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1. [tʃek] *n*

1. 1) препятствие, остановка; задержка

to serve as a check - а) служить препятствием; б) обуздывать

wind acts as a check on speed - ветер мешает быстрой езде

his illness gave a check to our plans - его болезнь сорвала /расстроила/ наши планы

to keep /to hold/ in check - держать в руках, контролировать

keep your emotions in check - сдерживайте свои чувства

to keep a check on smb. - держать кого-л. в руках, не давать воли кому-л.

to keep a check on smth. - следить за чем-л.; контролировать что-л.; держать что-л. в своих руках

keep a check on your tongue - думай, прежде чем говорить

2) *преим. воен.* отпор, приостановка наступления *или* продвижения

2. проверка, контроль

accuracy check - проверка точности

spot checks - *полигр.* выборочная корректура, выборочный редакционный просмотр

3. галочка, птичка, отметка (*знак проверки*)4. 1) номерок (*в гардеробе*)

hat check - номерок на шляпу

2) ярлык; багажная квитанция

a check for a suitcase - квитанция на чемодан

5. контрольный штампель

6. контрамарка; корешок (*билета и т. п.*)7. 1) клетка (*рисунок ткани*)

2) клетчатая ткань; шотландка

do you want a stripe or a check? - вам в полоску или в клетку?

8. счёт (*в ресторане*)9. *шахм.* шах

double check - двойной шах

perpetual check - вечный шах

check to the king - шах королю

10. *с.-х.*

1) чек, делянка, окружённая валом и затапливаемая водой

2) контрольная делянка

11. *охот.* потеря (*собакой*) следа12. *спец.* трещина, щель (*в дереве и т. п.*); волосная трещина13. *амер. карт.* фишка, марка

◇ checks and balances - принцип взаимозависимости и взаимоограничения законодательной, исполнительной и судебной власти

2. [tʃek] *a*

1. контрольный, проверочный, испытательный

check analysis - контрольный анализ

check cage - клетка *или* садок для контрольных животных

check experiment - поверочный /контрольный/ опыт

check flight - *ав.* контрольный полёт

check sample /specimen/ - контрольный образец

check station - *воен.* пункт технического осмотра

check test - поверочное испытание

2. клетчатый

check handkerchief - клетчатый платок

check system of irrigation - *с.-х.* орошение способом затопления по клеткам

3. запирающий, задерживающий

check dam - задерживающая плотина, защитная дамба *или* плотина

check valve - *тех.* запорный клапан, обратный клапан

check work - *тех.* периодическое включение и выключение механизма

◇ check wine - марочное вино

3. [tʃek] *v*

1. останавливать, сдерживать; препятствовать; удерживать; обуздывать

to check the advance of the enemy - приостановить продвижение противника

to check extravagant spending - положить конец расточительству

to check anger [love, laugh] - подавить гнев [любовь, смех]

to check the growth - замедлять рост /развитие/

he checked his impetuous son - он сдерживал /одёргивал/ своего необузданного сына

to check a fire - остановить пожар

to check oneself - остановиться, удержаться; сдержаться

she checked herself - она не договорила

he checked himself just as he was about to blurt out his indignation - он подавил готовые вырваться слова негодования

2. 1) проверять, контролировать; ревизовать; сличать; расследовать

to check figures [examination papers] - проверять цифры [экзаменационные работы]

to check by sight - проверять/определять/ на глаз
to check for errors - корректировать, исправлять
to check an instrument - выверять прибор
to check one's speed - контролировать скорость
check into the matter - разберитесь в этом деле
check bearing! - *слец.* проверить пелен!, взять контрольный пелен! (*команда*)

2) (on) проверять, выяснять; убеждаться (*в чём-л.*)

we must check on him - его надо проверить

to check on a statement - проверить правильность какого-л. утверждения

to check on the past experience of the applicants - выяснить уровень квалификации претендентов на должность

3) (with, *редк.* against) сверять, сличать

check your text with /against/ mine - сличите /сверьте/ ваш текст с моим

check your watch with the tower clock - проверьте свои часы по башенным

4) *амер.* (with, *редк.* against) соответствовать, совпадать

his statement checks with yours - его заявление совпадает с вашим

the description checks with the photograph - описание соответствует фотографии/сходится с фотографией

3. *амер.*

1) сдавать (*в гардероб, в камеру хранения, в багаж и т. п.*; *тж.* check in)

have you checked all your luggage? - вы все свои вещи сдали в багаж?

check in your coat and hat - сдайте в гардероб пальто и шляпу

2) принимать на хранение

the hotel checked our baggage - гостиница приняла на хранение наш багаж

4. отмечать галочкой, значком

how many mistakes did the teacher check? - сколько ошибок учитель отметил(птичкой)?

5. *шахм.* объявлять шах

6. *карт.* пасовать

7. располагать в шахматном порядке

8. делать выговор; давать нагоняй; разносить

9. *с.-х.* приостанавливать (*рост*)

10. *слец.*

1) делать щели; вызывать трещины

2) покрываться трещинами, щелями

11. (at) *арх.* внезапно остановиться (*перед чем-л.*); отшатнуться (*от чего-л.*)

12. *мор.* травить

4. [tʃek] *int*

1. *шахм.* шах!

2. *прост.* ладно!, точно!, договорились!

II

1. [tʃek] *амер.* = *cheque* /

2. [tʃek] *v амер.*

выписывать чек

to check upon a banker for \$100 - выдать чек на какой-л. банк на сумму в 100 долларов

check

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check [check checks checked checking] *verb, noun, exclamation* *BrE* [tʃek] ^α

NAmE [tʃek] ^α

verb

EXAMINE

1. *transitive* ~ **sth (for sth)** to examine sth to see if it is correct, safe or acceptable

- Check the container for cracks or leaks.
- She gave me the minutes of the meeting to read and check.
- Check the oil and water before setting off.
- Check your work before handing it in.
- Customs officers have the right to check all luggage going through customs.

MAKE SURE

2. *intransitive, transitive* to find out if sth/sb is present, correct or true or if sth is how you think it is

- 'Is Mary in the office?' 'Just a moment. I'll go and check.'
- ~ **sth** Hang on— I just need to check my email.
- ~ **(that)...** Go and check (that) I've locked the windows.
- ~ **(with sb) (what/whether, etc...)** You'd better check with Jane what time she's expecting us tonight.

see also ↑*cross-check*, ↑*double-check*

CONTROL

3. *transitive* ~ **sth** to control sth; to stop sth from increasing or getting worse

- The government is determined to check the growth of public spending.
- She tied some strips of cloth around the wound to check the bleeding.

4. *transitive* to stop yourself from saying or doing sth or from showing a particular emotion

- ~ **sth** to check your anger/laughter/tears

• ~ **yourself** She wanted to tell him the whole truth but she checked herself— it wasn't the right moment.

COATS/BAGS/CASES

5. **transitive** ~ **sth** (NAme) to leave coats, bags, etc. in an official place (called a ↑**checkroom**) while you are visiting a club, restaurant, etc

• Do you want to check your coats?

6. **transitive** ~ **sth** (NAme) to leave bags or cases with an official so that they can be put on a plane or train

• How many bags are you checking?

MAKE MARK

7. **transitive** ~ **sth** (NAme) (BrE **tick**) to put a mark (✓) next to an item on a list, an answer, etc

• Check the box next to the right answer.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	check
	BrE /tʃek/
	NAme /tʃek/
he / she / it	checks
	BrE /tʃeks/
	NAme /tʃeks/
past simple, past participle	checked
	BrE /tʃekt/
	NAme /tʃekt/
-ing form	checking
	BrE /tʃekɪŋ/
	NAme /tʃekɪŋ/

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Thesaurus:

check verb

1. T

• Check your work before handing it in.

inspect • **examine** • **go over sth** • **check over sb/sth** • **check through sth** • **look at sth** • **business audit** •

check/inspect/examine/check over/check through sth **for** sth

check/inspect/examine/look at sth **to see if/whether...**

check/inspect/examine/go over/check over/check through/look at sth **carefully**

Check, inspect or examine ? These words can all be used when you are looking for possible problems. Only **check** is used about looking for mistakes: ✗ **Inspect/Examine your work before handing it in.** Only **examine** is used when looking for the cause of a problem:

• The doctor examined her but could find nothing wrong.

✗ **The doctor checked/inspected her but could find nothing wrong.**

2. I, T

• Go and check that I've locked the windows.

make sure • **formal verify** • **assure yourself** •

check/verify sth **with** sb

check/make sure/verify/assure yourself **that...**

check/verify **what/whether...**

Synonyms:

check

examine • **inspect** • **go over sth**

These words all mean to look closely to make sure that everything is correct, in good condition, or acceptable.

check • to look at sth closely to make sure that everything is correct, in good condition, safe or satisfactory: ▫ Check your work before handing it in.

examine • to look at sb/sth closely to see if there is anything wrong or to find the cause of a problem: ▫ The goods were examined for damage on arrival

inspect • to look at sb/sth closely to make sure that everything is satisfactory; to officially visit a school, factory, etc. in order to check that rules are being obeyed and that standards are acceptable: ▫ Make sure you inspect the goods before signing for them.

◇ ▫ The Tourist Board inspects all recommended hotels at least once a year.

check, examine or inspect?

All these words can be used when you are looking for possible problems, but only **check** is used for mistakes: Examine/Inspect your work before handing it in. Only **examine** is used when looking for the cause of a problem: The doctor checked/inspected her but could find nothing wrong. **Examine** is used more often about a professional person: ▫ The surveyor examined the walls for signs of damp. **Inspect** is used more often about an official: ▫ Public health officials were called in to inspect the restaurant.

go over sth • to check sth carefully for mistakes, damage or anything dangerous: ▫ Go over your work for spelling mistakes before you hand it in.

to check/examine/inspect/go over (sth) **for** sth
to check/examine/inspect/go over sth **to see if/whether...**
to check/examine/inspect/go over sth **carefully/thoroughly**

Example Bank:

- Always check that the electricity is switched off before you start.
- Check the engine oil level regularly.
- Check the roof for loose slates.
- He was just checking to see if I was in my room.
- I checked with her to see if she needed any help.
- I'll need to check these figures against last year's.
- It's worth checking that there is no rust on the car.
- She began mentally checking off the things on her to-do list.
- The cartons were all checked off as they were unloaded.
- To take advantage of this extra bonus offer, simply check the box on your order form.
- We had better check that all the doors are locked.
- 'Is Mary in the office?' 'Just a moment. I'll go and check.'
- Check the oil and water in the car before setting off.
- Go and check that I've locked the windows.
- She made no effort to check her tears and just let them run down her face.
- She wanted to tell him the whole truth but she checked herself.
- The active ingredient checks the growth of bacteria.
- You'd better check with Jane what time she's expecting us.

Idiom: ↑hold something in check

Derived ↑check in ▪ ↑check into ... ▪ ↑check on somebody ▪ ↑check out ▪ ↑check over something ▪ ↑check somebody off ▪ ↑check somebody out ▪ ↑check something in ▪ ↑check something out ▪ ↑check up on somebody ▪ ↑check up on something

noun

EXAMINATION

1. countable ~ (for/on sth) an act of making sure that sth is safe, correct or in good condition by examining it

- Could you give the tyres a check?
- a health check
- The drugs were found in their car during a routine check by police.
- a check for spelling mistakes
- I'll just have a quick check to see if the letter's arrived yet.
- It is vital to **keep a check on** your speed (= look at it regularly in order to control it) .

see also ↑reality check

INVESTIGATION

2. countable ~ (on sb/sth) an investigation to find out more information about sth

- The police **ran a check** on the registration number of the car.
- Was any check made on Mr Morris when he applied for the post?

CONTROL

3. countable ~ (on/to sth) (formal) something that delays the progress of sth else or stops it from getting worse

- A cold spring will provide a natural check on the number of insects.
- the most fundamental check to the power of the British monarchy

4. checks plural (formal) rules that are designed to control the amount of power, especially political power, that one person or group has

see also ↑checks and balances

PATTERN

5. countable, uncountable a pattern of squares, usually of two colours

- Do you prefer checks or stripes?
- a check shirt/suit
- a yellow and red check skirt

see also ↑checked

MONEY

6. countable (US) = ↑cheque

7. countable (NAme) = ↑bill

- Can I have the check, please?

FOR COATS/BAGS

8. countable (NAme) coat ~ a place in a club, restaurant, etc. where you can leave your coat or bag

9. countable (NAme) a ticket that you get when you leave your coat, bag, etc. in, for example, a restaurant or theatre

IN GAME

10. **uncountable** (in ↑**chess**) a position in which a player's king (= the most important piece) can be directly attacked by the other player's pieces

- There, you're in check.

see also ↑**checkmate**

MARK

11. (also '**check mark**') (both **NAme**) (**BrE tick**) **countable** a mark (✓) put beside a sum or an item on a list, usually to show that it has been checked or done or is correct

compare ↑**cross**, ↑**X** ⁽⁴⁾

more at take a rain check **at** ↑**rain check**

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Thesaurus:

check **noun** **C**

- Carry out regular safety checks of the equipment.

inspection • • **examination** • • **check-up** •

a **thorough/routine/regular** check/inspection/examination/check-up

a **medical** check/inspection/examination/check-up

carry out/do a/an check/inspection/examination

Synonyms:

bill

account • **invoice** • **check**

These are all words for a record of how much you owe for goods or services you have bought or used.

bill • a list of goods that you have bought or services that you have used, showing how much you owe; the price or cost of sth: = the gas bill

account • an arrangement with a shop/store or business to pay bills for goods or services at a later time, for example in regular amounts every month: = Put it on my account please.

invoice • (**rather formal**) a bill for goods that sb has bought or work that has been done for sb: = The builders sent an invoice for £250.

bill or invoice?

You would get a **bill** in a restaurant, bar or hotel; from a company that supplies you with gas, electricity, etc; or from sb whose property you have damaged. An **invoice** is for goods supplied or work done as agreed between a customer and supplier.

check • (**NAme**) a piece of paper that shows how much you have to pay for the food and drinks that you have had in a restaurant:

- Can I have the check, please?

In British English the usual word for this is **bill**.

the **bill/invoice/check for sth**

to **pay/settle** a(n) **bill/account/invoice/check**

to **put sth on** the/sb's **bill/account/invoice/check**

Example Bank:

- A thorough check is made before the luggage is put on the plane.
- Can I have the check please?
- I did a quick visual check of the engine.
- I do a spell check on all my emails.
- I have to go for a dental check.
- I'll just have a quick check to see if the letter's arrived
- In a series of spot checks, police searched buses crossing the border.
- Leaving some fields fallow provided a natural check on insect populations.
- Police are keeping a close check on the house.
- The band wants to do a sound check before the concert.
- The law acts as a check on people's actions.
- The waiter handed me the check for my meal.
- Uncle Louie picked up the dinner check.
- We're running a police check on all applicants for the job.
- You need to keep your temper in check!
- a routine check on the factory
- A cold spring will provide a natural check on the number of insects.
- Could you give the tyres a quick check?
- I had a last-minute check to see if the email had arrived
- I went for a health check before going on the trip.
- It is vital to keep a check on your speed.
- Regular safety checks are conducted on the equipment used in the factory.
- The House of Commons became the most fundamental check to the power of the British monarchy.
- The drugs were found in their car during a routine check by police.

- The police ran a check on the registration number of the car.
- Was any check made on Mr Morris when he applied for the job?

exclamation used to show that you agree with sb or that sth on a list has been dealt with

- ‘Do you have your tickets?’ ‘Check.’ ‘Passport?’ ‘Check.’

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See also: ↑tick ▪ ↑tick somebody off

check

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I. **check**¹ **S1 W2** /tʃek/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ verb

1. FIND OUT [intransitive and transitive] to do something in order to find out whether something really is correct, true, or in good condition:

- Check the tiles carefully before you buy them.
- A first rule in solving any mystery is to check the facts.
- Fill in the cash book carefully and always check your calculations.

check (that)

- Check that all the doors are locked securely.

check whether/how/who etc

- Let me just check whether the potatoes are cooked.
- They paused to check how the other climbers were getting on.

check (something) for something

- I checked the typing for errors.
- Turn the tap on and check for leaks.

check something against/with something (=compare something with something else to see whether they are the same)

- You must check the evidence against other sources and decide if it is reliable.
- Positive test results are double-checked (=looked at twice) to make absolutely sure.

2. ASK SOMEBODY [intransitive and transitive] to ask someone whether something is correct, true, or allowed:

- I’m not authorized to give you a refund – I’ll have to check first.

check (that)

- Make a phone call to check that you’re writing to the right person.

check whether/how/who etc

- Call the factory to check whether the beds can be delivered today.

check with

- Check with your doctor before going on a diet.

3. NOT DO SOMETHING [transitive] to suddenly stop yourself from saying or doing something because you realize it would be better not to:

- I had to check the urge to laugh out loud.

check yourself

- He grinned, and then checked himself, not wanting to upset Jack.

4. STOP SOMETHING [transitive] to stop something bad from getting worse or continuing to happen:

- The police are failing to take adequate measures to check the growth in crime.

5. BAGS/CASES ETC [transitive] American English, check in British English to leave your bags at an official place so they can be put on a plane or a train, or to take someone’s bags in order to do this:

- Any luggage over five kilos must be checked.

6. MAKE A MARK [transitive] American English to make a mark (✓) next to an answer, something on a list etc to show you have chosen it, that it is correct, or that you have dealt with it **SYN tick British English**

7. Check especially American English spoken say this when someone mentions each thing on a list, to tell them that you have it or have done it:

- ‘Passport?’ ‘Check.’ ‘Ticket?’ ‘Check’.

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THESAURUS

- **check** to look at something carefully and thoroughly in order to make sure that it is correct, safe, or working properly: I’ll just check the water level in the battery. | The immigration officer checked their passports. | We need to check the building for structural damage.
- **examine** to look at something carefully and thoroughly because you want to find out something about it: Experts who examined the painting believe it is genuine. | The police will examine the weapon for fingerprints.
- **inspect** to look at something carefully and thoroughly in order to make sure that it is correct, safe, or working properly, especially when it is your job to do this: The building is regularly inspected by a fire-safety officer. | Some insurance people have already been here to inspect the damage caused by the storm.
- **go through something** to examine something such as a document or plan from beginning to end, especially in order to check that it is correct: You should go through the contract before you sign. | I’ve finished my essay, but I just need to go through it to check for spelling mistakes.
- **double-check** to check something again so that you are completely sure it is correct, safe, or working properly: I double-checked all my calculations and they seemed fine. | Travellers should double-check flight information before setting off

today.

- **test** to examine or use something in order to find out whether it works or what its qualities are, or in order to check that it is satisfactory: Test your brakes to check they are working correctly. | These products have not been tested on animals.
- **monitor** to carefully watch or keep checking someone or something in order to see what happens over a period of time: Doctors monitored her progress during the night. | Observers have been monitoring the situation in Burma closely.

check in *phrasal verb*

1. if you check in or are checked in at a hotel or airport, you go to the desk and report that you have arrived:
 - Check in two hours before the flight.

check in at

- He checked in at the Europa Hotel.

check somebody ↔ in

- Airline employees were checking in passengers. ⇒ ↑check-in

2. **check something** ↔ in to leave your bags at an official place so they can be put on a plane or a train, or to take someone's bags in order to do this:

- I said goodbye and went to check in my suitcases.

3. **American English** to call someone to tell them that you are safe or where you are:

- He just called to check in and tell them how he was doing.

check something ↔ off *phrasal verb*

to write a mark next to something on a list to show that you have chosen it, dealt with it, or made sure that it is correct:

- One by one he checked them off on his register.

check on somebody/something *phrasal verb*

1. to make sure that someone or something is safe, is in a satisfactory state, or is doing what they should be doing:

- Honey, can you go upstairs and check on the kids?

- My neighbour comes in once a week to check on things and feed the fish.

2. to try to find out if something is true or correct:

- He wanted to check on the girl's story.

check out *phrasal verb*

1. MAKE SURE

- a) **check something** ↔ out to make sure that something is actually true, correct, or acceptable **SYN investigate**:

- I made a phone call to check out his address.

check something ↔ out with

- Check it out with your boss before you do anything.

- b) if information checks out, it is proved to be true, correct, or acceptable:

- His credit record checks out.

2. **LOOK AT SOMEBODY/SOMETHING** **check somebody/something** ↔ out to look at someone or something because they are interesting or attractive:

- If I hear about a website that sounds interesting, I check it out.

- Hey, check out that car!

3. **GET INFORMATION** **check somebody** ↔ out *informal* to get information about someone, especially to find out if they are suitable for something:

- I'll check them out as potential employers.

4. **HOTEL** to leave a hotel after paying the bill:

- We checked out at noon. ⇒ ↑checkout

5. **BOOKS** **check something** ↔ out *American English* to borrow a book from a library:

- The library allows you to check out six books at a time.

check something/somebody ↔ over *phrasal verb*

1. to look closely at something to make sure it is correct or acceptable:

- They spent the rest of the morning checking over their equipment.

2. to examine someone to make sure they are healthy:

- I'd like the doctor to check you over and do a few tests.

check up on somebody/something *phrasal verb*

1. to try to find out if someone is doing what they said they would do or what you want them to do:

- Don't worry; no one is going to check up on you.

2. to make sure that something is true or correct:

- Dustin called me to check up on some facts.

II. **check**² **S1 W3 BrE** ^{AmE} *noun*

[Sense 1-4, 6-10: Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: eschec 'check in chess', from Arabic shah, from Persian, 'king']

[Sense 5: Date: 1400-1500; Origin: checker 'chessboard, pattern of squares' (14-21 centuries), from Old French eschequier, from eschec]

1. **FINDING OUT** [countable] the process of finding out if something is safe, correct, true, or in the condition it should be

check on

- the need for tighter checks on arms sales

- Conduct regular checks on your water quality.

run/carry out/make a check

- I decided to run a check on all personnel.

- I keep a careful check on my blood pressure.

have a check *British English*:

- Have a check in your bag first and see if it's there.

the airport's routine security checks

random drug checks

health/medical/dental etc check (=a test done to make sure you are healthy)

spot check (=a quick check of one thing among a group of things, that you do without warning)

a spot check on the accounts

2. **keep/hold somebody/something in check** keep someone or something under control:

You must learn to keep your emotions in check.

attempts to keep global warming in check

He made an effort to hold himself in check.

3. **A CONTROL ON SOMETHING** [countable usually singular] something that controls something else and stops it from getting worse, continuing to happen etc

check on

Higher interest rates will act as a check on public spending.

4. **checks and balances** a system that makes it possible for some people or parts of an organization to control the others, so that no particular person or part has too much power or influence

5. **PATTERN** [uncountable and countable] a pattern of squares, especially on cloth:

a shirt with brown and black checks

check suit/jacket etc (=made with cloth patterned with checks)

a blue cotton check dress ⇒ ↑checked

6. **FROM YOUR BANK** [countable] the American spelling of ↑cheque

check for

a check for \$30

by check

Can I pay by check?

7. **IN A RESTAURANT** [countable] *American English* a list that you are given in a restaurant showing what you have eaten and how much you must pay **SYN bill** *British English*

8. **coat check/hat check** *American English* [countable]

a) a place in a restaurant, theatre etc where you can leave your coat, bag etc to be guarded

b) a ticket that you are given so you can claim your things from this place

9. **MARK** [countable] *American English* a mark that you put next to an answer to show that it is correct or next to something on a list to show that you have dealt with it **SYN tick** *British English*

10. **CHESS** [uncountable] the position of the ↑king (=most important piece) in ↑chess where it can be directly attacked by the opponent's pieces

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

▪ **do a check** I did a quick check of all the windows, locked the door and left.

▪ **make a check** (=do a check) One of the nurses makes regular checks during the night.

▪ **run a check** (=especially on something that is strange or suspicious) You should run a virus check before downloading from the Internet.

▪ **carry out/conduct a check** *formal* (=do or run a check) The police carried out a check on the car's registration number.

▪ **have a check** *British English* Always have a final check to make sure you've got your ticket and passport.

▪ **give something a check** I'd like you to give the car a careful check.

▪ **keep a check on somebody/something** (=check something regularly) Keep a check on your baby's temperature.

▪ **go for a medical/dental etc check** She advised me to go for a medical check.

■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + check

▪ **a quick check** A quick check showed that someone had been in the room.

▪ **a thorough/careful check** An engineer gave the computer a thorough check.

▪ **a routine check** (=happening as a normal part of a process) I went to the doctor for a routine health check.

▪ **a random check** (=done without any definite pattern) Customs officials were carrying out random checks on cars.

▪ **a regular check** It's vital to keep a regular check on your bank balance.

▪ **a close check** (=a careful one) His teacher was keeping a close check on his progress.

▪ **a safety/security check** The security checks at the airport can take a long time.

▪ **a health/medical check** People over 60 should have regular medical checks.

▪ **a background check** (=to get information about someone's previous work, education, family etc) The company conducts background checks on security employees.

▪ **a credit check** (=to get information about someone's financial history) Banks usually do a credit check before they give you a loan.

▪ **a spot check** (=a quick check of one thing in a group done to obtain information) They did a spot check on 160 vehicles to see how many passengers were wearing seat belts.

▪ **a spell check** (=a process in which a computer program tells you if you have spelt words wrong) Have you done a spell check on your essay?

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THESAURUS

▪ **bill** a piece of paper that tells you how much you must pay: Many families are struggling to pay their bills. | a credit card bill | We got a huge phone bill. | I asked the waiter to bring me the bill.

▪ **check** *American English* a bill that tells you how much you must pay in a restaurant: Can I have the check, please?

▪ **invoice** a document that lists the goods that a company has sent, or the services they have provided, and tells you how much you must pay. It is often sent from one company to another company: Payment is due ten days after receipt of the invoice.

- **tab** *informal* a bill that is added up at the end of a period of time, especially for food or drinks that you have had in a restaurant or hotel: People staying in the hotel can order food or drinks to be put on their tab.

III. **cheque** ^{S2} ^{BrE} ^{AmE} *British English*, **check** *American English* /tʃek/ **noun** [countable]

[Date: 1700-1800; Origin: check, influenced by exchequer]

a printed piece of paper that you write an amount of money on, sign, and use instead of money to pay for things

cheque for

▪ They sent me a cheque for £100.

by cheque

▪ Can I pay by cheque?

▪ You could write her a cheque.

cash a cheque (=get cash in exchange for a cheque)

⇒ †blank cheque, TRAVELLER'S CHEQUE

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- **pay by cheque** You can pay by cheque or credit card.
- **write (out) a cheque** I had to write a cheque for £360 yesterday.
- **give somebody a cheque** Can I give you a cheque, or would you prefer cash?
- **make a cheque out/payable to somebody** (=write someone's name on a cheque so it is paid to them) Who shall I make the cheque out to?
- **enclose a cheque** (=send it with a letter by post) I wrote to the company enclosing a cheque for £49.99.
- **sign a cheque** You've forgotten to sign the cheque.
- **pay in a cheque** (=pay a cheque into your bank account) I went to the bank to pay in a couple of cheques.
- **cancel/stop a cheque** (=stop a cheque from being paid to someone) Don't forget to phone the bank and cancel that cheque.
- **cash a cheque** (=exchange a cheque for the amount of money it is worth) The company had cashed the cheque but not sent the goods.
- **accept a cheque** (=take a cheque as a form of payment) We only accept cheques if you have a bank card.
- **draw a cheque** *formal* (=use a cheque to withdraw money from an account) Customers can draw cheques for any amount they like on their accounts.
- **a cheque bounces** (=is not paid by a bank because there is not enough money in the account) The cheque bounced because my account was overdrawn.

■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + cheque

- **a large cheque** (=for a lot of money) Sara was delighted to receive a large cheque in the post.
- **a blank cheque** (=signed but without the amount written on it) I wasn't sure how much the tickets would be so I gave her a blank cheque.
- **a post-dated cheque** (=with a date on it that is later than the date you write the cheque) She wanted a post-dated cheque for the next three months' rent.
- **a pay cheque** (=one that you get for doing your job) My pay cheque arrived at the end of each week.
- **a traveller's cheque** (=a type of cheque that you can exchange for money in another country) Are you taking some traveller's cheques on holiday?

■ cheque + NOUN

- **a cheque book** (=a book of cheques that your bank gives you to use) When you open a bank account you will be given your own cheque book.
- **a cheque card** (=a bank card shown when paying by cheque) Cheques must be accompanied by a valid cheque card.
- **a cheque stub** (=the part of a cheque that stays in your cheque book when you have written a cheque) Check your cheque stubs to see when you wrote the cheque.

check

Freakuency Pack

12500 **1006**^{MCW}

15000 **649**^{COCA}

RANGE: **1k** **CHECK** 72983

check 40374

checks 10054

checking 8175

checked 13571

unchecked 809

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

10791 **2984**¹⁴¹⁰⁶ *vvi*

9192 **3140**¹³³²⁰ *nn1*

9378 **3226**¹²⁹²⁵ *vv0*

8 **290708**⁸ *jj*

8 **293807**⁸ *nnu*

6 **323171**⁷ *np1*