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bread  (brĕd)

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n.

1. A staple food made from flour or meal mixed with other dry and liquid ingredients, usually combined with a leavening agent, and kneaded, shaped into loaves, and baked.

2.

a. Food in general, regarded as necessary for sustaining life: *"If bread is the first necessity of life, recreation is a close second"* (Edward Bellamy).

b. Something that nourishes; sustenance: *"My bread shall be the anguish of my mind"* (Edmund Spenser).

3.

a. Means of support; livelihood: *earn one's bread*.

b. *Slang* Money.

tr.v. **bread·ed**, **bread·ing**, **bread·s**

To coat with bread crumbs, as before cooking: *breaded the fish fillets*.

[Middle English, from Old English *brĕad*; see **bhreū-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#). N., sense 3b, possibly from Cockney rhyming slang *bread and honey*.]

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