

## bean

**Varieties of bean and pulse include:**

adzuki bean, alfalfa, beansprout, black-eyed pea, broad bean, butter bean, carob bean, chick pea, chilli bean, dal, dwarf runner bean, fava bean, French bean, garbanzo pea, green bean, haricot bean, kidney bean, legume, lentil, lima bean (US), locust bean, mange tout, marrowfat pea, mung bean, navy bean (US), okra, pea, pinto bean (US), red kidney bean, runner bean, scarlet runner (US), snap bean, soya bean, split pea, string bean, sugar bean, tonka bean, wax bean (US).

**bear** *v* 1 CARRY, convey, transport, move, take, bring. 2 HOLD, support, shoulder, uphold, sustain, maintain, harbour, cherish. 3 *bear children*: give birth to, breed, propagate, beget, engender, produce, generate, develop, yield, bring forth, give up. 4 TOLERATE, stand, put up with, endure, abide, suffer, permit, allow, admit.

◆ **bear on** refer to, relate to, affect, concern, involve.

◆ **bear out** confirm, endorse, support, uphold, prove, demonstrate, corroborate, substantiate, vindicate, justify.

◆ **bear up** persevere, soldier on, carry on, suffer, endure, survive, withstand.

◆ **bear with** tolerate, put up with, endure, suffer, forbear, be patient with, make allowances for.

**bearable** *adj* tolerable, endurable, sufferable, supportable, sustainable, acceptable, manageable.

☞ unbearable, intolerable.

**bearded** *adj* unshaven, bristly, whiskered, tufted, hairy, hirsute, shaggy, bushy.

☞ beardless, clean-shaven, smooth.

**bearer** *n* carrier, conveyor, porter, courier, messenger, runner, holder, possessor.

**bearing** *n* 1 *have no bearing on the matter*: relevance, significance, connection, relation, reference. 2 DEMEANOUR, manner, mien, air, aspect, attitude, behaviour, comportment, poise, deportment, carriage, posture.

**bearings** *n* orientation, position, situation, location, whereabouts, course, track, way, direction, aim.

**beast** *n* animal, creature, brute, monster, savage, barbarian, pig, swine, devil, fiend.

**beat** *v* 1 WHIP, flog, lash, tan (*infml*), cane, strap, thrash, lay into, hit, punch, strike, swipe, knock, bang, wham, bash, pound,

hammer, batter, buffet, pelt, bruise. 2 PULSATE, pulse, throb, thump, race, palpitate, flutter, vibrate, quiver, tremble, shake, quake. 3 DEFEAT, trounce, best, worst, hammer (*infml*), slaughter (*sf*), conquer, overcome, overwhelm, vanquish, subdue, surpass, excel, outdo, outstrip, outrun.

➤ *n* 1 PULSATION, pulse, stroke, throb, thump, palpitation, flutter. 2 RHYTHM, time, tempo, metre, measure, rhyme, stress, accent. 3 *a policeman's beat*: round, rounds, territory, circuit, course, journey, way, path, route.

◆ **beat up** (*infml*) attack, assault, knock about, knock around, batter, do over (*infml*).

**beaten** *adj* 1 HAMMERED, stamped, forged, wrought, worked, formed, shaped, fashioned. 2 WHISKED, whipped, mixed, blended, frothy, foamy.

**beating** *n* 1 CORPORAL PUNISHMENT, chastisement, whipping, flogging, caning, thrashing. 2 DEFEAT, conquest, rout, ruin, downfall.

**beautiful** *adj* attractive, fair, pretty, lovely, good-looking, handsome, gorgeous, radiant, ravishing, stunning (*infml*), pleasing, appealing, alluring, charming, delightful, fine, exquisite.

☞ ugly, plain, hideous.

**beautify** *v* embellish, enhance, improve, grace, gild, garnish, decorate, ornament, deck, bedeck, adorn, array, glamorize, titivate (*infml*), tart up (*sf*).

☞ disfigure, spoil.

**beauty** *n* attractiveness, fairness, prettiness, loveliness, (good) looks, handsomeness, glamour, appeal, allure, charm, grace, elegance, symmetry, excellence.

☞ ugliness, repulsiveness.

**beaver away** *v* work hard, work at, put a lot of effort in, persist, persevere, slog (*infml*), plug away (*infml*), slave away (*infml*).

**because** *conj* as, for, since, owing to, on account of, by reason of, thanks to.

**beckon** *v* summon, motion, gesture, signal, nod, wave, gesticulate, call, invite, attract, pull, draw, lure, allure, entice, tempt, coax.

**become** *v* 1 *become old-fashioned*: turn, grow, get, change into, develop into. 2 SUIT, befit, flatter, enhance, grace, embellish,