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# transport 1 of 2 verb

trans·port (trən(t)s-ˈpɔrt) 'trən(t)s-,pɔrt

## transported; transporting; transports

Synonyms of transport

transitive verb

- 1 : to transfer or convey from one place to another  
| transporting ions across a living membrane
- 2 : to carry away with strong and often intensely pleasant emotion
- 3 : to send to a penal colony overseas

**transportability** (,)(,)trən(t)s-,pɔrt-tə-ˈbi-lə-tē) noun

**transportable** (trən(t)s-ˈpɔrt-tə-bəl) adjective

# transport 2 of 2 noun

trans·port (ˈtrən(t)s-,pɔrt)

- 1 : an act or process of transporting : **TRANSPORTATION**
- 2 **a** : a ship for carrying soldiers or military equipment
- b** : a vehicle (such as a truck or airplane) used to transport persons or goods
- c** : **TRANSPORTATION** sense 2

3 : strong or intensely pleasurable emotion  
| transports of joy

4 : a transported convict

PRETTY SIMPLE:

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ad NHTSA

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## Synonyms

Verb

convey dispatch pack (off)

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**Noun**

cloud nine	ecstasy	elatedness
elation	euphoria	exhilaration
heaven	high	intoxication
paradise	rapture	rhapsody
seventh heaven	swoon	

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### Choose the Right Synonym for *transport*

#### Verb

**BANISH, EXILE, DEPORT, TRANSPORT** mean to remove by authority from a state or country.

**BANISH** implies compulsory removal from a country not necessarily one's own.

| *banished* for seditious activities

**EXILE** may imply compulsory removal or an enforced or voluntary absence from one's own country.

| a writer who *exiled* himself for political reasons

**DEPORT** implies sending out of the country an alien who has illegally entered or whose presence is judged inimical to the public welfare.

| illegal aliens will be *deported*

**TRANSPORT** implies sending a convicted criminal to an overseas penal colony.

| a convict who was *transported* to Australia

#### Noun

**ECSTASY, RAPTURE, TRANSPORT** mean intense exaltation of mind and feelings.

**ECSTASY** and **RAPTURE** both suggest a state of trance or near immobility produced by an overpowering emotion.

**ECSTASY** may apply to any strong emotion (such as joy, fear, rage, adoration).

| religious *ecstasy*

**RAPTURE** usually implies intense bliss or beatitude.

| in speechless *rapture*

**TRANSPORT** applies to any powerful emotion that lifts one out of oneself and usually provokes vehement expression or frenzied action.

| in a *transport* of rage

### Examples of *transport* in a Sentence

#### Verb

| A van at the hotel **transports** guests to and from the airport.

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Emergency medical staff **transported** her to a local hospital, where she was given further treatment before returning to Alameda that day.

– Chase Hunter, *The Mercury News*, 8 Nov. 2024

But the United States has not attempted mass arrests of migrants since 1954, when border agents rounded up more than 1 million people living in Texas and California and forcibly **transported** them to Mexico.

– Stephen Engelberg, *ProPublica*, 6 Nov. 2024

#### Noun

He was based at Otis Air National Guard Base on Cape Cod, Massachusetts, where he was assigned to the 102nd Intelligence Wing as a cyber **transport** systems journeyman.

– Mirna Alsharif, *NBC News*, 12 Nov. 2024

Governments should support and incentivize organisations to implement Sustainable Development Goals into their operations, and policies around public **transport** and waste management can also help businesses lower their environmental footprint.

– Christopher Marquis, *Forbes*, 5 Nov. 2024

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### Word History

#### Etymology

##### Verb

Middle English, from Anglo-French or Latin; Anglo-French *transporter*, from Latin *transportare*, from *trans-* + *portare* to carry — more at FARE

#### First Known Use

##### Verb

14th century, in the meaning defined at sense 1



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The first known use of *transport* was in the 14th century

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- active transport
- co-transport
- electron transport
- passive transport
- public transport
- supersonic transport
- transport café

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### Kids Definition

**transport** 1 of 2 verb

trans-*port* (tran(t)s-'pō(ə)rt) -'pō(ə)rt

1 : to transfer or convey from one place to another

2 : to fill with delight



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transporter noun

# transport 2 of 2 noun

trans·port (ˈtrɑn(t)s-,pō(ə)rt) -,pō(ə)rt

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| transports of joy
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## Etymology

### Verb

Middle English *transporten* "to transport," from early French *transporter* or Latin *transportare* (both, same meaning), from Latin *trans-* "across, through, so as to change" and *portare* "to carry" — related to **PORTABLE**

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## Medical Definition

# transport 1 of 2 transitive verb

trans·port (trɑn(t)s-ˈpō(ə)rt, -ˈpō(ə)rt, ˈtrɑn(t)s-, ◀)

- : to transfer or convey from one place to another  
| mechanisms of *transporting* ions across a living membrane

# transport 2 of 2 noun

trans·port (ˈtrɑn(t)s-,pō(ə)rt, -,pō(ə)rt ◀)

- : an act or process of transporting  
*specifically* : **ACTIVE TRANSPORT**

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Meaning of **transport** in English



# transport

**noun**

US /'træn.spɔ:t/ UK /'træn.spɔ:t/

## transport *noun* (GOODS/PEOPLE)

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**B2** [U]

**the movement of people or goods from one place to another:**

- *the transport of live animals*
- *The company will arrange transport from the airport.*

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**B1** [U] UK

(US transportation)

**a system of vehicles, such as buses, trains, aircraft, etc. for getting from one place to another:**

- **form/means of transport** *Bicycles are a cheap and efficient form/means of transport.*

### – Fewer examples

- *The city's transport system is one of the most efficient in Europe.*
- *The tour operator will arrange transport and plan your itinerary.*
- *Traveling by train is still one of the safest methods of transport.*
- *If you think that these transport problems can be solved by building more roads, you completely misunderstand the nature of the problem.*
- *Please let the organizers know if you're able to offer transport to or from the*





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transport *noun* (FEELING)

▶ **in transports (of delight)** *literary*



**extremely pleased or happy:**

- *She was in transports of delight as she beheld the scene.*

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# transport

*verb* [T]

US /trænˈspɔːrt/ UK /trænˈspɔːt/

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transport *verb* [T] (GOODS/PEOPLE)



B2

**to take goods or people from one place to another:**

- **transport something across something to something** *The pipeline was constructed to transport oil across Alaska to ports on the coast.*
- **transport something (by something)** *Such heavy items are expensive to transport (by plane).*

**Synonyms**

carry (TRANSPORT)

cart

drag (PULL)

ferry

lug *informal*



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(in the past) to send a criminal to live in a country far away as a punishment:

- **be transported to** *162,000 convicts were transported to Australia from 1788 to 1868.*

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transport *verb* [T] (FEELING)



literary

If something transports you to a different time or place, it makes you feel as if you were in it:

- **transport someone back to something** *The movie transports you back to the New York of the 1950s.*

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transport | INTERMEDIATE ENGLISH

# transport

*verb* [T]

US /træns'pɔ:t, -'pɔ:rt/



to take goods or people from one place to another:

- *The movers will transport thousands of pictures, charts, and recordings to the*





# transportation

**noun** [ U ] US / ,træns·pər'tei·fən /

- *In many cities, people depend on public transportation to get around.*

# transport

**noun** [ C/U ]

US / 'træns·pɔrt, -pɔrt /



**something that takes things, esp. soldiers or military supplies, from one place to another:**

- [ U ] *I had to arrange for transport to get to my new assignment.*



## BIOLOGY

**Transport also means the movement of a chemical substance in and out of living cells.**

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## transport | BUSINESS ENGLISH

# transport

**noun** [ U ] • TRANSPORT

UK / 'træns·pɔ:t/ US

( US also **transportation** )



**a system of vehicles, for example buses, trains, and aircraft, for getting from one place to another:**

- *Future economic growth may be damaged by the failure of the Treasury to invest in*





manifesto.

- Effective **passenger transport** systems are essential for European economies.
- People are being encouraged to try **local transport** for short journeys.
- **road/rail/air transport**
- **transport systems/services/networks**
- **a transport group/company/business**
- **the transport sector/industry**
- **the transport department/minister/secretary**
- **a form/means/mode of transport** *In recent years, there has been an enormous increase in air traffic and other forms of transport.*
- **cheap/free transport** *Thanks to cheaper transport, prices across the world have converged.*



**a vehicle for a person or group of people to use for a particular journey:**

- *Guests will need their **own transport** to get to the convention center.*
- **arrange/provide transport** *You will have to arrange your **own transport** to the airport.*



**the activity of moving goods or gas, oil, etc. from one place to another:**

- **the transport of sth** *Security measures surrounding the transport of export-bound oil have been heightened in the wake of the recent disaster.*

**See also**

- [public transport](#)
- [surface transport](#)



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**verb** [ T ] • TRANSPORT

UK /træn'spɔ:t/ US



**to move goods or gas, oil, etc. from one place to another:**

- *We will stick firmly to bilateral agreements when transporting energy to world markets.*
- **be transported to/from/by** *Natural gas can be frozen and liquefied, allowing it to be transported to regions lacking in supplies.*



**to take people from one place to another on a bus, train, plane, etc.:**

- **be transported to/from/by** *Passengers were transported from the immobilized jet to a spare aircraft.*

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EXAMPLES of transport

# transport

Stop all modes of *transport* in and out.

From National Geographic



The transports are down 25 percent in the past year.

From CNBC



The victim was transported to an area hospital where he died from his injuries.

From CBS Local



It also has good *transport* links back to the airport.

From CNN



The two men could also face federal charges, since they allegedly transported the body across the state line.



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During a *transport* air that becomes much more abundant.

From [CNN](#)



But storing it and transporting are another matter.

From [Huffington Post](#)



Because we must continue to use fossil fuels, we must provide the means necessary for their production and *transport*.

From [OregonLive.com](#)



Why should viewers trust this show to *transport* them to interesting places?

From [Huffington Post](#)



My father had 15 mules, and he transported coffee to a train.

From [NPR](#)



It was like being transported into the future.

From [Wired](#)



Thermal properties of cells regulate their ability to store, *transport* or exchange heat with their environment.

From [Phys.Org](#)



The results of their study can be shocking for hundreds of thousands of people working in *transport*, production, sales and services.

From [The Hill](#)



They make the products that defend us, that *transport* us, that cool us and warm us.

From [The Hill](#)



The sight transports him back to the ocean -- back home.

From [CNN](#)



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COLLOCATIONS with **transport**





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**alternative transport**

- In two cases, the panelists disagreed whether ambulance paramedic personnel would have managed complications that probably would have happened during the alternative transport.

From the *Cambridge English Corpus*

**axonal transport**

- Thalamic afferents to the visual cortex in the cat studied by retrograde axonal transport of horseradish peroxidase.

From the *Cambridge English Corpus*

**commercial transport**

- We are a commercial transport undertaking.

From the *Hansard archive*

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**What is the pronunciation of *transport*?**


**Translations of transport**

in Chinese (Traditional) 貨物 / 人, 運輸, 運送, 輸送, 交通工具...	<b>See more</b>
in Chinese (Simplified) 货物 / 人, 运输, 运送, 输送, 交通工具...	<b>See more</b>
in Spanish	<b>See more</b>

in Portuguese  
**transporte, transportar, transporte [masculine]...**  
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- transplanted
- transplanting
- transpolar
- transponder
- transport**
- transport café
- transport hub
- transport plane
- transport ship

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WORD OF THE DAY

# clan

UK /klæn/ US /klæn/

a group of families, especially in Scotland, who originally came from the same family and have the same name

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# recruit

VERB

## Etymology

### Summary

Probably formed within English, by conversion.

**Etymon:** *recruit* *n.*

Probably < **recruit** *n.* Compare **Swedish** *rekrytera* (1634 as †*recruter*; also †*recruter* (1636)), and also **French** *recruter* (1691; probably after **Dutch**: see note), **Portuguese** *recrutar* (17th cent.), **Dutch** *recruteeren* (1668 as †*recruter*), **German** *rekrutieren* (1694), **Danish** *rekrutere* (1664 as †*recruter*; also †*recruter*). Compare also (with dissimilation of consonants) **Spanish** *reclutar* (1640), **Portuguese** †*reclutar* (1720), **Italian** *reclutare* (1668). Compare slightly earlier **recrew** *v.*<sup>1</sup>

## Notes

Although **French** *recruter* has frequently been considered the etymon of both the **English** verb and most parallel verbs in other European languages, this is unlikely on chronological grounds, as it is apparently only attested later. Its earliest attestation in a letter by the dramatist Racine which criticizes its use in **French** newspapers published in Holland suggests that it may have been formed as a calque on **Dutch** *recruteeren*.

The following early quot. shows either (apparently isolated) alteration after **Spanish** *reclutar*, or perhaps even independent borrowing < **Spanish**:

**1652-60** Such colonells as had not their men extant were dismissed to their severall homes to reclute, himself still in the field..where we leave him recluting his men.  
in J. T. Gilbert, *Contemporary History Ireland* (1879) vol. I. i. 45

## Meaning & use

**1.a.** *transitive. Military.* To strengthen or augment (a military force) with fresh recruits or troops. Also *figurative*. Now *rare*.

1642-



- 1642** They..have levied and raysed amongst them the greatest number of those men, who both first formed and now also recruited the Army.  
*Humble Remonstrance in True & Orig. Copy First Petition*
- 1655** Wee are sending 20 sayle of shippes to recrewte them with 2000 land men.  
in E. Nicholas, *Nicholas Papers* (1892) vol. II. 353
- 1681** An immortal Body of six thousand brave English, which were by Agreement to be continually recruited.  
W. Temple, *Mem. in Works* (1731) vol. I. 356
- 1727** It was his custom to recruit his army with conquered people.  
I. Newton, *Chronology of Ancient Kingdoms Amended* (1728) i. 181
- 1735** See in bright array What hosts of heavenly lights recruit the day.  
G. Granville, *Progress of Beauty in Genuine Works* (1736) vol. I. 60
- 1788** Public and private distress recruited the armies of the state.  
E. Gibbon, *Decline & Fall* vol. IV. xlii. 214
- 1819** Sudden marches which Montrose was obliged to undertake, in order to recruit his army in the mountains.  
W. Scott, *Legend of Montrose* vii, in *Tales of my Landlord* 3rd Series vol. IV. 161
- 1880** In the Parliamentary papers of 1877, the system of recruiting our native battalions receives considerable attention.  
*19th Century* April 707
- 1900** Colonel Cameron was ordered to recruit his regiment to the extent of its losses in Flanders.  
J. P. Maclean, *Hist. Account Settlement Scottish Highlanders in Amer.* xiv. 378
- 1957** The kingdom was divided into cantons, each canton being responsible for a regiment, and large enough to recruit the regiment three times.  
E. Robson in J. O. Lindsay, *New Cambridge Modern History* vol. VII. viii. 180

military

**1.b.** † *transitive*. To support or augment (a suggestion or idea). *Obsolete*.

1659-65

- 1659** I could recruite that Question with pretty store of others of the like nature.  
R. Boyle, *Some Motives & Incentives to Love of God* 44
- 1665** Having both applauded and recruited these Commendations.  
R. Boyle, *Occasional Reflections* iv. viii. sig. Dd2



*transitive. gen.* To reinforce, supplement, or replenish the number of (a class or group of people or things).

1736-

- 1736** Parliament..was now recruited with such Presbyterian Members as had absconded, or deserted their Stations.  
*D. Neal, History of Puritans* vol. III. x. 497
- 1770** You may find it a difficult matter to recruit the black catalogue of your friends.  
*'Junius', Stat Nominis Umbra* (1772) vol. II. xxxvi. 66
- 1790** You would have had a liberal order of commons, to emulate and to recruit that nobility.  
*E. Burke, Reflections on Revolution in France* 53
- 1803** The surcharge of the learned..might in time be drawn off to recruit the laboring class of citizens.  
*T. Jefferson, Letter 14 November in Mem., Correspondence, & Misc.* (1829) vol. IV. 10
- 1871** They drop out of use and are not recruited by fresh members.  
*J. Earle, Philology of English Tongue* vi. 228
- 1910** The colony was continually recruited by fresh immigration.  
*Encyclopædia Britannica* vol. I. 831/2

**1.d.** *intransitive. Ecology.* Of an animal or plant: to enter or supply a particular population by reaching a certain size or condition, esp. at sexual maturity, or by immigrating from a different location. Also with *to* or *into* (a population). Also *transitive*. Cf. sense 4e.

1965-

- 1965** The stock to which an individual recruits is solely determined by the time at which it attains the critical size.  
*Oceanography & Marine Biology* vol. 3 357
- 1967** Before 1950 only a part of each year-class recruited the fishery at three years of age, the remainder recruiting it at age four.  
*Oceanography & Marine Biology* vol. 5 415
- 1988** Removing these juveniles as they recruited averted this decline in adult abundance.  
*Oecologia* vol. 75 272
- 1992** Failure of pine to continue recruiting successfully beneath facilitating trees is tentatively attributed to intraspecific competition among pine individuals.  
*Journal Vegetation Science* vol. 3 679
- 2006** The woody seedlings that are recruiting into the reforested site included exotic and native species.  
*Urban Forestry & Urban Greening* vol. 4 64/2

animals

ecology



*transitive.* To replenish the substance of (a thing) by the addition of fresh material. Now *obsolete*.

1643-

- 1643** I drew it [sc. a sword] not in rage, or private hate., Or to **recrute** a ruined estate; But, that both Prince and People, guard it might.  
G. Wither, *Campo-Musæ* 4
- 1654** The intrinsecall radicall moysture must be supplied, **recruited**, and replenished with the extrinsecall liquids, that is, *exempli gratia*, in the morning with a sphericall Tost in a pot of Ale of good capacity.  
E. Gayton, *Pleasant Notes upon Don Quixot* ii. vi. 102
- 1693** They continually..repaired and **recruited** it [sc. the vestal fire].  
J. Edwards, *Discourse concerning Old & New-Testament* vol. I. v. 172
- 1733** There remains nothing but to **recruit** the Solids weaken'd in the Struggle.  
G. Cheyne, *English Malady* ii. viii. 202
- 1765** Charles..had **recruited** his coffers with the pillage of his people.  
C. Macaulay, *History of England* vol. II. iii. 134
- 1822** He represents it [sc. nervous fluid] as never either **recruited** or exhausted.  
J. M. Good, *Study of Medicine* vol. III. 72
- 1878** Nature can beget nothing till she is **recruited** by the death of something else.  
B. Stewart & P. G. Tait, *Unseen Universe* iv. §120. 132
- 1908** The libraries were replenished and the picture galleries **recruited** from the easels of Wilkie and Lawrence.  
L. C. Sanders, *Holland House Circle* x. 147

**2.b.** † *intransitive*. To return to an original number or condition; to recover from depletion. *Obsolete. rare.*

**1646-58**

- 1646** All the dry Bones shall be reunited..and the whole Generation of mankinde **recruite** againe.  
J. Gregory, *Notes & Observations Scriptvre* xxvi. 124
- 1658** His heart shall feed the bird and still **recruit**.  
J. Jones, translation of Ovid, *Invective against Ibis* 194

**2.c.** † *transitive*. To retrieve or re-establish (one's credit). *Obsolete. rare.*

**1656-66**



**1656** If a woman once dash upon this rock of reproach, she hardly ever **recrutes** her credit.  
*Discourse of Auxiliary Beauty* 151

**1666** This fresh supply heightned our courage very much and **recruited** our credit at the Taverns of the Bath.  
J. Davies, translation of E. d'Aranda, *Hist. Algiers* 21

**2.d.** † *transitive*. To put (something) right, to make up for (something). *Obsolete. rare.*

**1673**

**1673** What he had uttered to my great disgrace, the vicechancellor in his concluding speech **recruited** all againe.  
A. Wood, *Life & Times* (1892) vol. II. 266

**2.e.** *transitive*. To sustain or increase (a quality or condition) by fresh action. Now *rare*.

**1678**

**1678** As active Fires their sluggish heat **recruit**.  
H. Vaughan, *Thalia Rediviva* 72

**1719** Both to **recruit** the heat, and to maintain it afterwards.  
G. London & H. Wise, *J. de la Quintinie's Complete Gardener* (ed. 7) 252

**1788** Fury, rage and malice, **recruiting** and reinforcing their avarice, their vices are no longer human.  
E. Burke, *Speech against W. Hastings in Works* (1822) vol. XIII. 320

**1871** If the temperature of the liquid be kept constantly **recruited** by some natural process.  
B. Stewart, *Heat* (ed. 2) ii. i. §13

**1992** Extreme sensitivity to minor triggers which can **recruit** anger, anxiety or depressed mood are typical of those with emotional lability.  
P. Gilbert, *Depression* iv. 111

**3.a.** *intransitive*. To return to strength, health, etc.; to recuperate, recover. Also with *up*.

**1644**

**1644** After a shrewd bang Prince Rupert is **recruiting** gallantly.  
Sir G. Radcliffe in T. Carte, *Collection of Original Letters* (1735) 329

**1656** With timely food his decay'd Sp'irits **recruit**.  
A. Cowley, *Dauids* iv. 143 in *Poems*

**1697** In Genial Winter, Swains enjoy their Store, Forget their Hardships, and **recruit** for more.  
J. Dryden, translation of Virgil, *Georgics* i, in translation of Virgil, *Works* 61



- 1717** In that short Respite from her lab'ring throws, The Soul recruits, then with new Vigour flows.  
J. Arbuckle, *Snuff* 8
- 1777** I am sending off all the worn down horses to recruit.  
G. Washington, *Letter* 30 December in *Papers* (2003) Revolutionary War Series vol. XIII. 73
- 1791** It is a common saying among the common people of this place [sc. Norwich] when a person does not seem to recruit after a fit of illness., that such an one does not *moise*.  
*Gentleman's Magazine* vol. 61 ii. 1022
- 1800** Where the powers of the constitution had been previously much exhausted..and where they appeared to be gradually recruiting.  
*Medical & Physical Journal* vol. 3 453
- 1814** I was so confoundedly numbed..that I don't think I could have remembered my father,..before I had recruited.  
F. Burney, *Wanderer* vol. I. 41
- 1856** Leaving four of my party to recruit at this station.  
E. K. Kane, *Arctic Explorations* vol. I. ix. 99
- 1856** The dogs having now recruited, he started light.  
E. K. Kane, *Arctic Explorations* vol. I. xxi. 266
- 1860** We..stoped [sic] giving the teams a fine chance to recruit up a little which they need.  
H. J. Hawley, *Diary* 10 May in *Wisconsin Magazine of History* (1936) March 336
- 1896** I believe I have recruited a little since I came here.  
E. Dowson, *Letter* 19 March (1967) 346
- 1921** After that Mr. Scott found it necessary to recruit for two months at Scarborough, 'with a course of quinine'.  
L. Strachey, *Queen Victoria* vii. 236

medicine

**3.b.** *transitive (reflexive)*. To refresh or reinvigorate oneself.

1646-

- 1646** The Portugals seeing we were to strong for them, they left us, and went to Muscat to recruit themselves, but never came..to meet our fleete any more.  
R. Boothby & F. Lloyd, *Breife Discovery Madagascar* x. 38
- 1687** Being asthmatick..he was forced to go to Acre, there to recruit himself for some days.  
A. Lovell, translation of J. de Thévenot, *Travels into Levant* i. 219
- 1731** As soon as he had recruited himself with a hearty Swill of Brandy, he began to relate in this manner.  
G. Waldron, *Descr. Isle of Man* 163 in *Compleat Works* (1731)



- 1791** By establishing an asylum of this kind, persons to whom temporary distresses occur, would have an opportunity to recruit themselves.  
T. Paine, *Rights of Man* ii. v
- 1858** I sat down..while our guide recruited himself with a large dish of thick sour milk.  
B. Taylor, *Northern Travel* xxxv. 374
- 1897** This time I watched whilst Van Helsing recruited himself and rested.  
B. Stoker, *Dracula* xi. 137
- 1986** Our sepoy will carry..a tin box of pills, of sticky morsels rather, of the finest Patna opium to recruit themselves when they have exhausted their physical capacities.  
T. Mo, *Insular Possession* ii. 9

**3.c. transitive.** To regain (one's spirits, health, strength, etc.); to refresh or reinvigorate. Also: to improve or restore the strength or health of (a person or animal) (now rare). Also in extended use.

a1661-

- a1661** The :27.<sup>th</sup> we likewise spent recruiting our hungry bellies & weary limbs, & for the new molding of the Carriages for our farther Journey.  
R. Bargrave, *Trav. Diary* (1999) 131
- 1676** He was..removed..to Knights-bridge, and there he daily recruited his spirits.  
R. Wiseman, *Severall Chirurgical Treatises* 285
- 1697** Recruited into Rage, he grinds his Teeth In his own Flesh.  
J. Dryden, translation of Virgil, *Georgics* iii, in translation of Virgil, *Works* 119
- 1738** Thy Rains from Heav'n parch'd Hills recruit.  
J. Wesley, *Collection of Psalms & Hymns* (new edition) civ. iv
- 1752** Indolence..never is agreeable but when it succeeds to labour, and recruits the spirits.  
D. Hume, *Essays & Treatises* (1777) vol. I. 287
- 1798** I made a most hearty dinner and drank two flasks of wine.—Thus recruited—I set off & easily walked the remaining seven miles.  
T. Jones, *Memoirs* (1951) 60
- 1842** When, a little recruited, he rose to go.  
R. H. Barham, *St. Medard in Ingoldsby Legends* 2nd Series 281
- 1870** Since the Crimean war..Russia has been carefully engaged in recruiting her strength.  
*Standard* 16 November
- 1878** When his troops had been sufficiently recruited, and were again eager to advance.  
R. B. Smith, *Carthage* 238
- 1913** *Hindoos.*, Such Europeans as came from India to the Cape either to recruit their health or to take up their residence.  
C. Pettman, *Africanderisms* 211



- 1977** Delphie was merely going into the country for a night to recruit her strength after so much nursing.  
J. Aiken, *Five-minute Marriage* (1979) ii. 29
- 1997** 'Phthisical' or consumptive gentfolk made winter pilgrimages to Lisbon or Livorno.., while travelling itself..was said to recruit the constitution and strengthen the nerves.  
R. Porter, *Greatest Benefit to Mankind* x. 267

medicine

**4.a.** *intransitive. Military.* To seek or enlist new recruits to a military force. Now also: to seek or enlist new members, supporters, or employees.

1655-

- 1655** Collonel Heane..hath a commission to raise a regiement of horse in Kent, and every troope in England to recruite up to a 100.  
in C. H. Firth, *Clarke Papers* (1899) vol. III. 28
- 1707** The French have only Switzerland, besides their own country, to recruit in.  
J. Addison, *Present State War in Works* (Bohn) vol. IV. 351
- 1773** That the Company's officers should have liberty to recruit with beat of drum, in the manner practised by the regular forces.  
*Annual Register* 1772 i. 71\*12
- 1856** If I wanted a good troop of soldiers, I should recruit among the stables.  
R. W. Emerson, *English Works* iv. 77
- 1904** He was sent recruiting amongst the people of the Estancias.  
J. Conrad, *Nostramo* ii. viii. 236
- 1964** A foreman or senior labourer from the estate was sent back to India, empowered to recruit in his old village.  
K. G. Tregonning, *History of Modern Malaya* 199
- 1991** My coach told me that none of the firms that came to recruit at Yale hired blacks or women, except for an occasional token.  
A. M. Dershowitz, *Chutzpah* ii. 52
- 2004** Schools seeking excellent candidates may also 'take the show on the road' by visiting local colleges to recruit.  
R. Feirsen & S. Weitzman, *How to get Teaching Job You Want.* (ed. 2) iii. 29/1

military

**4.b.** *transitive. Military.* To enlist (a new recruit) to a military force. Also: to form (a regiment, etc.) from newly enlisted recruits.

a1661-

only quotes. show a transition to this sense from sense 1a.



- 1661** Moneys were paid out of Cesars Court for recruiting Duke Feria's Army [Italian *per lo rinforzo dell'esercito del Duca di Feria*].  
Earl of Monmouth, translation of P. G. Capriata, *Hist. Wars Italy* (1663) xiii. 494
- 1720** Of all these Mistakes the French had the Advantage, for Casal was relieved, the Army had Time to be recruited, and the French had the best of it by an early Campaign.  
D. Defoe, *Memoirs of Cavalier 29*
- 1755** So soon as you arrive in Town, you are to take upon you the Command of the Troops that are Recruited, and brought in from the different Counties by the several Officers.  
G. Washington, *Writings* (1931) vol. I. 170
- 1776** The..institution of guards was..increased to four times the ancient number. Formerly these troops had been recruited in Italy.  
E. Gibbon, *Decline & Fall* vol. I. v. 126
- 1814** Such of your troop as were recruited upon Waverley-Honour.  
W. Scott, *Waverley* vol. II. viii. 140
- 1876** Officers specially appointed..to recruit men for the several regiments and departments of the army.  
G. E. Voyle & G. de Saint-Clair-Stevenson, *Military Dictionary* (ed. 3) 334/1
- 1891** *Receiving Ship*, a man o' war, unfit for sea duty, stationed at a navy yard for recruiting seamen.  
H. Patterson, *Illustrated Nautical Dictionary* 179
- 1914** A British West Coast African Colony from whose simple native inhabitants another European power was known to be recruiting soldiers for its native army.  
E. R. Burroughs, *Tarzan of the Apes* i. 2
- 1957** The Army had..recruited a high proportion of its soldiers among the Koranko, Kono, and Kissi tribes in the farthest corners of the Protectorate.  
M. Banton, *West African City* ii. 36
- 1995** It was Mickiewicz's gloriously harebrained notion to expand this legion to include an explicitly 'Hebraic' regiment recruited partly from Polish Jews [etc.].  
S. Schama, *Landscape & Memory* Prologue 33
- 2004** Fleetwood received permission for 2000 men to be recruited for a regiment of his own in Swedish service.  
M. Glozier, *Scottish Soldiers in France* ii. 46

military

**4.c.** *transitive.* To acquire (a person) as an employee, member, or supporter of a society, organization, etc.

1817-



- 1817** The ants that are not yet recruited pursue their ordinary occupations.  
*W. Kirby & W. Spence, Introduction to Entomology* vol. II. xvii. 93
- 1867** An Ursuline convent was founded at Quebec, and a number of enthusiastic volunteers were recruited among the ladies of France.  
*H. James, American Writers* xliv. 571
- 1877** As the members of the Irish Champion A. C. are recruited from all parts of the island, the club has been the cause of many annual provincial meetings being founded.  
*H. F. Wilkinson, Modern Athletics* (ed. 3) ii. 21
- 1936** Whole families, with their *montarías*, the hire of which was included in the daily wage, were recruited near the collecting-grounds.  
*Discovery* December 382/2
- 1965** Bartoš's hypothesis that Nicholas was a Prague German, first recruited to the cause of reform by the Hussite movement, [etc.].  
*Transactions of American Philosophical Society* vol. 55 15/2
- 1974** The neo-fascists among whom many of the stewards at his meetings were recruited.  
*Economist* 11 May 36/2
- 1998** One of Europe's leading manufacturers of specialist medical devices, is seeking to recruit a dynamic individual to work in its modern Deeside facilities.  
*New Scientist* 8 August 61 (advertisement)
- 2002** About two years previously, I had been recruited into a small organization which came to be known as the African Resistance Movement (ARM).  
*A. Leftwich in *Granta** Summer 13

**4.d. transitive.** U.S. To induce (an athlete) to enrol at a college or university.

1889-

- 1889** The general question was the methods used to recruit athletic men from the big preparatory schools, and the direct and conscious inducement of graduates and quasi-football professionals to return to college for sufficient time to stiffen the back of the new team.  
*Daily Inter Ocean* (Chicago) 10 November 13/6
- 1898** Amateurism is a mere pretense in some of the big universities... At Pennsylvania you will find the football men recruited all the way from country blacksmith shops to the New York police force.  
*New York Times* 23 January 4/4
- 1926** The Conference Digest stated that it was desirable for the alumni to recruit desirable high school athletes.  
*Chicago Tribune* 9 November ii. 25/5



- 1974** With impressive speed he recruited new talent and turned out a winner his first season.  
*Time* 21 January 62/1
- 1995** How else but by 'affirmative action' do they recruit so many black athletes and favor them with 'set aside' scholarships?  
*New York Times Magazine* 26 February 22/2
- 2003** If you want champions, you recruit athletes with coachability.  
M. Anthony, *Selling with Emotional Intelligence* v. 48

sport

U.S. English

**4.e.** *transitive. Ecology.* Of a natural population: to acquire (an animal or plant) as a member by recruitment (**recruitment** *n.* 1c). Cf. sense 1d.

1899-

- [1895]** Statistics show that the population of this place would become extinct were it not recruited from external sources.  
*American Naturalist* vol. 29 1015 ]
- 1899** The dwarfs are not a permanent race, but are constantly recruited from the young of the giants.  
*American Naturalist* vol. 33 161
- 1933** The phytoplankton (potamoplankton) is small in amount, unimportant, and recruited chiefly from the algae found on the river bed.  
*Journal of Ecology* vol. 21 88
- 1977** Even in a controlled, 'homogeneous' environment the numbers of seeds that are recruited into a germinating population are determined by the individual properties of each seed.  
J. L. Harper, *Population Biology of Plants* v. 116
- 1994** White bass were recruited to the sport fishery in their second year of life.  
*North American Journal Fisheries Management* vol. 14 14

ecology

**4.f.** *transitive. Physiology.* To bring (additional motor neurons, muscle fibres, or muscles) into action. Cf. **recruitment** *n.* 3a.

1925-

- 1925** The muscle responds not necessarily by recruiting more units, but by liberating more contractile energy into the fibres already in activity.  
*Proceedings of Royal Society B.* vol. 97 419
- 1967** It was only after a number of repetitive cortical spikes that the motoneurone pool was progressively recruited.  
*Brain* vol. 90 260



- 1979** Slow-twitch units, resistant to fatigue and generating relatively little tension, are the first to be recruited.  
*Scientific American* September 148/3
- 2007** Much less is known about how spinal interneurons are recruited.  
*Neuron* vol. 53 97/2

neurology

physiology

**4.g. transitive.** To induce or enlist (a person) to participate or provide assistance.

1961-

- 1961** I had to recruit bystanders to rock it back and forth to overcome the air-lock.  
S. J. Perelman, *Rising Gorge* (1987) 258
- 1977** Small deaf children were recruited from the audience and brought to the stage to help sign-sing another song.  
*Washington Post* (Nexis) 12 May (Maryland Weekly section) 8
- 1991** [She] would soon be constantly on the phone trying to recruit me for her charitable functions and good works.  
G. Burn, *Alma Cogan* (1992) i. 11
- 2007** October is international walk to school month and officers..have recruited the children to help them out.  
*Gloucester Citizen* (Nexis) 24 October

**5.a. † intransitive.** To take fresh supplies on board ship. *Obsolete.*

1653-1776

- 1653** Our English fleet is gone to Sole-Bay to recruit with all things necessary.  
*Mercurius Politicus* No. 165. 2644
- 1725** At the Ladrones, we recruited, and particularly took on Board..near two hundred Hogs.  
D. Defoe, *New Voyage round World* i. 119
- 1747** Your Ship Duke of Marlborough..has Layn Near hell Gate recruiting for this 10 days past.  
G. G. Beekman, *Letter 23 June in Beekman Mercantile Papers* (1956) vol. I. 19
- 1776** Those who had three or four thousand miles to sail over, before they could attack us, and the same distance to return in order to refit and recruit.  
T. Paine, *Common Sense* iv. 68

shipbuilding

**5.b. transitive.** To renew or add to (supplies or resources). Now *rare*.

1660-



- 1660** We've robb'd the reeming Trees of all their fruit, And left them naked till the Spring recruit Their store again.  
*S. Pordage, Poems Several Occasions sig. B6<sup>v</sup>*
- 1748** As soon as they had recruited their wood and water, they were to continue cruising.  
*B. Robins & R. Walter, Voyage round World by Anson i. vi. 58*
- 1801** At Anoopsheher I recruited the necessary supplies for the prosecution of my journey.  
*Asiatic Annual Register 1800 Misc. Tracts 244/1*
- 1829** I told my Captain how I was situated, and that I was going to..walk to Marseilles, to recruit my finances.  
*G. Jones, Sketches of Naval Life vol. II. 215*
- 1859** It was from the gifts bestowed upon him towards the execution of this benevolent purpose, that he recruited his finances.  
*C. Dickens, Tale of Two Cities ii. xiv. 101*
- 1907** Not disheartened, built boats, repaired his ship, made grass rope, recruited stores, and put to sea.  
*C. B. Todd, In Olde Massachusetts 132*

5.c. † *transitive*. To replace (a thing) with another. *Obsolete.*

1711-1827

- 1711** The House of Commons address'd her Majesty, that she wou'd please to give Orders for recruiting the Ships lost in the Great Storm.  
*A. Maynwaring & R. Walpole, Letter to Friend conc. Publick Debts 2/2*
- 1712** This is the time to carry on your new Poles, to recruit those that are decay'd and cast out every Year.  
*J. Mortimer, Art of Husbandry: Part II 227*
- 1799** The molecules of soil abraded and carried from some spots are often annually recruited by vegetation.  
*R. Kirwan, Geological Essays 478*
- 1827** The old corps were recruited; new levies were instituted, under the various names of free corps, federées, and volunteers.  
*translation of Ct. Labédoyère et al. Mem. Napoleon Bonaparte vol. II. xxxi. 779*

6. †

6.a. *transitive*. To replenish (something) or furnish (someone) with a fresh supply.

a1661-1874

Also *reflexive*. *Obsolete.*



- a1661** He used to examine the Pockets of such Oxford Scholars as repaired unto him, and always recruited them with necessaries.  
T. Fuller, *History of Worthies of England* (1662) Surrey 82
- 1697** With Greens and Flow'rs recruit their empty Hives.  
J. Dryden, translation of Virgil, *Georgics* iv, in translation of Virgil, *Works* 133
- 1700** I thought it high time..to recruit my Pockets, which were now very low.  
S. L., translation of C. Frick, *Relation Voy.* in translation of C. Frick & C. Schweitzer *Relation of Two Voyages East-Indies* 94
- 1763** If the neighbouring vines cannot furnish layers, a rooted vine must be brought from the nursery; for it is too late to recruit a vineyard, when we should be gathering it's fruit.  
J. Mills, *New System of Practical Husbandry* vol. IV. 341
- 1844** It was expedient for us to put into this port to recruit the ship with new provisions.  
T. W. Smith, *Narr. Life, Trav., & Sufferings* xv. 202
- 1874** The contributions offered by the English Catholics did little to recruit the Exchequer.  
J. R. Green, *Short History of English People* viii. §5. 516

**6.b. transitive.** To repair or re-equip (a ship). *Obsolete.* **1691-1709**

- 1691** The Plymouth's Rudder Irons began to be much eaten, doubting his being forced thereby to send her home that Winter, from the incapacity he was in, of getting her recruited abroad.  
T. Hale, *Account of New Inventions* 11
- 1697** Any Ship in distress may be refreshed and recruited here.  
W. Dampier, *New Voyage around World* xiv. 394
- 1709** Having recruited our Ships at these Islands, and being in a Readiness to put to Sea again..[we] do now finally determine to cruize off Cape St. Lucas.  
in W. Rogers, *Cruising Voyage* (1718) 274

shipbuilding

**7. † intransitive.** To recoup expenditure or losses; to obtain funding. *Obsolete.* **1698-1789**

- 1698** By the quickness of Merchandise passing thorough this City, they recruit on a suddain.  
J. Fryer, *New Account of East-India & Persia* 121
- 1725** They..may buy sparingly, and recruit again as they sell off.  
D. Defoe, *Complete English Tradesman* vol. I. vi. 75



- 1760** I make no Doubt I shall at all Time receive Generous Usage at your Hands. My Business for some past has been under some Oppression, but I hope will now **recruit**.  
T. Wetmore, *Letter* October in *Beekman Mercantile Papers* (1956) vol. II. 668
- 1789** So now, being taper of the said necessary commodity [sc. cash], I was obliged to **recruit** from Mr Oliver.  
J. Byng in *Torrington Diaries* (1935) vol. II. 88

finance

8. *transitive. Biology and Medicine.* To supply (a tissue) with cells; to incorporate (cells of a particular type) into a tissue or a compartment of the body; to increase (the numbers of a particular type of cell). In later use: *spec.* to attract (cells of the immune system) to a region of infection or inflammation. **1857-**

- 1857** As the former [sc. the cuticle] becomes detached, it is **recruited** from the latter [sc. the stratum Malpighii].  
E. R. Peaslee, *Human Histology* 485
- 1860** *Lymph.* brings along with it the corpuscular elements out of which the blood-cells continually **recruit** their numbers.  
F. Chance, translation of R. Virchow, *Cellular Pathology* viii. 528
- 1873** The internal epithelium of the enamel is **recruited** by the cells of the stratum intermedium.  
J. Tomes & C. S. Tomes, *System of Dental Surgery* (ed. 2) 254
- 1933** Red blood corpuscles..are **recruited** especially from the marrow of the bones.  
J. A. Thomson, *Biology for Everyman* (1934) vol. II. 1320
- 1965** As its cells are lost by differentiation the remaining stem cells must **recruit** their numbers by mitosis.  
*Nature* 6 February 577/1
- 1967** A failure to **recruit** thymus-differentiated immunocytes eventually allows the encephalitis to proceed.  
*Lancet* 14 September 617/1
- 1986** The development of pulmonary fibrosis is believed to involve the production by alveolar macrophages of growth factors for fibroblasts that may **recruit** lung fibroblasts to the inflammatory microenvironment and stimulate their replication.  
*New England Journal of Medicine* 22 May 1346/2
- 2004** Binding proteins called selectins.. **recruit** white blood cells to infection sites.  
*Science* 6 February 761/3

life sciences

medicine



## Pronunciation

### BRITISH ENGLISH

/rɪ'kru:t/ 

ruh-KROOT

### U.S. ENGLISH

/rə'krut/ 

ruh-KROOT

/ri'krut/ 

ree-KROOT

Pronunciation keys ▼

## Forms

### Variant forms

1600s	<b>recreut, recrewte, recruite, recrute</b>
1600s-	<b>recruit</b>

### Scottish

pre-1700	<b>recroot</b>
pre-1700; 1700s-	<b>recroot</b>

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**recruiting, n.** 1644-

The action of recruit, v., in various senses, esp. the acquisition of new soldiers, employees, supporters, etc.

**unrecruitable, adj.** 1644-

That cannot be recruited (in various senses).

**recruitment, n.** 1648-

A new or fresh supply (of troops, resources, etc.); the action of obtaining such a supply; = recruitment, n.

**recruited, adj. & n.** 1648-

U.S. Of an athlete: approached by colleges or universities with offers to enrol. See recruit, v. 4d.

**recruiter, n.** 1648-

A person who seeks or acquires soldiers, employees, etc. as recruits; (later) a person who recruits employees; a member of an employment agency

**recruitable, adj.** 1739-

Capable of being recruited (in various senses); eligible for or worthy of recruitment.

**recruitment, n.** 1793-

The action or process of enlisting new military personnel; an instance of this; (more generally) the acquisition of new members, employees...

**recruitage, n.** 1825-

Recruitment (in various senses); spec. recruitment into military service; (with possessive adj.) time spent as a military recruit.

**recruitee, n.** 1896-

A person who has been recruited, esp. for military service; a recruit.

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# Eyes forward.

## recruit 1 of 2 verb

re·cruit (ri-'krüt)

**recruited; recruiting; recruits**

Synonyms of *recruit*

*transitive verb*

**1 a (1) :** to fill up the number of with new members : **REINFORCE**

*recruit an army*

**(2) :** to enlist as a member of an armed service

**b :** to increase or maintain the number of

*America recruited her population from Europe*

**c :** to secure the services of : **ENGAGE, HIRE**

**d :** to seek to enroll

*recruit prospective students*

**2 :** **REPLENISH**

**3 :** to restore or increase the health, vigor, or intensity of

*intransitive verb*

: to enlist new members

**recruiter** noun

## recruit 2 of 2 noun

**1 :** a fresh or additional su

**2 :** a newcomer to a field or activity

*specifically* : a newly enlisted or drafted member of the armed forces

**3 :** a former enlisted man of the lowest rank in the army

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View kury-intl, 2024 Jetta SEL, shown  
Find a dealer

**Quordle**  
W O R D Y  
L O V E R  
P L A Y S  
D A I L Y  
Can you solve 4 words at once?  
Play

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Discover and protect APIs with an automated positive security model.  
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rec [rɪˈkruːt] *verb* (transitive) to bring or get someone or something into a group or organization

pay place retain  
sign (up *or* on) take on

**Noun**

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beginner colt cub  
fledgling freshman greenhorn  
neophyte newbie newcomer  
novice novitiate punk  
rook rookie tenderfoot  
tyro virgin

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**Examples of *recruit* in a Sentence**

**Verb**

- He was **recruited** by the army after high school.
- Public schools are **recruiting** new teachers.
- College football coaches spend a lot of time **recruiting** high school athletes.

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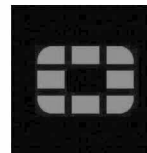
Legends of Tomorrow started its life as the Arrowverse's biggest flop, with a dull first season about a motley crew of heroes and villains from The Flash and Arrow being **recruited** by a time traveler to stop a despot's rise to power.  
— Joshua Rivera, *Vulture*, 13 Nov. 2024

Kamp has also promised to work to enhance **recruiting**, specifically targeting women and veterans, while also focusing on retention.  
— Jimmy Jenkins, *The Arizona Republic*, 5 Nov. 2024

**Noun**

And as of today, the team has another new **recruit**: Natalie Portman.  
— Konstanze Popp, *Vogue*, 29 Oct. 2024

While a **recruit** may need up to six months to get up to speed, upskilling an employee who is already adept in the manual process only takes about six weeks, reducing hiring and training costs.  
— Uli Erxleben, *Forbes*, 29 Oct. 2024



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### Word History

#### Etymology

##### Noun

French *recrute*, *recrue* fresh growth, new levy of soldiers, from Middle French, from *recroistre* to grow up again, from Latin *recrescere*, from *re-* + *crescere* to grow — more at CRESCENT

#### First Known Use

##### Verb

1642, in the meaning defined at transitive sense 1a(1)

##### Noun

1645, in the meaning defined at sense 1

#### Time Traveler

The first known use of *recruit* was in 1642

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### Kids Definition

## recruit 1 of 2 verb

re·cruit (ri-ˈkrüt)

**1 a** : to increase the number of by enlisting new members

**b** : to get the services of : **ENGAGE**

*recruited* new teachers

**2** : **REPLENISH**

*recruited* their finances

**3** : to return or increase the health, energy, or strength of

**recruiter** noun

**recruitment** -ˈkrüt-mənt noun

## recruit 2 of 2 noun

: a newcomer to a field or activity

*especially* : a newly enlisted or drafted member of the armed forces

### Etymology

#### Noun

from French *recrute*, *recrue* (noun) "new growth, a batch of new soldiers," derived from early French *recroistre* "to grow up again," from Latin *recrescere* (same meaning), from *re-* "again" and *crescere* "to grow"

#### Word Origin

The French formed the noun *recrute*, meaning "fresh growth," from their verb *recroistre* "to grow up again." This verb was taken from the Latin verb *recrescere*, which had the same meaning. Later, someone saw a likeness between "a fresh growth of plants" and "a fresh supply of soldiers." Thus they began using the word *recrute* for the new soldiers. In the 17th century this sense of *recrute* came to the attention of the English. They borrowed the word as *recruit* and began using it as a verb and noun. In time it acquired broader senses not related to the military.

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verb 2

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## recruit transitive verb

re·cruit (ri-'krüt)

: to restore or increase the health, vigor, or intensity of

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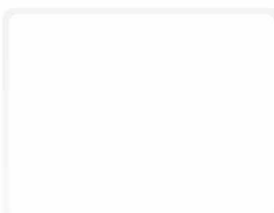
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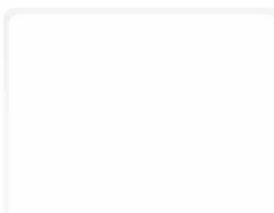
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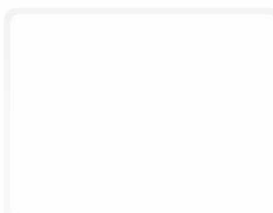
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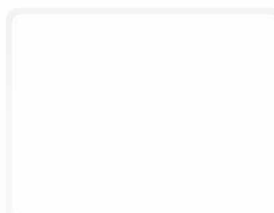
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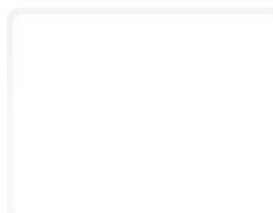
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Meaning of **recruit** in English



# recruit

**verb** [ T or I ]

US /rɪ'kru:t/ UK /rɪ'kru:t/

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**C1**

**to persuade someone to work for a company or become a new member of an organization, especially the army:**

- Charities such as Oxfam are always trying to recruit volunteers to help in their work.
- Even young boys are now being recruited **into** the army.
- Having slimmed to around 1,400 staff, the company is now recruiting again.
- an army recruiting center/officer

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- We only recruit go-getters who will be actively involved in the company's development.
- The firm is hoping to recruit a new sales director.
- The company recruits 20 new staff each year.
- The supermarket will be recruiting extra staff for the Christmas period.
- A new editorial assistant has been recruited.

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recruiter



# recruit

**noun** [ C ]

US 🗣️ /rɪ'kru:t/ UK 🗣️ /rɪ'kru:t/



**C2**

**a new member of an organization, especially the army:**

- **Raw recruits** (= completely new soldiers) were trained for six months and then sent to the war front.

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**recruit** | INTERMEDIATE ENGLISH

# recruit

**verb** [ T ]

US 🗣️ /rɪ'krut/



**to persuade someone to become a new member of an organization:**

- *The coach spends a lot of time recruiting the top high school athletes.*





**noun** [ C ] US /rɪˈkrʊt·ər/

- *He worked as a military recruiter in Texas.*



# recruit

**noun** [ C ]

US /rɪˈkrut/



**a new member of an organization, esp. a military organization**

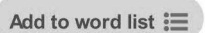
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recruit | BUSINESS ENGLISH

# recruit

**verb**

UK /rɪˈkrʊ:t/ US



[ I or T ] • HR

**to employ new people to work for a company or organization:**

- *Our primary objective is to recruit, keep, and deploy good people.*
- **recruit staff/workers/employees** *The loan will be used for start-up costs to recruit workers and provide ongoing operating expenses.*



[ T ]

**to find new people to take part in an activity or event, or to help you in some way:**

- *All new customers recruited this year are exempt from the annual fee for 12*





# recruit

**noun** [C] • HR

UK /rɪˈkrʊ:t/ US



**someone who has just joined a company or organization:**

- *About 14% of **new recruits** are from ethnic minorities.*

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They could be recruiting people from the community.

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We like helping *recruit* employees and partners (customers).

From TechCrunch



If you only *recruit* for the long term, you'll be short on the people who can actually take you there.

From Fast Company



Always *recruit* the best talent and treat them well.

From Huffington Post



It cleaned up a local hospital and recruited good doctors.

From NPR



It may mean rethinking where and how you *recruit* staff or search for vendors.

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# recruit

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## fresh recruits

- Throughout the nineteenth century, any returnee sardar could earn handsome amounts by sending fresh recruits.

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## military recruit

- In the first place, a sound military recruit drill in all our elementary and secondary schools.

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## new recruit

- A new recruit arrives who is, in fact, a man disguised as a woman, obviously overjoyed to be there.

From the *Cambridge English Corpus*



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招聘, 吸收, (尤指軍隊) 徵募新兵, 新成員, 新來的人...

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in Chinese (Simplified)

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in Spanish

**reclutar, buscar (para contratar), nuevo empleado...**

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in Portuguese

**recrutar, recruta, recruta [masculine-feminine]...**

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  - recross
  - recross your legs/arms *phrase*
  - recrudescence
  - recruit**
  - recruited
  - recruiter
  - recruiting
  - recruiting agency



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