

bath¹

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/bɑːθ \$ bæθ/

noun [countable]

(plural **baths** /bɑːðz, bɑːθs \$ bæðz, bæθs/)

1 if you take a bath, you wash your body in a bath:

After a week of camping, I really needed a bath.

have a bath (BrE) take a bath (AmE):

I'll have a bath and go to bed.

How often do you take a bath?

*I'll **give** the children their **bath** (= wash them in a bath).*

2 (BrE) a large long container that you fill with water and sit or lie in to wash yourself

SYN bathtub (AmE)

3 water that you sit or lie in to wash yourself:

a hot bath

*She **ran a bath** (= put water into a bath).*

4 a bathroom, used especially in advertising:

All our luxury bedrooms have a private bath.

5 CONTAIN/HOLD a container full of liquid in which something is placed for a particular purpose:

bath of

Plunge the fabric into a bath of black dye.

6 **baths** [plural]

a) (BrE) (old-fashioned)

a public building in which there is a swimming pool

b)

a public building where people could go in the past to wash themselves:

the Roman baths at Cirencester

7 take a bath LOSE/NOT HAVE ANY MORE (*AmE*)(informal)

to lose money, especially in a business deal:

We took a bath in the market over that stock.

→ BIRDBATH,
BUBBLE BATH,

→ **throw the baby out with the bath water** AT THROW¹ (37)

COLLOCATIONS

verbs

have a bath (*especially BrE*), take a bath (*especially AmE*) *She usually has a bath in the evening.*

give somebody a bath *He's upstairs giving the baby a bath.*

get in/into/out of the bath *I had to get out of the bath to answer the phone.*

ADJECTIVES/NOUN + bath

a quick bath *It's easier to take a shower than a quick bath.*

a long bath *A long hot bath is a great way of relaxing.*

a hot/warm/cool bath *Why don't you have a nice warm bath?*

a bubble bath (= with nice-smelling bubbles in it) *She likes to destress by taking a bubble bath.*

bath + NOUN

bath time (= the time when someone, usually a child, has a bath) *Come on, Lucy, it's bath time.*

bath taps (*BrE*) *The water coming out of the bath taps was freezing cold.*

a bath towel *She handed him a soft white bath towel.*

a bath mat (= small rug on the floor by the bath) *The bath mat was soaking wet.*

bath water *The bath water is getting cold.*

bath salts/crystals (= a substance that you put in a bath to make it smell nice) *She bought me some lavender bath salts.*

bath toy (= for a child to play with in the bath) *Bath toys are great for babies who've just learned to sit.*

bath²

verb

(BrE)

1 [transitive] to wash someone in a bath

SYN bathe (AmE):

I'll bath the children.

2 [intransitive] (old-fashioned) to wash yourself in a bath

SYN bathe (AmE)

Bath

a city in southwest England that was famous for many centuries because of its natural hot waters, used by visitors to improve their health. Now many tourists visit Bath to see its old Roman baths and beautiful 18th-century buildings.

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