

bread

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noun [uncountable]

1 a type of food made from flour and water that is mixed together and then baked:

Would you like some bread with your soup?

a loaf of brown bread

a piece of bread and butter

2 **your/somebody's bread and butter** (informal) JOB/TASK

the work that provides you with most of the money that you need in order to live:

Writing is my bread and butter.

3 **know which side your bread is buttered on** ADVANTAGE (informal)

to know which people to be nice to in order to get advantages for yourself

4 **MONEY** (old-fashioned informal) money

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adjectives

fresh *Eat the bread while it's nice and fresh.*

stale (= hard and no longer fresh) *This bread's stale – shall I throw it away?*

crusty (= having a hard crust that is nice to eat) *Serve the soup with crusty bread.*

mouldy (BrE),

moldy (AmE)

(= covered with a green substance that grows on old food) *All there was in the house was a loaf of mouldy old bread.*

white/ brown bread *Would you like white bread or brown bread?*

wholewheat bread (also wholemeal bread BrE) (= bread made with flour that contains all of the grain) *Wholemeal bread is good for you.*

home-made/ home-baked bread *I love home-made bread.*

phrases

a slice/piece of bread *Can I have another slice of bread?*

a loaf of bread *He's gone to buy a loaf of bread.*

a chunk of bread (= a piece that you pull off a loaf instead of cutting it) *He tore off a chunk of bread and dipped it in the sauce.*

verbs

make/bake bread *We usually make our own bread.*

cut/slice bread *Could you cut some bread?*

Word origin

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