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- 1. 1) уборная, туалет
- lavatory paper туалетная бумага
- 2) унитаз
- 3) умывальная раковина
- 2. горн. золотопромывочная установка

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lav-atory [lavatory lavatories] BrE ['lævətri] ** NAmE ['lævətɔ ii* noun (pl.

lav-atories)(old-fashioned or formal)

- 1. (especially BrE) a toilet, or a room with a toilet in it
- There's a bathroom and a lavatory upstairs.
- 2. (BrE) a public building or part of a building, with toilets in it
- The nearest public lavatory is at the station.

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from late Latin lavatorium 'place for washing', from Latin lavare 'to wash'. The word originally denoted something in which to wash, such as a bath or pool for bathing, later (mid 17th cent.) a room with washing facilities; the current sense dates from the 19th cent.

Example Bank:

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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Medieval Latin; Origin: lavatorium 'bowl for washing in', from Latin lavare 'to wash]

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- **toilet** British English a room with a toilet in it, in someone's house or in a public place: He locked himself in the toilet. | the public toilets
- **bathroom** a room with a toilet in it, in someone's house. In British English, **bathroom** is used especially when you want to be polite. In American English, it is the usual word to use: He asked to use the bathroom.
- **restroom** American English a room in a public place that has one or more toilets in it: She went into the store to use the restroom.
- **lavatory** formal a room with a toilet in it. In American English **lavatory** is used mainly for toilets in a public building or on a plane. In British English it is used both about public toilets and toilets in people's houses: public lavatories | He didn't have time to visit the lavatory.
- **loo** *British English informal*, **john** *American English informal* a room with a toilet in it. **Loo** is very common in everyday spoken British English: 'Where's Chris?' 'He's in the loo.' | Can I use your loo? | Where's the john?
- bog British English informal a very informal word for a toilet, which is not considered polite: The nearest bog was miles away.
- the ladies *British English*, the ladies' room *American English* a public toilet for women: Where's the ladies? | I need to go to the ladies' room.
- the gents *British English*, the men's room *American English* a public toilet for men: I followed him into the gents. | I've got to go to the men's room. Excuse me.
- latrine an outdoor toilet in a camp or military area: The latrines were in a shocking state.
- urinal a type of toilet for men that is attached to a wall: He was standing at the urinal.
- potty a bowl that babies use as a toilet: Does he need his potty?
- **commode** a chair with a bowl in it, used as a toilet, especially in hospitals and homes for old people: She has to use a commode.
- **bedpan** a container which is used as a toilet, especially in hospitals by people who are too ill or weak to get out of bed: I had to change the bedpans.

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