

bicycle

1. ['baɪsɪk(ə)] *n*
велосипед
2. ['baɪsɪk(ə)] *v*
ездить на велосипеде

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

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bi-cycle [bicycle bicycles bicycled bicycling] **noun, verb** BrE ['baɪsɪkl̩] ^u
NAme ['baɪsɪkl̩] ^u

noun (also informal **bike**)



a road vehicle with two wheels that you ride by pushing the [↑]pedals with your feet

- He got on his bicycle and rode off.
- We went for a **bicycle ride** on Sunday.

Word Origin:

mid 19th cent.: from [↑]bi- 'two' + Greek kuklos 'wheel' .

Example Bank:

- Did you come by bicycle?
- He mounted his bicycle and rode off.
- I dismounted and began to push my bicycle up the hill.
- She came off her bicycle when it skidded on some wet leaves.
- She pedalled her bicycle up the track.
- She tried to pedal her bicycle up the track.
- We watched the boys on their bicycles .

verb intransitive (+ adv./prep.) (old-fashioned)

to go somewhere on a bicycle

compare [↑]bike, [↑]cycle

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	bicycle
	BrE / 'baɪsɪkl̩/
	NAme / 'baɪsɪkl̩/
he / she /it	bicycles
	BrE / 'baɪsɪklz/
	NAme / 'baɪsɪklz/
past simple, past participle	bicycled
	BrE / 'baɪsɪklɪd/
	NAme / 'baɪsɪklɪd/
-ing form	bicycling
	BrE / 'baɪsɪklɪŋ/
	NAme / 'baɪsɪklɪŋ/

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See also: [↑]bike

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1. **bi|cycle** ¹ **W3** /'baɪsɪkəl/ **BrE** ^u **AmE** ^u **noun** [countable]

[Date: 1800-1900; Language: French; Origin: bi- + -cycle (as in tricycle)]



a vehicle with two wheels that you ride by pushing its **pedals** with your feet **SYN bike**:

Can James ride a bicycle yet? ⇒ **exercise bike**

REGISTER

In everyday English, people usually say **bike** rather than **bicycle**:

- They go everywhere by bike.

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COLLOCATIONS

verbs

- ride a bicycle** Riding a bicycle is very good exercise.
- get on/off a bicycle** I got on my bicycle and cycled over to Rob's house.
- push/wheel a bicycle** (=walk beside it pushing it) She was wheeling her bicycle and talking to some friends.

bicycle + NOUN

- a bicycle shop** (also **bicycle store American English**) His dream was to own a bicycle shop.
- a bicycle ride** They went for a 50 km bicycle ride.
- a bicycle wheel /tyre** My front bicycle tyre is flat.
- a bicycle pump** (=for putting more air in a tyre) Where's the bicycle pump?
- a bicycle helmet** It's safer to wear a bicycle helmet.
- a bicycle shed** (=place for keeping bicycles in) He built a bicycle shed in the back yard.

II. **bicycle**² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ **verb** [intransitive always + adverb/preposition]

formal to go somewhere by bicycle **SYN bike, cycle**

—**bicyclist** *noun* [countable]

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