

bat·ter·y S2

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noun (plural **batteries**)

- 1 **electricity** [countable] an object that provides a supply of electricity for something such as a radio, car, or toy:

*You have to take the top off to **change the batteries**.*

*When the red light comes on, you should **recharge the battery**.*

*The car's got a **flat battery**.*

*a **battery-operated** hairdryer*

- 2 **a battery of something** GROUP OF THINGS

a group of many things of the same type:

*a **battery of medical tests***

- 3 **farm** [countable] (BrE) a row of small CAGES in which chickens are kept, so that the farm can produce large numbers of eggs:

battery hens

→ FREE-RANGE

- 4 **guns** [countable] several large guns used together:

*an **anti-aircraft battery***

- 5 **crime** [uncountable] (law) the crime of hitting someone:

*He was charged with **assault and battery**.*

→ ASSAULT AND BATTERY

- 6 **recharge your batteries** (informal) REST

to rest or relax in order to get back your energy:

*A week in the mountains should **recharge my batteries**.*

COLLOCATIONS Sense 1
adjectives

flat (**BrE**), dead (**AmE**) (= with no more electricity in it) *I'd left the headlights on and the battery was completely flat.*

low (= with little electricity in it) *He could see the battery was low on his laptop.*

a car/torch/phone etc battery *Have you checked your mobile phone battery?*

a rechargeable battery (= one that you can put more electricity in and use again) *The camera uses rechargeable batteries.*

a spare battery (= an extra one, in case you need it) *Take a torch and spare batteries.*

verbs

change/replace the battery (= put a new battery in something) *You may need to change the battery in the smoke alarm.*

charge/recharge a battery (= put more electricity in it) *It takes eight hours to fully recharge the battery.*

use batteries (also run on batteries) *The clock runs on two 9-volt batteries.*

put a battery in *She had put new batteries in the radio.*

take a battery out *I'll take the batteries out while I'm not using it.*

nouns

a battery charger (= a piece of equipment for charging batteries) *Don't forget to pack your battery charger.*

battery power *You can plug your laptop in or use it on battery power.*

battery life (= how long a battery produces electricity) *My old phone had a longer battery life.*

phrases

battery powered/operated *A lot of children's toys are battery*

Word origin

Date: 1500–1600

Language: Old French

Origin: *batterie*, from *batre* 'to hit';

Sense 4:

Origin: from the idea of hitting with gunfire;

Sense 1:

Origin: from the idea of a group of electricity-producing cells joined together

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