

buoy

- [bɔɪ] *n*
 - буй; буюк; бакен
buoy keeper - бакенщик
 - спасательный буй; спасательный круг
- [bɔɪ] *v*
обставлять буюми; ставить бакены

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buoy [buoy buoys buoyed buoying] **noun, verb** *BrE* [bɔɪ] [ⓘ] *NAmE* [bɔɪ] [ⓘ]
NAmE ['buɔɪ] [ⓘ]

noun
an object which floats on the sea or a river to mark the places where it is dangerous and where it is safe for boats to go
see also ↑lifebuoy

Word Origin:

Middle English: probably from Middle Dutch *boye*, *boeie*, from a Germanic base meaning 'signal'. The verb is from Spanish *boyar* 'to float', from *boya* 'buoy'.

verb usually passive

- ~ **sb (up)** to make sb feel cheerful or confident
 - Buoyed by their win yesterday the team feel confident of further success.
 - Knowing that all her friends were there buoyed up her spirits.
- ~ **sb/sth (up)** to keep sb/sth floating on water
 - The raft was buoyed (up) by empty petrol cans.
- ~ **sth (up)** to keep prices at a high or acceptable level
 - Trading on Wall Street was buoyed in part by rising bond prices.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	buoy
	<i>BrE</i> /bɔɪ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /bɔɪ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /'buɪ/
he / she / it	buoys
	<i>BrE</i> /bɔɪz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /bɔɪz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /'buɪz/
past simple, past participle	buoyed
	<i>BrE</i> /bɔɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /bɔɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /'buɪd/
-ing form	buoying
	<i>BrE</i> /bɔɪɪŋ/
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[Date: 1200-1300; Origin: Probably from Middle Dutch *boye*, *boeie*, from Latin *boia* 'chain', because a buoy is kept in place with a chain]

an object that floats on the sea, a lake etc to mark a safe or dangerous area
- buoy**² *BrE* [ⓘ] *AmE* [ⓘ] (also **buoy up**) **verb** [transitive]

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Spanish; Origin: *boyar* 'to float', from *boya* 'buoy', from Latin *boia*; ⇒ ↑**buoy**¹]

 - to make someone feel happier or more confident:
 - The party is buoyed up by the latest opinion poll results.
 - to keep profits, prices etc at a high level:
 - Increased demand for computers buoyed their profits.
 - to keep something floating

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