

ghat

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Alternative forms

- (*a ravine leading to the sea*): ghaut

Etymology

From Hindi घाट (*ghāṭ*, “pier”), from Sanskrit घट्ट (*ghaṭṭa*, “a landing-place, steps on the side of a river leading to the waters”), probably of Dravidian origin; akin to Telugu కట్ట (*kaṭṭa*, “dam, embankment”).

Pronunciation

- (UK) IPA^(key): /ɡɔːt/
- Rhymes: -ɔːt

Noun

ghat (*plural ghats*)

1. (*India*) A descending path or stairway to a river; a ford or landing-place.

(Can we find and add a quotation of J. D. Hooker to this entry?)

- **2008**, Aravind Adiga, *The White Tiger*, Atlantic 2009, p. 16:

Chunks of wood were being built into funeral pyres on the steps of the **ghat** that went down into the water; four bodies were burning on the *ghat* steps when we got there.

2. (*India*) A mountain range.

(Can we find and add a quotation of Balfour (Cyc. of India) to this entry?)

3. (*India*) A mountain pass.
4. A steep ravine leading to the sea.

5. (*India*) A burning-ghat.

Anagrams

- GTHA
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