

stray

1. [streɪ] *n*

- 1. 1) заблудившееся *или* отбившееся от стада животное
- 2) бездомный, одинокий человек; беспризорный ребёнок, бездомная собака *или* кошка
- 3) заблудившийся ребёнок
- 4) отдельный, случайный, оказавшийся не на своём месте предмет, кусок *и т. п.*
- 5) человек, сбившийся с пути истинного
- 2. *pl радио* помехи, побочные сигналы
- 3. *pl геол.* летучие пески

2. [streɪ] *a*

- 1. заблудившийся; бездомный; беспризорный
 stray cat - бездомная кошка
 stray sheep - отбившаяся от стада овца
- 2. случайный; редкий; отдельный
 stray bullet - шальная пуля
 stray acquaintance - случайный знакомый
 a few stray taxis - несколько случайных /редких/ такси
 stray thoughts - бессвязные мысли
 stray troops - *воен. жарг.* остатки дезорганизованных частей
 we caught only a few stray words - нам удалось услышать только несколько отдельных слов
- 3. ненатянутый ослабленный (*о канате, кабеле и т. п.*)
- 4. *физ.* рассеянный; побочный, паразитный
 stray radiation - рассеянное излучение
 stray currents - блуждающие токи

3. [streɪ] *v*

- 1. 1) заблудиться, сбиться с пути; отбиться
 to stray from the road - сбиться с дороги
 the sheep has strayed from the flock - овца отбилась от стада
- 2) отклоняться
 to stray from the point - отклоняться от темы
 his thoughts strayed - его мысли блуждали
- 3) сбиться с пути истинного
- 2. *поэт.* блуждать; бродить, скитаться

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stray [stray strays strayed straying] *verb, adjective, noun* BrE [streɪ] * NAmE

[streɪ]

verb

- 1. **intransitive (+ adv./prep.)** to move away from the place where you should be, without intending to
 - He strayed into the path of an oncoming car.
 - Her eyes kept straying over to the clock on the wall.
 - His hand strayed to the telephone.
 - He can't have strayed far.
 - I strayed a few blocks in the wrong direction and became hopelessly lost.
- 2. **intransitive (+ adv./prep.)** to begin to think about or discuss a different subject from the one you should be thinking about or discussing
 - My mind kept straying back to our last talk together.
 - We seem to be straying from the main theme of the debate.
 - The conversation had begun to stray into dangerous territory.
- 3. **intransitive (of a person who is married or in a relationship)** to have a sexual relationship with sb who is not your usual partner
 - It had never occurred to her that her husband might stray while he was away on business.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	stray
	BrE /streɪ/
	NAmE /streɪ/
he / she / it	strays
	BrE /streɪz/
	NAmE /streɪz/
past simple, past participle	strayed
	BrE /streɪd/
	NAmE /streɪd/
-ing form	straying
	BrE /streɪɪŋ/
	NAmE /streɪɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: shortening of Anglo-Norman French and Old French *estrayer* (verb), Anglo-Norman French *strey* (noun), partly from *†astray*.

Example Bank:

- He never strayed far from his home.
- Her eyes strayed involuntarily.
- Her thoughts strayed to the journey ahead of her.
- His eyes strayed to the telephone.
- The animals hadn't strayed too far.
- The teachers rarely stray away from the approved textbook.
- new penalties for owners who allow their dogs to stray

adjective only before noun

1. (of animals normally kept as pets) away from home and lost; having no home
 - stray dogs
2. separated from other things or people of the same kind
 - A civilian was killed by a **stray bullet** .
 - a few stray hairs

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noun

1. an animal that has got lost or separated from its owner or that has no owner
 - see also** **↑waif**
2. a person or thing that is not in the right place or is separated from others of the same kind

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- I. **stray**¹ /streɪ/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb* [intransitive]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: *estraier*, from Vulgar Latin *extragare*, from Latin *extra-* 'outside' + *vagari* 'to wander']

 1. to move away from the place you should be
 - stray into/onto/from**
 - Three of the soldiers strayed into enemy territory.
 2. to begin to deal with or think about a different subject from the main one, without intending to
 - stray into/onto/from**
 - We're straying into ethnic issues here.
 - This meeting is beginning to **stray from the point**.
 3. if your eyes stray, you begin to look at something else, usually without intending to
 - stray to/back/over etc**
 - Her eyes strayed to the clock.
 4. to start doing something that is wrong or immoral, when usually you do not do this
- II. **stray**² *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *adjective* [only before noun]
 1. a stray animal, such as a dog or cat, is lost or has no home
 2. accidentally separated from other things of the same kind:
 - One man was hit by a stray bullet and taken to hospital.
- III. **stray**³ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun* [countable]
 1. an animal that is lost or has no home
 2. *informal* someone or something that has become separated from others of the same kind

⇒ **waifs and strays** at **↑waif**(2)

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