

breadth

[bredθ,bretθ] *n*

1. ширина
the room is six feet in breadth - ширина комнаты шесть футов
2. полотнище; определённая ширина (*ткани, линолеума и т. п.*)
a breadth of cloth - полотнище ткани
3. 1) широта (*кругозора, интересов и т. п.*)
breadth of mind - широта ума
- 2) *иск.* широта трактовки, художественное обобщение
4. несдержанность, вольность, свобода (*в разговоре, поведении*)
too much breadth in his behaviour - ≅ он слишком много себе позволяет
5. *мех.* просвет, пролёт
◇ by a hair's breadth - нисколько, совсем не
it won't shake my belief in him by a hair's breadth - это нисколько не поколеблет мою веру в него
by /within/ a hair's breadth of smth. - на волосок от чего-л.
he was within a hair's breadth of being run over by a car - его чуть не переехала машина
to a hair's breadth - точь-в-точь, в точности

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breadth [breadth breadths] *BrE* [bredθ] ^m *NAmE* [bredθ] ^m **noun uncountable, countable**

1. the distance or measurement from one side to the other; how broad or wide sth is
Syn: ↑width
• She estimated the breadth of the lake to be 500 metres.
compare ↑length
2. a wide range (of knowledge, interests, etc.)
• He was surprised at her breadth of reading.
• The curriculum needs breadth and balance.
• a new political leader whose **breadth of vision** (= willingness to accept new ideas) can persuade others to change
see the length and breadth of sth **at** ↑length

Word Origin:

early 16th cent.: from obsolete brede in the same sense (related to ↑broad) + ↑-th, on the pattern of length.

Example Bank:

- I need a greater breadth of experience.
- The pool is 15 feet in breadth.
- The boat measures 100 feet in length and 27 in breadth.
- The party needs a new leader with a breadth of vision that can persuade others to change.
- They travelled the length and breadth of the land.

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[**Date:** 1500-1600; **Origin:** brede 'breadth' (11-19 centuries) (from Old English brædu, from brad; ⇒ ↑broad¹) + -th (as in length)]

1. [**uncountable and countable**] the distance from one side of something to the other **SYN** width ⇒ **broad, depth, length**
breadth of
" the breadth of the river
5 metres/3 feet etc in breadth
" The boat measured 15 feet in length and 4 feet in breadth.
2. [**uncountable**] the quality of including a lot of different people, things, or ideas ⇒ **broad, depth**
breadth of
" The job wasn't giving him the breadth of experience he wanted.
" His breadth of knowledge was amazing.
" a politician known for his breadth of vision
" We need to provide more breadth in the college curriculum.
⇒ **HAIR'S BREADTH**, ⇒ **the length and breadth of at** ↑length(8)

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