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dou·ble  (düb əl)

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adj.

1. Twice as much in size, strength, number, or amount: *a double dose.*
2. Composed of two like parts: *double doors.*
3. Composed of two unlike parts; dual: *a double meaning; a double role for an actor.*
4. Accommodating or designed for two: *a double bed; a double room.*
5. Characterized by duplicity; deceitful: *speak with a double tongue.*
6. *Botany* Having many more than the usual number of petals, usually in a crowded or an overlapping arrangement: *a double chrysanthemum.*

n.

1. Something increased twofold.
2. One that closely resembles another; a duplicate.
3.
 - a. Something having two identifiable or prominent parts or members.
 - b. Something capable of carrying, moving, or holding two people or things, as a mattress.
4.
 - a. An actor's understudy.
 - b. An actor who takes the place of another actor in scenes requiring special skills or preparations: *a stunt double; a body double.*
5. An apparition; a wraith.
6.
 - a. A sharp turn in a direction of movement; a reversal.
 - b. A sharp, often devious change in position or argument; a shift.
7. **doubles** *Sports* A form of a game, such as tennis or handball, having two players on each side.
8. *Baseball* A hit enabling the batter to reach second base. Also called *two-bagger*, *two-base hit*.
9. *Games*
 - a. A bid in bridge indicating strength to one's partner; a request for a bid.
 - b. A bid doubling one's opponent's bid in bridge, thus increasing the penalty for failure to fulfill the contract.
 - c. A hand justifying such a bid.
- v. **dou·bled**, **dou·bling**, **dou·bles**

v.tr.

1. To make twice as great.
2. To be twice as much as: *doubled the score of his opponent.*
3. To fold in two.
4. To clench (one's fist).
5. To duplicate; repeat.
6. To turn (an enemy spy) into a double agent.
7. *Baseball*
 - a. To cause the scoring of (a run) by hitting a double.
 - b. To advance or score (a runner) by hitting a double.
 - c. To put out (a runner) as the second part of a double play.
8. *Games* To challenge (an opponent's bid) with a double in bridge.
9. *Music* To duplicate (another part or voice) an octave higher or lower or in unison.
10. *Nautical* To sail around: *double a cape.*

v.intr.

1. To be increased twofold: *The debt soon doubled.*
2. To turn sharply or all the way around; reverse one's course: *had to double back to touch the missed base.*
3. To serve in an additional capacity: *a frying pan that doubles as a pie tin; a conductor who doubles as a pianist.*
4. To replace an actor in the actor's absence or in a certain scene.
5. *Baseball* To hit a double.
6. *Games* To announce a double in bridge.

adv.

1. To twice the amount or extent; doubly: *paid double for the customized car.*
2. Two together; in pairs: *sleeping double.*
3. In two: *bent double.*

Phrasal Verb:

double up

1. To bend suddenly, as in pain or laughter.
2. To share accommodations meant for one person.

Idiom:

on/at the double

1. Immediately.
2. In double time.

[Middle English, from Old French, from Latin *duplus*; see **dwo-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

dou **ble·ness** *n.*

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