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noun, often attributive sad·dle \ˈsa-dəl\

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Simple Definition of *saddle*

- : a leather-covered seat that is put on the back of a horse
- : a seat on a bicycle or motorcycle

Source: Merriam-Webster's Learner's Dictionary

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Full Definition of *saddle*

1. *1a* (1) : a girthed usually padded and leather-covered seat for the rider of an animal (as a horse) (2) : a part of a driving harness comparable to a saddle that is used to keep the breeching in place*b* : a seat to be straddled by the rider of a vehicle (as a bicycle)
2. *2* : a device mounted as a support and often shaped to fit the object held
3. *3a* : a ridge connecting two higher elevations*b* : a pass in a mountain range
4. *4a* : both sides of the unsplit back of a carcass including both loins*b* : a colored marking on the back of an animal*c* : the rear part of a male fowl's back extending to the tail — see [duck illustration](#)
5. *5* : the central part of the spine of the binding of a book

6. *s*: a piece of leather across the instep of a shoe

saddleless [play](#) \-d^əl-(l)əs\ *adjective*
in the saddle

1. : in control

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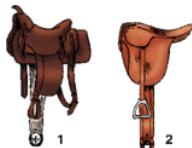
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Examples of *saddle* in a sentence

1. <the next day's hike was a stiff climb out of the *saddle* where they had camped for the night>



Illustration of *saddle*



Origin of *saddle*

Middle English *sadel*, from Old English *sadol*; akin to Old High German *satul* saddle

First Known Use: before 12th century

Related to *saddle*

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