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gait (gāt)*n.*

1. A particular way or manner of moving on foot: *a person who ran with a clumsy, hobbling gait.*
2. Any of the ways, such as a canter, trot, or walk, by which a horse can move by lifting the feet in different order or rhythm.
3. Rate or manner of proceeding: *The project went forward at a steady gait.*

tr.v. gait·ed, gait·ing, gaits

To train (a horse) in a particular gait or gaits.

[Middle English gate, path, gait, from Old Norse gata, path; see ghē– in Indo-European roots.]

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1. manner of walking or running; bearing
2. (Individual Sports & Recreations / Horse Training, Riding & Manège) (used esp of horses and dogs) the pattern of footsteps at various speeds, as the walk, trot, canter, etc., each pattern being distinguished by a particular rhythm and footfall

vb(Individual Sports & Recreations / Horse Training, Riding & Manège) (*tr*) to teach (a horse) a particular gait[variant of GATE¹]

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1. a manner of walking, stepping, or running.
 2. any of the manners in which a horse moves, as a walk, trot, canter, or gallop.
- v.t.
3. to teach a specified gait to (a horse).
 4. to lead (a dog) before judges to show its manner of moving.

[1500–10; Scots, Middle English sp. variant of [gate](#)¹]

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[pace](#)

[quick time](#) - a normal marching pace of 120 steps per minute

[double time](#) - a fast marching pace (180 steps/min) or slow jog

[rate](#) - a magnitude or frequency relative to a time unit; "they traveled at a rate of 55 miles per hour"; "the rate of change was faster than expected"



2. gait - a horse's manner of moving

[locomotion](#), [travel](#) - self-propelled movement

[walk](#) - a slow gait of a horse in which two feet are always on the ground

[single-foot](#), [rack](#) - a rapid gait of a horse in which each foot strikes the ground separately

[jog trot](#) - an easy gait of a horse; midway between a walk and a trot

[trot](#) - a gait faster than a walk; diagonally opposite legs strike the ground together

[canter](#), [lope](#) - a smooth three-beat gait; between a trot and a gallop

[gallop](#) - a fast gait of a horse; a two-beat stride during which all four legs are off the ground simultaneously

3. gait - a person's manner of walking

[walk](#), [walking](#) - the act of traveling by foot; "walking is a healthy form of exercise"

[limp](#), [hobble](#), [hitch](#) - the uneven manner of walking that results from an injured leg

[flounce](#) - the act of walking with exaggerated jerky motions

[lurch](#), [stagger](#), [stumble](#) - an unsteady uneven gait

[pacing](#) - walking with slow regular strides

[roll](#) - walking with a swaying gait

[saunter](#) - a careless leisurely gait; "he walked with a kind of saunter as if he hadn't a care in the world"

[skip](#) - a gait in which steps and hops alternate

[angry walk](#), [stalk](#) - a stiff or threatening gait

[prance](#), [strut](#), [swagger](#) - a proud stiff pompous gait

[waddle](#) - walking with short steps and the weight tilting from one foot to the other; "ducks walk with a waddle"

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noun [walk](#), [step](#), [bearing](#), [pace](#), [stride](#), [carriage](#), [tread](#), [manner of walking](#). *His gait was peculiarly awkward.*

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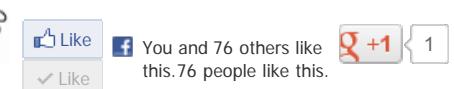
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