

bike¹ S2

/baɪk/

noun [countable]

1 a bicycle:

Let's go for a bike ride.

by bike

They'll be coming by bike.

2 (informal) a MOTORCYCLE

3 on your bike! (BrE) (spoken) LEAVE A PLACE

used to tell someone rudely to go away

COLLOCATIONSense 1

verbs

go somewhere by bike *I usually go to work by bike.*

ride a bike *Her Dad taught her to ride a bike and to drive.*

get on/off a bike *He got off his bike and walked with her for a while.*

rent a bike (also hire a bike BrE) *You can rent bikes and explore the island's cycle paths.*

types of bike

a mountain bike (= a strong bicycle for riding over rough ground) *They went out for a country ride on their mountain bikes.*

a racing bike *He bought a cool new racing bike.*

an exercise bike (= used for exercising indoors) *I usually go on the exercise bike and the rowing machine.*

bike + NOUN

a bike ride *We used to go for long bike rides in the summer holidays.*

a bike race *The Tour de France is a famous bike race.*

a bike shed *They used to meet behind the bike sheds at school.*
a bike rack (= a metal frame that you can attach your bike to) *All stations should provide bike racks for passengers.*

Word origin

Date: 1800–1900

Origin: *bicycle*

bike²

verb

1 [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] (informal) to ride a bicycle:

She bikes to work every day.

2 [transitive] to take something to someone by MOTORCYCLE in order to get it there quickly:

bike something over/round

We're late for our deadline. Can you bike the photos over to us?

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