

bowl¹ S2 W3
 /bəʊl \$ boʊl/
 noun

1 **container** CONTAINER[countable] a wide round container that is open at the top, used to hold liquids, food, flowers etc → **dish:**

Mix all the ingredients thoroughly in a large bowl.

Fill the bowl with water.

a mixing/serving bowl (= a bowl used for mixing foods or serving them)

Beat the butter in a mixing bowl until creamy and soft.

a soup/salad/cereal etc bowl (= a bowl to eat or serve soup, salad etc from)

2 AMOUNT **amount** [countable] (*also bowlful*) the amount of something contained in a bowl:

bowl of

a bowl of rice

a bowl of fruit

3 GAME **game**

a) bowls (BrE)[plural]

an outdoor game played on grass, in which you try to roll big balls as near as possible to a small ball

[SYN] lawn bowling (AmE)

b) [countable usually singular]

a special game in American football played by the best teams after the normal playing season:

the Rose Bowl

4 BALL **ball** [countable] (BrE) a ball that you use in the game of bowls

5 **shape** SHAPE[countable] the part of an object such as a spoon, pipe, toilet etc that is shaped like a bowl:

the bowl of a pipe

a toilet/lavatory bowl

6 | stadium SPORT [countable usually singular] (*AmE*) a large STADIUM shaped like a bowl, where people go to watch special events such as sports games or MUSIC CONCERTS:

the Hollywood Bowl

COLLOCATIONSSense 1

types of bowl

a soup/cereal/pudding bowl (= for eating soup, cereal etc from) *These work well as pasta or cereal bowls.*

a salad/sugar/fruit bowl (= for serving salad etc) *There are some apples in the fruit bowl if you want one.*

a mixing bowl (= for mixing foods) *Put the butter and sugar in a mixing bowl.*

a serving bowl (= for serving foods) *She put the strawberries in a glass serving bowl.*

a washing-up bowl (= for washing the dishes in) *a plastic washing-up bowl*

a wooden/china/glass etc bowl *I broke a china bowl.*

Word origin

Language: Old English

Origin: *bolla*

bowl²

verb

1 [intransitive and transitive] to roll a ball along a surface when you are playing the game of bowls

2

a) [intransitive and transitive]

to throw a ball at the BATSMAN (= the person who hits the ball) in CRICKET

→ **bat**

b) [transitive]

to make a batsman have to leave the field by throwing a ball so that it hits

the WICKET behind him

3 [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] to travel along very quickly and smoothly:

bowl along/down

We were bowling along at about 90 miles per hour.

bowl somebody ↔ out

phrasal verb

in CRICKET, when a team is bowled out, each member of the team has had to leave the field and there is no one left to BAT

bowl somebody ↔ over

phrasal verb

1 HIT/BUMP INTO to accidentally hit someone and knock them down because you are running in a place that is full of people or things

SYN knock over

2 SURPRISED to surprise, please, or excite someone very much

SYN knock out

He was bowled over by her beauty.

Word origin

Date: 1400–1500

Origin: *bowl* 'ball used in bowling' (15–21 centuries), from Old French *boule*, from Latin *bullā* 'bubble'