

- A few small clouds floated across the sky.
- Her voice seemed to float gently on the water.
- Her voice seemed to float on the water as gently as a slight mist.
- In the dream my feet leave the ground and I start to float upwards.
- The government decided to allow the peso to float freely.
- chunks of ice floating down the river
- pieces of wood floating in the water
- I dreamt that I was floating over the city.
- She floated down the steps to meet us.
- The couple floated across the dance floor.
- Vast masses of frogspawn floated just beneath the surface.
- We tried to make a raft but it wouldn't float.

Idiom: †float somebody's boat

Derived †float about

noun

## VEHICLE

1. a large vehicle on which people dressed in special †costumes are carried in a festival

- a carnival float

## IN FISHING

- a small light object attached to a ↑fishing line that stays on the surface of the water and moves when a fish has been caught
  - float fishing

## FOR SWIMMING

- a light object that floats in the water and is held by a person who is learning to swim to stop them from sinking

## DRINK

- (NAmE) a drink with ice cream floating in it
  - a Coke float

## MONEY

- (especially BrE) a sum of money consisting of coins and notes of low value that is given to sb before they start selling things so that they can give customers change

## BUSINESS

- = ↑flotation

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- float**<sup>1</sup> /fləʊt \$ flout/ BrE " AmE " verb

[Language: Old English; Origin: flotan]

### 1. ON WATER

- [intransitive]** to stay or move on the surface of a liquid without sinking:

" I wasn't sure if the raft would float.

" She spent the afternoon floating on her back in the pool.

### float along/down/past etc

" A couple of broken branches floated past us.

- [transitive]** to put something on the surface of a liquid so that it does not sink:

" The logs are trimmed and then floated down the river.

- IN THE AIR [intransitive always + adverb/preposition]** if something floats, it moves slowly through the air or stays up in the air:

" I looked up at the clouds floating in the sky.

" Leaves floated gently down from the trees.

- MUSIC/SOUNDS/SMELLS ETC [intransitive always + adverb/preposition]** if sounds or smells float somewhere, people in another place can hear or smell them:

" The sound of her voice came floating down from an upstairs window.

- WALK GRACEFULLY [intransitive]** to walk in a slow light graceful way **SYN glide**:

" Rachel floated around the bedroom in a lace nightgown.

- IDEAS [transitive]** to suggest an idea or plan in order to see if people like it:

" We first floated the idea back in 1992.

- MONEY [transitive] technical** if the government of a country floats its money, the value of the money is allowed to change freely in relation to money from other countries:

" Russia decided to float the rouble on the foreign exchange market.

- COMPANY [transitive]** to sell ↑shares in a company or business to the public for the first time

### float something on something

" The company will be floated on the stock market next year. ⇒ ↑flotation(1)

- CHEQUE [transitive] American English** to write a cheque when you do not have enough money in the bank to pay it

- whatever floats your boat informal** used to say that someone can do or use whatever they like:

" You can add raisins, nuts, chocolate chips – whatever floats your boat.

### float around phrasal verb informal

to be present in a place:

" There's a lot of cash floating around in the economy at the moment.

- float**<sup>2</sup> BrE " AmE " noun [countable]

- VEHICLE** a large vehicle that is decorated to drive through the streets as part of a special event:

" We stood and watched the Carnival floats drive past.

- DRINK American English** a sweet drink that has ice cream floating in it

3.



**FOR FISHING** a small light object that floats on the surface of the water, used by people trying to catch fish to show where their line is

4. **FOR SWIMMING** a flat light object that you can rest part of your body on in water to help you learn to swim

5. **MONEY** a small amount of money that someone in a shop keeps so that they have enough money to give change to people

6. **BUSINESS** a time when <sup>↑</sup>shares in a company are made available for people to buy for the first time **SYN flotation**

7. **RELAXATION** a time when you sit in a <sup>↑</sup>flotation tank in order to treat illness or injury, or to relax

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Freakuency Pack

12500 **3452**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **2110**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **2k** **FLOAT** <sup>16074</sup>

float 4242

floats 1608

floating 7159

floated 3065

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

<sup>1481</sup> **15414**<sup>1630</sup> *vvi*

<sup>797</sup> **17753**<sup>1315</sup> *nn1*

<sup>1132</sup> **17922**<sup>1297</sup> *vv0*