

breast¹ S3

/brest/

noun

- 1** **BODY** **woman's body** [countable] one of the two round raised parts on a woman's chest that produce milk when she has a baby:

These bras are specially designed for women with large breasts.

breast milk

breast cancer

bare-breasted/small-breasted etc

- 2** **CHEST** **chest** [countable] (written) the part of your body between your neck and your stomach:

Dick cradled her photograph against his breast.

- 3** **PART OF A BIRD** **bird** [countable] the front part of a bird's body, below its neck:

a robin with a red breast

red-breasted/white-breasted etc

red-breasted geese

- 4** **MEAT** **meat** [uncountable] meat that comes from the front part of the body of a bird such as a chicken:

turkey breast

- 5** **CLOTHES** [countable usually singular] the part of a jacket, shirt etc that covers the top part of your chest

→ DOUBLE-BREASTED,
SINGLE-BREASTED

- 6** **make a clean breast of it/things** ADMIT

to admit that you have done something wrong

- 7** **EMOTIONS** **emotions** [countable] (literary) FEEL HAPPY/FRIGHTENED/BORED ETC where your feelings of sadness, love, anger, fear etc come from:

a troubled breast

→ **beat your breast** [AT BEAT¹](#) (31) ,

→ [CHIMNEY BREAST](#)

Word origin

Language: Old English

Origin: *breost*

breast²

verb

[transitive] (formal)

1 TOP to reach the top of a hill or slope

2 PUSH to push against something with your chest

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