

bucket¹ S2

/ˈbʌkɪt/

noun [countable]

1 CONTAINER an open container with a handle, used for carrying and holding things, especially liquids

SYN pail

2 (also **bucketful**) AMOUNT the quantity of liquid that a bucket can hold:

bucket of

a bucket of water

3 PART OF MACHINE a part of a machine shaped like a large bucket and used for moving earth, water etc

4 (informal) LOT/LARGE NUMBER OR AMOUNT a large amount of something:

They were drinking beer by the bucket.

bucket of

They made buckets of cash on the deal.

5 weep buckets (informal) LOT/LARGE NUMBER OR AMOUNT
to cry a lot

6 in buckets (informal) LOT/LARGE NUMBER OR AMOUNT
if rain comes down in buckets, it is raining very hard

→ **kick the bucket** AT KICK¹ (20) ,

→ **a drop in the bucket** AT DROP² (8)

bucket²

verb

bucket down

phrasal verb

(BrE) (informal)

to rain very hard

SYN pour

It's been bucketing down all day.

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