

English vocabulary - WAYS OF WALKING

- **walk:** move on one's feet.
*We **walked** to town.*
- **limp:** walk unevenly because one leg is hurt.
*That man is hurt, he's **limping**.*
- **hobble:** walk with difficulty.
*The old man **hobbled** along the street with the aid of his stick.*
- **stagger:** walk unsteadily as if about to fall.
*He was so drunk that he **staggered** all the way home.*
- **stumble:** stagger.
*She **stumbled** upstairs and into bed.*
- **lurch:** stagger.
*The drunken man was **lurching** along the street.*
- **tiptoe:** walk on the tips of one's toes.
*She **tiptoed** to the bed so as not to wake the baby.*
- **stroll:** walk for pleasure.
*They **strolled** around the park.*
- **amble:** walk at a slow, leisurely pace.
*They **ambled** along for miles.*
- **saunter:** stroll.
*They **sauntered** around the park.*
- **wander:** move without a fixed purpose or destination.
*They enjoy **wandering** through the countryside.*
- **roam:** wander.
*They **roamed** through the streets for hours.*
- **ramble:** walk for pleasure with no particular destination.
*He likes **rambling** around in the country.*
- **mooch:** wander, walk slowly without any purpose.
*John **mooched** about the shops.*
- **meander:** walk in a slow, relaxed way instead of taking the most direct way possible. (Rivers also meander).
*As I was sitting in the park, I watched as couples seemed to **meander** around happily.*
- **stride:** walk with long steps.
*She **strode** across the fields.*
- **strut:** walk in a proud way, with the chest out and trying to look important.
*He **strutted** past us, ignoring our greeting.*
- **swagger:** walk proudly, strut.
*After winning the first prize, the player **swaggered** about proudly.*
- **stalk:** walk in a proud or angry way, with long steps.
*The teacher turned and **stalked** out of the classroom.*
- **sashay:** walk in a confident way, moving the body from side to side, especially so that people look at you.
*The models **sashayed** down the aisle showing their clothes.*

- **trudge:** walk slowly and with effort because one is tired.
*We were very tired after **trudging** through the deep snow for two hours.*
- **shuffle:** walk very slowly and noisily, without lifting one's feet off the ground.
*His legs were aching so much that he **shuffled** to bed.*
- **stump:** walk heavily and stiffly.
*They **stumped** up the hill.*
- **plod:** walk with heavy steps or with difficulty.
*Labourers **plodded** home through the muddy fields.*
- **pace:** walk with regular steps.
*He **paced** up and down the platform, waiting for the train.*
- **march:** walk with regular steps of equal length.
*Demonstrators **marched** through the streets of the city.*
- **parade:** walk or march together to celebrate or protest.
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- **crawl:** move slowly with the body close to the ground or on hands and knees.
*A baby **crawls** before he can walk.*
- **toddle:** walk with short unsteady steps.
*Her two-year-old son **toddled** into the room.*
- **edge:** move gradually with small movements.
*Paul decided to **edge** away from the crowd.*
- **creep:** move slowly and quietly with the body close to the ground.
*The cat **crept** silently towards the bird.*
- **sneak:** go quietly and secretly in order to avoid being seen or heard.
*The boy **sneaked** in without paying.*
- **pad:** walk softly and quietly.
*The child **padded** barefoot down the stairs.*
- **prowl:** walk slowly and quietly because you are involved in a criminal activity or because you are looking for something.
*Street gangs usually **prowl** this alley.*
- **slide:** move smoothly over a surface.
*I was **sliding** on the ice.*
- **slip:** slide accidentally.
*She **slipped** on the ice and broke her leg.*
- **dash:** move quickly and suddenly, rush.
*I must **dash** or I'll miss the train.*
- **dart:** move quickly and suddenly in the specified direction.
*She **darted** away when I came in.*
- **scamper:** run quickly and playfully.
*The children were **scampering** up the steps.*
- **sprint:** run very quickly for a short distance.
*The kids **sprinted** down the stairs.*
- **jog:** run slowly and steadily, as a way of exercising.
*She goes **jogging** everyday.*
- **trip over:** catch one's foot on something and stumble or fall.
*He **tripped over** the step and fell.*

- **scuttle:** move quickly with short steps, because you are afraid or do not want to be noticed.
*The mouse **scuttled** off when we entered the room.*
- **scurry:** move quickly with short steps, because you are in a hurry.
*He was late so he had to **scurry** off to work.*
- **skip:** move forward with quick steps and jumps.
*The child **skipped** with joy towards his father.*
- **lope:** run with long steps.
*The man **loped** off after the ball.*
- **lollop:** run with long awkward steps.
*The dog came **lolloping** down the path.*
- **tear:** run or move quickly in a dangerous or careless way.
*When the storm started, they **tore** back into the house.*
- **rush:** hurry, move quickly because you need to get somewhere soon.
*She was late so she decided to **rush** off down the hall.*
- **hop:** move by jumping on one foot.
*The man **hopped** down the road after hurting his foot.*
- **trip:** walk with short quick steps, usually as young girls do.
*The little girl **tripped** happily up the road.*
- **lunge:** make a sudden movement towards somebody or something.
*The boxer **lunged** forward and grabbed his opponent by the arm.*
- **scramble:** climb up or down, or over something quickly and with difficulty.
*They had to **scramble** up to the top of the hill to see the view.*
- **hike:** take a long walk in the mountains or countryside, as an adventure.
*The group **hiked** up to the top of the hill.*
- **trek:** hike; make a long, difficult journey on foot.
*For ten days she **trekked** across the mountains of China.*
- **paddle (UK), wade (US):** walk for pleasure without shoes or socks in water that is not very deep.
*The children were **paddling** in the lake.*
- **waddle:** walk with short steps, moving the body from one side to another, used especially to talk about birds or people with fat bodies.
*The fat man **waddled** off to the restaurant for lunch.*
- **prance:** walk with high steps or large movements, in a confident way.
*She **pranced** around her room, pretending to be an actress.*
- **frogmarch:** force somebody to walk by holding his arms tightly by his side, usually because of bad behaviour.
*The prefect **frogmarched** the boy to the detention room.*