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storey

storey [storey storeys] (especially BrE) (especially US story)BrE ['sto]

NAmE ['sto] j^{*} noun (pl. stor·eys, NAmE stor·ies)

1. a level of a building; a floor

the upper/lower storey of the house

• a single-storey/two-storey building

see also †multi-storey

2. -storeyed (BrE) (NAmE -storied) (in adjectives) (of a building) having the number of levels mentioned

• a four-storeyed building

See also: 1story

Word Origin:

late Middle English: shortening of Latin historia 'history, story', a special use in Anglo-Latin, perhaps originally denoting a tier of painted windows or sculptures on the front of a building (representing a historical subject).

Which Word?:

storey / floor

You use storey (*BrE*)/story (*NAmE*) mainly when you are talking about the number of levels a building has: ■ a five-storey house The office building is five storeys high.

Floor is used mainly to talk about which particular level in the building someone lives on, goes to, etc: = His office is on the fifth floor.

note at floor

Example Bank:

- He jumped out of the second-storey/second-story window.
- I live on the top storey.
- The building is four storeys/stories high.
- The building is four storeys high.
- The house has three storeys.
- The kitchen occupies the lower storey.
- They plan to add an extra storey.
- a five-storey house
- · a single-storey/two-storey/three-storey building

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storey BrE AmE British English, **story** American English /'ston/ noun [countable]

[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: story; perhaps because some medieval buildings had paintings on their walls telling stories]

a floor or level of a building:

a staircase leads to the upper storey

two-storey/five-storey etc (=having two etc storeys)

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• floor one of the levels in a building: She lives in an apartment on the eighteenth floor.

• storey British English, story American English used when saying how many levels a building has: a five-storey car park | The school is a single storey building.

• the ground floor (also the first floor American English) the floor of a building that is at ground level: There is a shop on the ground floor. | The emergency room is on the first floor.

• the first floor *British* English, the second floor *American* English the floor of a building above the one at ground level: She lives on the first floor.

• deck one of the levels on a ship, bus, or plane: The Horizon Lounge is on the top deck of the ship.

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