

tow

I

1. [təʊ] n

1. бечева; буксирный канат *или* трос
on tow - на буксире
tow hook - буксирный крюк
2. буксировка
a tow of barges - буксировка барж [см. тж. 4]
to give smb. a tow - отбуксировать чью-л. машину
in tow - а) буксируемый; б) находящийся на попечении; в) находящийся в числе поклонников, «в свите»
to take in tow - а) брать на буксир; to take a boat [a car] in tow - взять лодку [автомобиль] на буксир; б) брать на попечение
to have smb. in tow - а) иметь кого-л. на своём попечении, опекать; б) иметь кого-л. в числе поклонников; в) водить с собой
he always has his family in tow - вечно он приходит со всеми своими чадами и домочадцами
3. буксируемое судно
4. буксирный караван
a tow of three barges - буксирный караван (состоящий) из трёх барж [см. тж. 2]

2. [təʊ] v

1. мор.
- 1) буксировать
to tow a boat astern - вести шлюпку на буксире за кормой
- 2) буксироваться
the ship towed out of port - судно вышло из порта на буксире
2. 1) тащить (сломанную автомашину)
to tow a wrecked car to a garage - отбуксировать сломанную машину в гараж
- 2) быть на буксире, идти на буксире (об автомашине); тянуться за кем-л.
a couple of ponies towed along behind him - за ним тянулась /тащила/ парочка пони
- 3) тянуть, тащить (часто против воли)
to tow smb. along - тащить кого-л. с собой

II

[təʊ] n с.-х.

пакля, кудель; очёс; костра

tow

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tow [tow tows towed towing] verb, noun BrE [təʊ] ^u NAmE [toʊ] ^u

verb ~ sth (away)

to pull a car or boat behind another vehicle, using a rope or chain

- Our car was towed away by the police.

see also ↑tow bar, ↑tow rope

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	tow
	BrE /təʊ/
	NAmE /toʊ/
he / she / it	tows
	BrE /təʊz/
	NAmE /toʊz/
past simple, past participle	towed
	BrE /təʊd/
	NAmE /toʊd/
-ing form	towing
	BrE /təʊɪŋ/
	NAmE /toʊɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English togian 'draw, drag', of Germanic origin; related to ↑tug. The noun dates from the early 17th cent.

Synonyms:

pull

drag • draw • haul • tow • tug

These words all mean to move sth in a particular direction, especially towards or behind you.

pull • to hold sth and move it in a particular direction; to hold or be attached to a vehicle and move it along behind you: ▀ Pull the chair nearer the table. ◇ ▀ They use oxen to pull their carts.

drag • to pull sb/sth in a particular direction or behind you, usually along the ground, and especially with effort ▀ The sack is too heavy to lift— you'll have to drag it.

draw • (formal) to move sb/sth by pulling them/it gently; to pull a vehicle such as a carriage: ▀ I drew my chair closer to the fire. ◇ ▀ a ▀ horse-drawn ▀ carriage

haul • to pull sb/sth to a particular place with a lot of effort ▀ Fishermen were hauling in their nets.

drag or haul?

You usually **drag** sth behind you along the ground; you usually **haul** sth towards you, often upwards towards you. **Dragging** sth often needs effort, but **hauling** sth always does.

tow • to pull a car, boat or light plane behind another vehicle, using a rope or chain: ▪ Our car was towed away by the police.
tug • to pull sb/sth hard in a particular direction: ▪ She tried to escape but he tugged her back.
to pull/drag/draw/haul/tow/tug sb/sth **along/down/towards** sth
to pull/drag/draw/haul/tow sb/sth **behind you**
to pull/drag/draw/haul a **cart/sledge**
to pull/draw a **coach/carriage**
to pull/haul/tow a **truck**
horses pull/draw/haul sth
dogs pull/drag/haul sth

Example Bank:

• A glider was being towed into the air.

Idiom: ↑in tow

noun singular

an act of one vehicle pulling another vehicle using a rope or chain

- The car broke down and we had to get somebody to give us a tow.
- a tow truck

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Example Bank:

- The ship, whose engine had failed, is now safely under tow.
- a harassed mother with three small children in tow

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I. **tow**¹ /təʊ \$ tou/ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ verb [transitive]

[Language: Old English; Origin: togian]

to pull a vehicle or ship along behind another vehicle, using a rope or chain:

▪ The ship had to be towed into the harbor.

tow something away

▪ Our car had been towed away

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THESAURUS

- **pull** to make something or someone move in the direction that your hands are moving: He pulled her towards him and kissed her. | Sam was pulling on his socks.
- **tug** to pull something suddenly with a short quick movement, often to get someone’s attention: ‘Look,’ he said, tugging at his brother’s sleeve. | I tugged at the drawer but it wouldn’t open.
- **drag** to pull something along the ground, especially because it is heavy: If we can’t lift the piano, we’ll have to drag it.
- **haul** to pull something big and heavy using a lot of effort, especially upwards and using a rope: They hauled their boats further up the beach. | fishermen hauling in their nets
- **heave** to pull or lift something very heavy, especially with one movement: He heaved the sack of sand onto his shoulder.
- **draw formal** to pull something or someone gently in a particular direction: Lisa reached for his hand but he drew it away.
- **pull** to be attached to a vehicle or piece of machinery and make it move behind you in the direction you are going: Ten dogs were pulling a sledge over the ice. | a tractor pulling a plough
- **tow** to pull a vehicle behind – used about a vehicle, a boat, or a horse pulling something using a rope or chain: The car in front of us was towing a caravan. | Horses were used to tow the boats along the canals.
- **draw** to pull a vehicle such as a carriage – used especially about horses doing this: a carriage drawn by four horses | a horse-drawn cart

II. **tow**² BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ noun

1. [countable] an act of pulling a vehicle behind another vehicle, using a rope or chain:
 ▪ Can you give us a tow to the garage?
2. **in tow informal** following closely behind someone or something:
 ▪ Hannah arrived with her four kids in tow.
 ▪ He turned up at my office with two lawyers in tow.
3. **take something in tow** to connect a rope or a chain to a vehicle or ship so that it can be towed
4. **under/on tow British English** if a ship is under tow or a car is on tow, it is being pulled along by another vehicle

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