

bed¹

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/bed/

noun

1 **sleep** [uncountable and countable] a piece of furniture that you sleep on:

in bed

Simon lay in bed thinking.

You should go to bed early.

She got into bed and turned out the light.

before bed (= before going to bed)

Dad has a whisky before bed.

→ CAMP BED,
FOUR-POSTER BED,
SOFA BED

2 **sex** [uncountable] (informal) used to refer to having sex:

*I came home and found him **in bed with** (= having sex with) my best friend.*

*He wanted me to **go to bed with** him.*

*He's been trying to **get** his secretary **into bed**.*

*She told me he was **good in bed** (= a skilful lover) .*

3 **river/lake/sea** [countable] the flat ground at the bottom of a river, lake, or sea:

the sea bed

4 **garden** [countable] an area of a garden, park etc that has been prepared for plants to grow in:

rose beds

5 **rock** [countable] a layer of rock

→ BEDROCK (2)

6 **lowest layer** [singular] BOTTOM a layer of something that forms a base

that other things are put on top of:

bed of

prawns on a bed of lettuce

7 **in river/water** [countable] an area at the edge of a river or in deeper water where things grow:

an oyster bed

The birds build their nests in reed beds along the river bank.

8 **get out of bed on the wrong side (BrE), get up on the wrong side of the bed (AmE)** BAD-TEMPERED

to feel slightly angry or annoyed for no particular reason

9 **not a bed of roses** DIFFICULT

not a happy, comfortable, or easy situation:

Life isn't always a bed of roses, you know.

10 **you've made your bed and you must lie on it** ACCEPT (spoken)

used to say that you must accept the results of your actions, even if they are bad

11 **put something to bed** (technical)

to complete a newspaper, magazine, or book, so that it is ready to be printed

COLLOCATIONSense 1

verbs

go to bed *What time do you go to bed at night?*

get into bed/ get out of bed *I usually read for a bit after I get into bed.*

climb into bed *Lucy climbed into bed and lay awake thinking.*

crawl into bed (= get into bed feeling very tired) *We finally crawled into bed at three in the morning.*

jump into/ out of bed *I jumped out of bed and ran over to the window.*

get somebody out of bed (= make someone get out of

bed) *His mother couldn't get him out of bed in the mornings.*

stay in bed (= not get up early/at the usual time) *At the weekend it's really nice to be able to stay in bed.*

make the bed (= tidy the sheets and covers after you get up) *Don't forget to make your bed before you go out!*

change a bed (= put clean sheets on it) *You should change the beds at least once a fortnight.*

put somebody to bed (= put a child in their bed) *I put the baby to bed at 7 o'clock as usual.*

take to your bed (**written**) (= go to bed because you feel ill) *Guy had a stomach ache and took to his bed.*

adjectives

a single bed (= for one person) *There was only a single bed.*

a double bed (= a bed for two people) *Would you like a double bed or twin beds?*

a king-size bed (= a very big double bed)

a queen-size bed (= a big bed for two people)

twin beds (= two single beds in a room)

bunk beds (= two single beds joined together one above the other) *The kids love sleeping in bunk beds.*

a spare bed (= a bed for visitors to your home) *Come and stay any time – we have a spare bed.*

a feather bed (= a bed with feathers in the mattress)

phrases

the foot/head of the bed (= the bottom/top of the bed) *I woke up to find someone standing at the foot of the bed.*

(it's) time for bed *She sat and sewed until it was time for bed.*

[transitive]

(**bedded**, **bedding**)

1 ATTACH to fix something firmly and deeply into something else:

bed something in something

The foundations were bedded in cement.

2 SEX/HAVE SEX WITH (old-fashioned) to have sex with someone

bed down

phrasal verb

1 to sleep somewhere which is not your bed and where you do not usually sleep:

Can I bed down on your sofa?

2 bed somebody/something ↔ down

to make a person or animal comfortable in a place where they do not usually sleep

3 if a new system or arrangement beds down, problems with it are solved and it gradually starts to work in the way that it should

bed something ↔ out

phrasal verb

to put plants into the ground so that they can grow

BEd (BrE), / **B.Ed.** (AmE)

/biː 'ed/

noun [countable]

(**Bachelor of Education**) a first university DEGREE in education

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