

bas·ket ^{s3}

/ˈbɑːskɪt \$ ˈbæ-/

noun [countable]

- 1** a container made of thin pieces of plastic, wire, or wood woven together, used to carry things or put things in:

a shopping basket

a basket full of vegetables

clothes/laundry basket (= for dirty clothes)

- 2** a net with a hole at the bottom, attached to a metal ring, through which the ball is thrown in BASKETBALL:

make/shoot a basket (= to throw the ball through the basket)

- 3** (technical) the average or total value of a number of different goods or CURRENCIES

→ **put all your eggs in one basket** AT EGG¹ (6) ,

→ WASTEPAPER BASKET

COLLOCATIONS – Meaning types of basket

a wastepaper/waste basket (= for paper you throw away) *He threw her letter in the wastepaper basket.*

a laundry/clothes basket (= for dirty clothes) *Will you please put your socks in the laundry basket?*

a shopping basket *She paid for the apples and put them in her shopping basket.*

a picnic basket *We took a picnic basket and a rug.*

a bread basket (= for serving bread) *There was a bread basket on the table.*

a fruit basket (= containing fruits) *He had a fruit basket sent up*

to her hotel room.

a hanging basket (= for putting plants in and hanging outside) *All the shops had hanging baskets outside their doors.*

a wicker basket (= made from the hard stems of a plant) *She stores her vegetables in pretty wicker baskets.*

Word origin

Date: 1300–1400

Origin: Probably from an unrecorded Old North French *baskot*, from Latin *bascauda* 'bowl for washing dishes'

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