

Ways of Walking

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STRIDE

- ▶ Walk with long, decisive steps in a specified direction
he strode across the road
figurative striding: confidently toward the future



MARCH

- ▶ Walk in a **military manner** with a regular measured **tread** (determined way)

three companies of soldiers marched around the field

- ▶ to **walk somewhere quickly** and in a **determined** way, often because you are **angry**.

*She marched into my **office** and **demanded** to **know** why I hadn't written my **report**.*

- ▶ [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] if a large group of people march somewhere, they walk there together to express their ideas or protest about something:

An estimated 5,000 people marched through the city to demonstrate against the factory closures.



PACE

- ▶ to walk with regular steps in one direction and then back again, usually because you are worried or nervous:

He paced the room nervously.

He paced up and down, waiting for the doctor to call.

- ▶ to walk first in one direction and then in another many times, especially because you are nervous: *I found Mark at the hospital, pacing restlessly up and down.*

pace the floor/room Sam stood up and paced the floor, deep in thought.



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STROLL

- ▶ to walk in a slow, relaxed manner, especially for pleasure:
We could stroll along the beach after dinner.



AMBLE

- ▶ to walk slowly in a relaxed way [= saunter]

An old man came out and ambled over for a chat.

- ▶ to walk in a slow and relaxed way:

She ambled down the street, stopping occasionally to look in the shop windows.



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SAUNTER /'sɔːn.tər/

- ▶ to walk in a slow relaxed way, especially so that you look confident or proud ↔ stroll

He came sauntering down the road with his hands in his pockets

He sauntered by, looking very pleased with himself.



WANDER /'wɒn.dər/ – /'waɪn.də/

- ▶ to walk around slowly in a relaxed way or without any clear purpose or direction:

We spent the morning wandering around the old part of the city.

She was found several hours later, wandering the streets, lost.

- ▶ to walk slowly across or around an area, usually without a clear direction or purpose [wander in/through/around etc]

I'll wander around the mall for half an hour.

She wandered aimlessly about the house.

Ana wandered off to get a drink.



ROAM

- ▶ to move about or travel, especially without a clear idea of what you are going to do:

After the bars close, gangs of youths roam the city streets.

The dogs are allowed to roam around.

Chickens and geese roam freely in the back yard.

She roamed around America for a year, working in bars and restaurants.



PROWL /praʊl/

- ▶ if someone prowls, they move around an area slowly and quietly, especially because they are involved in a criminal activity or because they are looking for something
- ▶ to move around quietly in a place trying not to be seen or heard, such as an animal does when hunting

There have been reports of a masked man prowling in the neighbourhood.

At night, adult scorpions prowl the desert for insects.

gangs of teenagers prowling the streets



RAMBLE /'ræm.bəl/

- ▶ to walk for pleasure, especially in the countryside:
I love to ramble through the fields and lanes in this part of the country.
- ▶ *British English* to go on a walk in the countryside for pleasure [↔ hike]
There's plenty to discover as you ramble around this little island.



HIKE

- ▶ to take a long walk in the mountains or countryside
American English mainly. [↔ ramble]

His dream is to hike the Appalachian Trail.



TREK

1 *informal* to make a long and difficult journey, especially on foot [= hike] **trek up/down etc**

The elevator was broken, so we had to trek up six flights of stairs.

2 to walk a long way, especially in the mountains, as an adventure [= hike] **trek in/across etc** *For five days he trekked across the mountains of central China.*



SWAGGER /'swæg.ər /

- ▶ to walk or act in a way that shows that you are very confident and think that you are important:

They swaggered into the room.

A group of young men swaggered around outside the bar.

to walk proudly, swinging your shoulders in a way that shows you are very confident – used to show disapproval

He swaggered over towards me.



STAGGER /'stæg.ər/

- ▶ to walk or move unsteadily, almost falling over [= stumble]: *He managed to stagger home.*

She staggered back a step.

The old man staggered drunkenly to his feet.

After he was attacked, he managed to stagger to the phone and call for help.



STUMBLE /'stʌm.bəl/

- ▶ to step awkwardly while walking or running and fall or begin to fall:
Running along the beach, she stumbled on a log and fell on the sand.
- ▶ to hit your foot against something or put your foot down awkwardly while you are walking or running, so that you almost fall [= trip]
In her hurry she stumbled and spilled the milk all over the floor.
- ▶ **stumble over/on**
Vic stumbled over the step as he came in.
- ▶ to walk in an unsteady way and often almost fall [= stagger]

stumble in/out/across etc

He stumbled upstairs and into bed.



LURCH /lɜː(r)tʃ/

To move in a way that is not normal or regular esp, making sudden movements backwards or forwards or from side to side.

The train lurched forward and some of the people standing fell over.

- ▶ to walk or move suddenly in an uncontrolled or unsteady way

- ▶ lurch forward/to/towards/into etc

Sam hit the gas and the car lurched forward.

He lurched to his feet.



WADDLE

- ▶ to walk with short steps, with your body moving from one side to another – used especially about people or birds with fat bodies and short legs
- ▶ **waddle off/down/over etc**

Half a dozen ducks waddled up the bank.



WADE

- ▶ to walk through water that is not deep
- ▶ (MAINLY UK) to walk through water or other liquid with some effort, because it is deep enough to come quite high up your legs, or thick :

The river was full but we managed to wade across.

We waded a shallow river.

They had to wade through a swamp.



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PLOD/TRUDGE

- ▶ to walk taking slow steps, as if your feet are heavy:

We plodded through the mud.

Despite the wind and the rain, they plodded on until they reached the cabin.

to walk with slow heavy steps, especially because you are tired or it is difficult to walk

We trudged home through the snow.



HOBBLE /'hɒb.əl/

to walk with difficulty, especially because your legs or feet hurt [↔ limp]

He hobbled into the room

The last time I saw Rachel she was hobbling around with a stick

Some of the runners could only manage to hobble over the finishing line



LIMP

- ▶ to walk slowly and with difficulty because one leg is hurt or injured[↔ hobble]

Moreno limped off the field with a foot injury.

Three minutes into the game, Jackson limped off the pitch with a serious ankleinjury.



SHUFFLE /'ʃʌf.əl/

- ▶ to walk by pulling your feet slowly along the ground rather than lifting them:

I love shuffling through the fallen leaves.

He shuffled into the kitchen, leaning on his walking stick

Don't shuffle your feet like that! Walk normally.

- ▶ to walk very slowly and noisily, without lifting your feet off the ground
- ▶ shuffle forward/over/back etc

The official signaled to one of the waiters, who shuffled forward.

With sore legs and aching chest he shuffled over to the bathroom



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SHAMBLE /'ʃæm.bəl/

- ▶ to walk slowly and awkwardly, not lifting your feet much, for example because you are tired, weak, or lazy [= shuffle]
- ▶ Sick patients *shambled* along the hospital corridors.
- ▶ He was a strange, *shambling* figure.



TOPTOE /'tɪp.təʊ/

- ▶ on your toes with the heel of your foot lifted off the ground:
The children stood on tiptoe in order to pick the apples from the tree.
They walked across the room on tiptoe so as not to wake the baby.
- ▶ to walk quietly and carefully on your toes, so that nobody hears you: *His mother tiptoed into the room.*
I tiptoed along the corridor.



CREEP

- ▶ to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually in order to avoid being noticed:

She turned off the light and crept through the door.

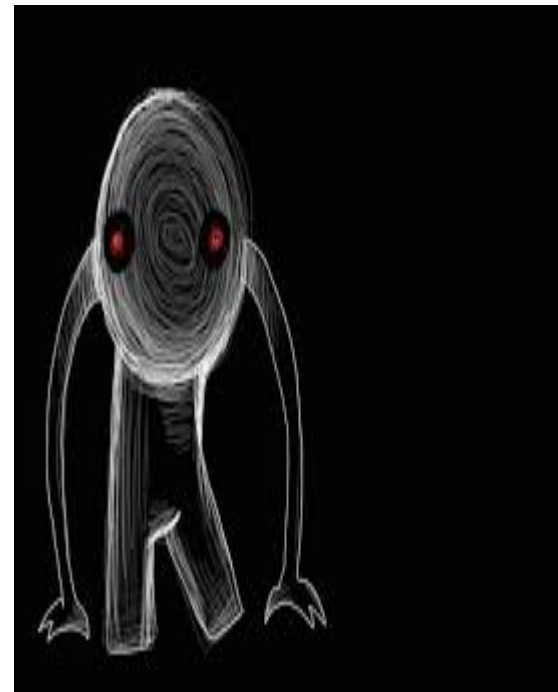
The spider crept up the wall

The traffic was creeping along at a snail's pace.

- ▶ to move in a quiet, careful way, especially to avoid attracting attention creep into/over/around etc

Johann would creep into the gallery to listen to the singers.

He crept back up the stairs, trying to avoid the ones that creaked.



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SNEAK /sni:k/

- ▶ to go somewhere secretly, or to take someone or something somewhere secretly:

I managed to sneak in through the back door while she wasn't looking.

Jan doesn't have a ticket but I thought we might sneak her in.

- ▶ to go somewhere secretly and quietly in order to avoid being seen or heard [= creep]

sneak in/out/away etc

They sneaked off without paying!

She snuck out of the house once her parents were asleep.



STALK

- ▶ to follow an animal or person as closely as possible without being seen or heard, usually in order to catch or kill them:

The police had been stalking the woman for a week before they arrested her.

- ▶ to follow and watch someone over a long period of time in a way that is very annoying or threatening, and that is considered a crime in some places

She was stalked by an obsessed fan.



LOITER

- ▶ to stand or wait somewhere, especially in a public place, without any clear reason [= hang about, hang around]

Five or six teenagers were loitering in front of the newsagent's.

- ▶ to move or do something slowly, or to keep stopping when you should keep moving

- ▶ to move slowly around or stand in a public place without an obvious reason:

A gang of youths were loitering outside the cinema.



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- ▶ You have carried out a very thorough and complete search in relevant dictionaries. The pictures are interesting, although you should make sure that all of them have been released under a license which allows for their use. You should also check picture shape and size as in some cases the images are distorted.
- ▶ Check for the presence of some typos and revise other face-value issues.
- ▶ In the case of some of the examples you quote for each “way of”, try to include complete sentences as opposed to loose phrases.
- ▶ You may want to include more information about each term, like pronunciation and the patterns that are used with each verb. Remember that also counts and is in fact essential information!
- ▶ **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!**