

1. [tɒs] *n*

1) метание, бросание, подбрасывание; бросок

a toss of a ball - бросание мяча

the toss of a coin - жеребьёвка

warm-up tosses - разминочные броски

2) расстояние броска

2. вскидывание (головы)

to give a knowing [a proud] toss of the head - понимающе [гордо] тряхнуть головой

to throw up one's head with a scornful toss - презрительно вздёрнуть голову

3. 1) толчок, сотрясение

2) падение (с лошади)

4. = toss-up 1

5. *арх.* беспорядок, суматоха, сумятица; переполох, смятение; возбуждение

the town is in a great toss - город сильно возбуждён; ≅ город гудит как растревоженный улей

◇ toss and catch - *амер.* рискованная игра

to take a toss - а) свалиться, упасть; б) быть сброшенным с лошади

to win [to lose] the toss - а) выиграть [проиграть] в орлянку; б) выиграть [проиграть] пари

not to give a toss about smth. - плевать на что-л.

I don't give a toss about it - мне это до лампочки

2. [tɒs] *v* (*tossed* [-{tɒs}t], *tost*)

1. 1) бросать, кидать; метать

to toss a ball - бросать мяч

to toss a bone to a dog - бросить кость собаке

to toss one's hat on the table - бросить шляпу на стол

2) бросать; помещать

to toss smb. into jail - бросить кого-л. в тюрьму

3) бросать, посылать

to toss a challenge to smb. - бросать кому-л. вызов

he tossed a kiss in her direction - он послал ей воздушный поцелуй

2. 1) подбрасывать

to toss smb. in a blanket - качать /подбрасывать/ кого-л. на одеяле

to toss a pancake - перевернуть блин, подбросив его

she sat tossing pebbles on her palm - она сидела, подбрасывая камешки на ладони

waves from a passing ship tossed the small boats - маленькие судёнышки качались на волнах, поднятых пароходом

2) решать спор подбрасыванием монеты; бросать жребий

to toss a coin to decide which should be first - подбрасыванием монеты решить, кто будет первым [*см. тж.* ◇ ]

to toss (to see) who will begin - бросать жребий, кому начинать (*подбрасыванием монеты*)

to toss and lose - бросить жребий и проиграть

I'll toss you for it - ≅ орёл или решка?

3. 1) поднимать на рога

the bull tossed the boy over the wall - бык перебросил мальчика через стену

he missed his footing and was tossed by the bull - он оступился /поскользнулся/, и бык поднял его на рога

2) сбрасывать (*седока*)

the horse tossed its rider - лошадь сбросила седока

4. вскидывать, вздёргивать (*голову*)

she tossed her head back - она резко откинула голову назад

5. 1) отбрасывать, отшвыривать; бросать вверх и вниз, из стороны в сторону (*тж.* to toss about, to toss to and fro)

the aeroplane was tossed (about) in the stormy sky - самолёт бросало из стороны в сторону в грозном небе

2) подниматься и опускаться, носиться по волнам

to be tossing for days on the ocean - много дней носиться по волнам

3) ставить в разные жизненные ситуации

tossed about in the storms of life - гонимый жизненными невзгодами

6. 1) двигаться быстро *или* нетерпеливо

to toss out of the room in anger - в ярости вылететь/броситься вон/ из комнаты

2) реять, развеиваться, колыхаться (*о знамёнах и т. п.*); трепетать, шевелиться

branches tossed in the wind - ветви трепеталина ветру

3) раскачивать; заставляя колыхаться *или* трепетать

trees toss their branches in the breeze - ветер колыхает ветви деревьев

4) беспокойно метаться (*во сне и т. п.*; *тж.* to toss about)

to toss and turn - метаться в постели *или* во сне

to toss (about) on the bed in pain - метаться в постели от боли

7. 1) делать наспех, наскоро

to toss a salad - приготовить салат на скорую руку

2) обсуждать не слишком серьёзно; перебрасываться репликами (*тж.* to toss around)

figures were tossed (around) - все щеголяли знанием цифр

8. *редк.* беспокоить, волновать

9. *спорт.* подавать (*мяч*)

10. *горн.* промывать (*руду*)

11. **ае.** СКОЛЬЗИТЬ НА ХВОСТ

◇ to toss a coin - а) играть в орлянку; б) решать спор подбрасыванием монеты; [см. тж. 2, 2]]

to toss oars - поднимать вёсла, отдавать салют вёслами

## toss

**toss** [toss tossed tossing] verb noun BrE [tɒs] <sup>а</sup> NAmE [tɒs] <sup>а</sup> NAmE

[tɑs] <sup>а</sup>

verb

## THROW

1. **transitive** to throw sth lightly or carelessly

- ~ **sth + adv./prep.** I tossed the book aside and got up.
- ~ **sth to sb** He tossed the ball to Anna.
- ~ **sb sth** He tossed Anna the ball.

## YOUR HEAD

2. **transitive** ~ **sth** to move your head suddenly upwards, especially to show that you are annoyed or impatient

- She just tossed her head and walked off.

## SIDE TO SIDE/UP AND DOWN

3. **intransitive**, **transitive** to move or make sb/sth move from side to side or up and down

- Branches were tossing in the wind.
- I couldn't sleep but kept **tossing and turning** in bed all night.
- ~ **sb/sth** Our boat was being tossed by the huge waves.

## IN COOKING

4. **transitive** ~ **sth** to shake or turn food in order to cover it with oil, butter, etc

- Drain the pasta and toss it in melted butter.
- Pour the vinaigrette over the salad and toss well.

5. **transitive** ~ **a pancake** (BrE) to throw a **↑pancake** upwards so that it turns over in the air and you can fry the other side

## COIN

6. **transitive**, **intransitive** to throw a coin in the air in order to decide sth, especially by guessing which side is facing upwards when it lands

**Syn:** **↑flip**

• ~ **sth** Let's **toss a coin**.

• (especially BrE) ~ **(sb) for sth** There's only one ticket left— I'll toss you for it.

• (BrE) ~ **up (for sth)** We tossed up to see who went first.

• (BrE) ~ **up between A and B** (figurative) He had to toss up between (= decide between) paying the rent or buying food.

**related noun** **↑toss-up**

**Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	toss
	BrE /tɒs/
	NAmE /tɒs/
	NAmE /tɑs/
he / she / it	tosses
	BrE /tɒsɪz/
	NAmE /tɒsɪz/
	NAmE /tɑsɪz/
past simple, past participle	tossed
	BrE /tɒst/
	NAmE /tɒst/
	NAmE /tɑst/
-ing form	tossing
	BrE /tɒsɪŋ/
	NAmE /tɒsɪŋ/
	NAmE /tɑsɪŋ/

**Word Origin:**

early 16th cent.: of unknown origin.

**Synonyms:**

**throw**

toss • hurl • fling • chuck • lob • bowl • pitch

These words all mean to send sth from your hand through the air.

**throw** • to send sth from your hand or hands through the air: ▫ Some kids were throwing stones at the window. ◇ ▫ She threw the ball and he caught it.

**toss** • to throw sth lightly or carelessly: ▫ She tossed her jacket onto the bed.

**hurl** • to throw sth violently in a particular direction: ▫ Rioters hurled a brick through the car's windscreen.

**fling** • to throw sb/sth somewhere with a lot of force, especially because you are angry or in a hurry: ▫ She flung the letter down onto the table.

**chuck** • (especially BrE, informal) to throw sth carelessly: ▫ I chucked him the keys.

**lob** • (informal) to throw sth so that it goes high through the air: ▫ They were lobbing stones over the wall.

**bowl** • (in cricket) to throw the ball to the batsman  
**pitch** • (in baseball) to throw the ball to the batter  
to throw/toss/hurl/flip/chuck/lob/bowl/pitch sth **at/to** sb/sth  
to throw/toss/flip/chuck sth **aside/away**  
to throw/toss/hurl/flip/chuck/lob/bowl/pitch a **ball**  
to throw/toss/hurl/flip/chuck **stones/rocks/a brick**  
to throw/toss/hurl/flip sth **angrily**  
to throw/toss sth **casually/carelessly**

Example Bank:

- He tossed and turned all night, unable to sleep.
- He tossed the letter over to me.
- He was tossed about in his boat.
- It's an idea that gets tossed around from time to time.
- She picked up the package and casually tossed it into her bag.
- She tossed about restlessly all night with a high fever.
- She tossed back her blonde hair.
- The bodies were unceremoniously tossed into mass graves.
- The improvements had to be tossed overboard because of lack of money.
- Toss the vegetables lightly in olive oil.
- I got up, tossing aside my book.
- She tossed her jacket onto the bed.

Idiom: ↑not give a toss

Derived ↑toss off ▪ ↑toss somebody off ▪ ↑toss something off

noun usually singular

**OF COIN**

1. an act of throwing a coin in the air in order to decide sth

- The final result was decided **on/by the toss of a coin** .
- **to win/lose the toss** (= to guess correctly/wrongly which side of a coin will face upwards when it lands on the ground after it has been thrown in the air)

**OF HEAD**

2. ~ **of your head** an act of moving your head suddenly upwards, especially to show that you are annoyed or impatient

- She dismissed the question with a toss of her head.

**THROW**

3. an act of throwing sth, especially in a competition or game

- a toss of 10 metres

**more at** argue the toss **at** ↑argue

Word Origin:

early 16th cent.: of unknown origin.

Example Bank:

- England won the toss and chose to kick off.
- The order of play was decided by the toss of a coin.
- The team captains called the toss.
- The venue will be decided on the toss of a coin.

**toss**

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I. **toss**<sup>1</sup> /tɒs \$ tɒs BrE<sup>1</sup> AmE<sup>1</sup> verb

[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: Probably from a Scandinavian language]

1. **[transitive]** to throw something, especially something light, with a quick gentle movement of your hand

**toss something into/onto etc something**

- She crumpled the letter and tossed it into the fire.

**toss something aside/over etc**

- Toss that book over, will you?

**toss something to somebody**

- 'Catch!' said Sandra, tossing her bag to him.

**toss somebody something**

- Frank tossed her the newspaper.

2. **[intransitive and transitive]** to move about continuously in a violent or uncontrolled way, or to make something do this

**toss something around/about**

- The small boat was tossed about like a cork.

3. **toss and turn** to keep changing your position in bed because you cannot sleep:

- I've been tossing and turning all night.

4. [intransitive and transitive] (also **toss up**) especially *British English* to throw a coin in the air, so that a decision will be made according to the side that faces upwards when it comes down **SYN flip** *American English*:

They tossed a coin to decide who would go first.

**toss (somebody) for it**

We couldn't make up our minds, so we decided to toss for it.

5. [transitive] to throw something up into the air and let it fall to the ground:

The crowd cheered, banging pots and tossing confetti into the air.

6. **toss a pancake** *British English* to throw a ↑**pancake** upwards so that it turns over in the air and lands on the side that you want to cook **SYN flip** *American English*

7. [transitive] to move pieces of food about in a small amount of liquid so that they become covered with the liquid:

Toss the carrots in some butter before serving.

8. **toss your head/hair** *written* to move your head or hair back suddenly, often with a shaking movement showing anger:

He tossed his head angrily and left the room.

**toss off** *phrasal verb*

1. **toss something** ↔ **off** to produce something quickly and without much effort:

one of those painters who can toss off a couple of pictures before breakfast

2. **toss something** ↔ **off** *written* to drink something quickly:

He tossed off a few whiskies.

3. **toss (somebody) off** *British English informal not polite* to ↑**masturbate**

**toss something/somebody** ↔ **out** *phrasal verb* *American English informal*

1. to get rid of something that you do not want **SYN throw out**:

I tossed most of that stuff out when we moved.

2. to make someone leave a place, especially because of bad behaviour **SYN throw out**

**toss something/somebody** ↔ **out of**

Kurt was tossed out of the club for trying to start a fight.

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## THESAURUS

▪ **throw** to make something such as a ball or stone move quickly through the air using your hand: I threw the ball back to him. |

Protestors began throwing stones at the police. | I just threw the letter in the bin.

▪ **toss** (also **chuck**) *informal* to throw something, especially in a careless way without using much effort: She tossed her coat onto the bed. | Can you chuck me the remote control?

▪ **hurl** to throw something with a lot of force: Someone hurled a brick through his window.

▪ **fling** to angrily throw something somewhere with a lot of force, or to carelessly throw something somewhere because you have very little time: He flung her keys into the river. | I flung a few things into a suitcase.

▪ **heave** /hiːv/ to throw something heavy using a lot of effort: They heaved the log into the river.

▪ **lob** to throw something high into the air over someone or something: The police lobbed tear gas canisters over the heads of the demonstrators.

II. **toss**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>1</sup> *AmE* <sup>1</sup> *noun* [countable]

1. the act of throwing a coin in the air to decide something, especially who will do something first in a game:

The toss of a coin decided who would go first.

**win/lose the toss**

Malory won the toss and will serve.

2. a sudden backwards movement of your head, so that your hair moves, often showing anger:

'I'll see,' the nurse said, with an officious toss of her head.

3. a gentle throw

4. **not give a toss** *British English spoken* to not care about something at all:

I really couldn't give a toss what Sam thinks.

⇒ **argue the toss** at ↑**argue**(5)

## toss

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