

break·fast S2 W2

/ˈbrekfəst/

noun [uncountable and countable]

MEAL the meal you have in the morning:

*We **had** bacon and eggs **for breakfast**.*

*I never **eat breakfast**.*

*After a **hearty breakfast** (= large breakfast) , we set out for a hike.*

*a **light breakfast** (= small breakfast)*

*a **working breakfast** (= a breakfast at which you talk about business)*

— **breakfast** **verb** [intransitive]

→ BED AND BREAKFAST,
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST,
ENGLISH BREAKFAST,

→ **wedding breakfast** AT WEDDING (1) ,

→ **make a dog's breakfast of something** AT DOG¹ (8)

COLLOCATIONS

verbs

have/ eat breakfast *Paul got up, washed and had breakfast.*

have something for breakfast *What do you usually have for breakfast?*

ADJECTIVES/NOUN + breakfast

a big breakfast *Most people don't eat a big breakfast nowadays.*

a good/ proper breakfast (= big and healthy) *I think kids need a good breakfast before they go to school.*

a hearty breakfast (**written**) (= big) *The price includes a hearty breakfast.*

a small/ light breakfast *She ate a light breakfast of toast and coffee.*

an English/ a full breakfast (= a big breakfast with bacon, egg,

toast etc - used especially in hotels) *A lot of people like to have an English breakfast on holiday.*

a cooked/fried breakfast (= bacon, egg, toast etc) *Do you feel like having a cooked breakfast?*

a buffet breakfast (= one in a hotel, where you serve yourself) *A buffet breakfast is served in the hotel's elegant dining room.*

a continental breakfast (= coffee and bread with butter and jam) *Continental breakfast can be served in your room.*

a quick/hasty/hurried breakfast *I grabbed a quick breakfast and ran to the bus stop.*

a long/leisurely breakfast (= not hurried) *On Sunday mornings I like to have a leisurely breakfast.*

an early/late breakfast *We had an early breakfast and left before 7.30.*

a working breakfast (= at which you talk about business) *She suggested we meet at 8.30 for a working breakfast.*

breakfast + NOUN

the breakfast dishes *Did you put the breakfast dishes in the dishwasher?*

the breakfast things (= dishes, packets etc) *Dad was clearing the breakfast things away.*

a breakfast table/room *The house has a large kitchen and a breakfast room.*

breakfast cereal *Many breakfast cereals are high in sugar.*

breakfast time *I don't like talking at breakfast time.*

breakfast television/TV (= programmes on television in the early morning) *The children all eat their cereal in front of breakfast television.*

Word origin

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Origin: *break* + *FAST*⁴