

loiter *v*

- 1) слоняться без дела (*мж.* loiter about)
- 2) мешкать, медлить; задерживаться
- 3) плестись, тащиться (*мж.* loiter along)
- 4) околачиваться (*где-л.*) с неопределённой или подозрительной целью

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loi·ter [**loiter loiters loitered loitering**] *BrE* ['lɔɪtə(r)] *AmE* ['lɔɪtər] **verb**

intransitive

to stand or wait somewhere especially with no obvious reason

Syn: ↑hang around

- Teenagers were loitering in the street outside.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	loiter
	<i>BrE</i> / 'lɔɪtə(r) /
	<i>NAme</i> / 'lɔɪtər /
he / she / it	loiters
	<i>BrE</i> / 'lɔɪtəz /
	<i>NAme</i> / 'lɔɪtərz /
past simple, past participle	loitered
	<i>BrE</i> / 'lɔɪtəd /
	<i>NAme</i> / 'lɔɪtəd /
-ing form	loitering
	<i>BrE</i> / 'lɔɪtərɪŋ /
	<i>NAme</i> / 'lɔɪtərɪŋ /

Word Origin:

late Middle English: perhaps from Middle Dutch **loteren** 'wag about'.

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[**Date:** 1400-1500; **Origin:** Probably from Middle Dutch *loteren* 'to be loose']

1. to stand or wait somewhere, especially in a public place, without any clear reason **SYN** hang about, hang around:

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

2. to move or do something slowly, or to keep stopping when you should keep moving

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THESAURUS

- **stay** to not leave a place, or to be in a place for a particular period of time: Stay where you are and don't move. | John only stayed at the party for a couple of hours.
- **remain** *formal* to stay somewhere. In written English, people often prefer to use **remain** rather than **stay**, because it sounds more formal: Some 2,000 protesters remained outside the building and refused to leave. | The judge recommended that he remain in jail for the rest of his life.
- **linger** to stay in a place a little longer than you need to, because you are enjoying yourself, or because you hope to see someone or something: He lingered outside the lecture hall, hoping for a chance to talk to her. | There are plenty of small cafés where you can linger over a cappuccino.
- **loiter** to stay in a place not doing anything – used when you think someone is waiting for the chance to do something bad or illegal: The two men had been seen loitering in the area on the day that the car was stolen.
- **hang around** *informal* to stay somewhere not doing anything: There are gangs of boys hanging around on street corners. | I don't mind hanging around for a few minutes. | The boss doesn't like being kept hanging around.
- **stick around** *informal* to stay in the same place or situation for a period of time, especially while you are waiting for something to happen or someone to arrive: I decided to stick around and see how it all turned out. | Make up your mind. I'm not going to stick around forever.

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