

bi·cy·cle¹

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/ˈbaɪsɪk l/

noun [countable]

a vehicle with two wheels that you ride by pushing its PEDALS with your feet

SYN bike

*Can James **ride** a **bicycle** yet?*

→ EXERCISE BIKE

In everyday English, people usually say **bike** rather than **bicycle**:

*They go everywhere by **bike**.*

COLLOCATIONS

verbs

ride a bicycle *Riding a bicycle is very good exercise.*

get on/ off a bicycle *I got on my bicycle and cycled over to Rob's house.*

push/ wheel a bicycle (= walk beside it pushing it) *She was wheeling her bicycle and talking to some friends.*

bicycle + NOUN

a bicycle shop

(also bicycle store **AmE**)

His dream was to own a bicycle shop.

a bicycle ride *They went for a 50 km bicycle ride.*

a bicycle wheel/ tyre *My front bicycle tyre is flat.*

a bicycle pump (= for putting more air in a tyre) *Where's the bicycle pump?*

a bicycle helmet *It's safer to wear a bicycle helmet.*

a bicycle shed (= place for keeping bicycles in) *He built a*

bicycle shed in the back yard.

Word origin

Date: 1800–1900

Language: French

Origin: *bi-* + *-cycle* (as in *tricycle*)

bicycle²

verb

[intransitive always + adverb/preposition]

(formal) to go somewhere by bicycle

SYN bike,
cycle

— **bicyclist** noun [countable]

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