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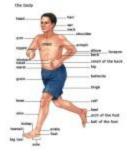
# arch [arch arches arched arching] noun, verb, adjective BrE [alt | NAmE

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- 1. a curved structure that supports the weight of sth above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building
- · a bridge with three arches
- 2. a structure with a curved top that is supported by straight sides, sometimes forming an entrance or built as a †monument
  - · Go through the arch and follow the path.
  - Marble Arch is a famous London landmark.

3. the raised part of the foot formed by a curved section of bones



#### 4. anything that forms a curved shape at the top

· the delicate arch of her eyebrows

#### Word Origin:

n. and v. Middle English Old French arche Latin arcus 'bow'

adj. mid 17th cent. †arch- 'rogue' arch-scoundrel

#### Example Bank:

- Homeless people slept under the railway arches.
- Mean little houses clustered under the railway arches.
- The branches of the trees formed an arch over the bench.
- This huge triumphal arch was erected at the beginning of this century.
- We rode under the arch.
- a performance space with a traditional proscenium arch
- · an old theatre with a proscenium arch
- · the graceful arches of the bridge
- He studied the delicate arch of her eyebrows and the smooth curve of her jaw.

### Derived Word †archly

## verb

- 1. transitive, intransitive ~ (sth) if you arch part of your body, or if it arches, it moves and forms a curved shape
  - · The cat arched its back and hissed.
- 2. intransitive to be in a curved line or shape across or oversth
- Tall trees arched over the path.

## Verb forms: werb forms

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	arch
	BrE /a:tʃ/
	NAmE /artʃ/
he / she /it	arches
	BrE /a:t/22/
	NAmE /a:rtʃɪz/
past simple, past participle	arched
	BrE /a:t/t/
	NAmE /a:rtʃt/
-ing form	arching
	BrE /a:tʃɪŋ/
	NAME /artʃɪŋ/

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## adjective usually before noun (often disapproving)

seeming amused because you know more about a situation than other people

- · an arch tone of voice
- He tapped the side of his nose in an uncharacteristically arch gesture.

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I. arch¹/a□t□\$ a□rt□BrE \* AmE \* noun [countable]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: arche, from Latin arcus; ⇒ ↑arc]



- 1. a structure with a curved top and straight sides that supports the weight of a bridge or building
- 2. a curved structure above a door, window etc
- 3. a curved structure of bones in the middle of your foot
- 4. something with a curved top and straight sides
- **II.** arch<sup>2</sup> BrE AmE verb [intransitive and transitive]

to form or make something form a curved shape:

- Two rows of trees arched over the driveway.
- The dog arched its back.
- III. arch<sup>3</sup> BrE \* AmE \* adjective

[Date: 1500-1600, Origin: arch- in such combinations as arch-rogue and arch-villain]

amused because you think you understand something better than other people:

'I think he's in for a surprise,' Ian said, in a somewhat arch tone.

—archly adverb

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