

I

1. [straɪk] *n*

1. 1) удар

strike attack - **ав.** удар по наземной цели

strike weapon - наступательное оружие

to make a strike at smb. - а) замахнуться на кого-л. (*кулаком, оружием*); нанести удар кому-л.; б) укусить /ужалить/ кого-л. (*о змее*)to counter a strike - **воен.** отражать ударto exploit a strike - **воен.** развивать успех (*достигнутый в результате удара*)2) **разг.** воздушный налёт3) удар, бой (*часов*)4) **амер.** плохой удар; пропущенный мяч (*в бейсболе*)2. 1) открытие месторождения (*особ. золота*)2) неожиданная удача (*тж. lucky strike*)a lucky strike in politics - политическая победа (*на выборах и т. п.*)3. **амер.** недостаток; помеха

his racial background was a strike against him - его расовая принадлежность была препятствием на его пути

4. 1) клёв

I've just got a strike - у меня только что клюнуло

2) подсечка (*леса*)

3) большой улов

5. гребок (*для сгребания лишнего зерна с меры*)6. **геол.** простираение (*жилы или пласта*)

◇ to have two strikes against one - быть в невыгодном положении

2. [straɪk] *v* (*struck; struck, stricken*)

I

1. 1) ударять, бить

to strike (on /upon/) the table - стукнуть по столу

to strike smb. - ударить кого-л.

to strike smb. in the face - ударить кого-л. по лицу

he struck his enemy on the head - он ударил своего врага по голове

to strike a blow - нанести удар

to strike a violent blow at smb., to strike smb. a violent blow - нанести кому-л. сильный удар, сильно ударить кого-л.

to strike a blow aside - отбить/парировать/ удар

to strike back - нанести ответный удар; дать сдачи

to strike the first blow - быть зачинщиком (*в ссоре, драке*)who struck the first blow? - кто начал (*ссору, драки*)?, кто первый ударил?

to strike a blow for smb., smth. - выступить в защиту кого-л., чего-л.

we have struck a blow for freedom - мы выступили в защиту свободы

to strike a weapon from smb.'s hand - выбить оружие из чьих-л. /у кого-л. из/ рук

to strike with smth. - ударить /бить/ чем-л.

he struck the nail with a hammer - он ударил по гвоздю молотком

to strike the hands together - хлопнуть в ладоши

2) ударяться, стукаться; попадать

to strike smth., to strike on /upon, against/ smth. - ударяться обо что-л., наскакивать на что-л.; попадать во что-л.

to strike the floor [the wall] - удариться об пол [о стену]

to strike a mine [a rock] - наскочить на мину [на скалу]

to strike (the) bottom - сесть на мель

two ships struck in midchannel - два судна столкнулись в фарватере

his head struck (against) the pavement - он ударился /стукнулся/ головой о тротуар

she struck her elbow against the door [her foot against a stone] - она ударилась локтем о дверь [ногой о камень]

the lightning [the bullet] struck the tree [the house] - молния ударила [пуля попала] в дерево [в дом]

the light struck the windows - свет упал на окна

3) ударять (*по клавишам, струнам*)

to strike a chord /the chords/ - взять аккорд; ударить по струнам

to strike a harp - играть на арфе

to strike a note - взять ноту [*см. тж. II A 1*]

2. нападать

the enemy struck at dawn - враг ударил на рассвете

they struck the retreating enemy - они атаковали отступающего противника

3. поражать; сражать

to strike smb. dead - поразить кого-л. насмерть

to strike smb. blind - ослепить кого-л.

to be struck blind - ослепнуть; быть ослеплённым

to strike smb. dumb - лишить кого-л. дара речи; ошарашить кого-л.

I was struck dumb with amazement - я онемел от удивления

the epidemic struck the country - страну поразила эпидемия

to strike with /by/ smth. - поражать чем-л.

to be stricken by paralysis - быть разбитым параличом

to strike smb. to the heart - поразить кого-л. в самое сердце

4. (тж. on, upon) находить, наталкиваться, случайно встречать

to strike ore [gold] - открыть месторождение руды [золота]

to strike water - найти воду

to strike oil - а) открыть/найти/ нефтяной источник; б) сделать выгодную сделку, добиться успеха; преуспеть

to strike upon an idea - (случайно) напасть на мысль

to strike (up)on a plan - придумать план

the answer struck him suddenly - внезапно он понял, в чём дело; ≅ его осенило

5. 1) направляться; поворачивать

to strike across an island - пересекать остров

to strike into the woods - а) направляться/сворачивать/ в лес; б) углубляться в лес

to strike northward - направиться/повернуть/ на север

the range of hills strikes southerly - цепь холмов тянется к югу /в южном направлении/

to strike to the right - повернуть направо

the road strikes away to the left - дорога круто сворачивала влево

2) углубляться (в тему и т. п.)

to strike into one's subject - углубляться в свой предмет /в свою тему/

to strike out of one's subject - отходить от своего предмета /от своей темы/

6. проникать; пробиваться

to strike through clouds - пробиваться сквозь облака

sun rays struck through the fog - лучи солнца пробивались сквозь туман

the wind struck through the cracks - ветер проникал сквозь /задувал в/ щели

the cold struck through my clothes - холод проникал сквозь мою одежду

to strike (in)to the marrow - пронизывать/пробираться/ насквозь /до мозга костей/

the arrow struck through his armour - стрела пробила/пронзила/ его латы

7. достигать

to strike the village - достичь деревни

to strike the right path - выйти на нужную /правильную/ дорогу

we struck the main road - мы вышли на главную дорогу

the sound struck (upon) his ear - звук достиг /донёлся до/ его слуха

to strike soundings - мор. прийти на глубину, доступную измерению ручным лотом

8. исключать; отменять; вычёркивать

strike the last paragraph - вычеркните последний абзац

to strike smth. on the ground that there was no corroboration - отменить что-л. на том основании, что это не получило подтверждения

to strike a communication from the record - изъять сообщение из протокола

they demanded that the book be struck off the list - они потребовали исключить книгу из списка

if you disagree with anything I have written, strike it through - если вы не согласны с чем-л. из написанного мною, просто вычеркните это

their names have been struck through and are almost illegible - их фамилии были зачёркнуты, и теперь их почти невозможно прочесть

9. поражать, производить впечатление; привлекать внимание

to strike smb. as (being) clever [as interesting, as unusual] - производить на кого-л. впечатление умного [интересного, необычного] человека; казаться кому-л. умным [интересным, необычным]

as it strikes me - как мне кажется

that strikes me as rather silly - это кажется мне довольно глупым; это поражает меня своей глупостью

it struck me that he was not telling the truth - мне показалось, что он не говорит правды

we were struck favourably with the plan - план произвёл на нас положительное впечатление

the room struck cold and damp - комната показалась /выглядела/ холодной и сырой

his attention was struck by the unusual change - его внимание было привлечено необычной переменной

she always strikes strangers that way - она всегда производит такое впечатление на чужих

how does it strike you? - что вы об этом думаете?; как вам это нравится?

how does his playing strike you? - как вам нравится его игра?

to strike the /one's/ eye - бросаться в глаза, привлекать внимание

what a sight struck my eyes! - какое зрелище открылось моим глазам!

10. приходить в голову

a thought [an idea] has struck me - мне пришла (в голову) мысль [идея]; меня осенила мысль [идея]

it struck me immediately that I had made a blunder - я сразу понял, что сделал /допустил/ ошибку

11. амер. воен. служить денщиком

12. разг. неожиданно встретить

to strike the name of a friend in a newspaper - натолкнуться в газете на фамилию друга

II A

1. вызывать (какие-л. чувства)

to strike a deep chord in smb.'s heart - вызвать глубокий отклик в душе

to strike a chord of memory - вызвать воспоминания

to strike the right note - взять верный тон; попасть в тон

to strike a false note - а) взять неправильный тон; б) звучать фальшиво; [см. тж. I 1, 3]

to strike a warning note - насторожить, предупредить

2. вселять (ужас и т. п.)

to strike with awe - внушать благоговейный страх
to be struck with panic - быть охваченным паникой
the scream struck terror in me - этот крик вселил в меня ужас
he was struck with shame - ему вдруг /невольнo/ стало стыдно

3. 1) **высекать (огонь); зажигать**

to strike a match - зажечь спичку, чиркнуть спичкой
to strike sparks out of flint - высекать искры из кремня
to strike a spark out of smb. - зажечь кого-л., вызвать в ком-л. энтузиазм

2) **эл. зажигать дугу**

3) **зажигаться**

matches that strike only on the box - спички, которые зажигаются только о коробок
the matches were too wet to strike - спички намокли и не зажигались

4. **бить (о часах)**

this clock strikes (the hours *etc*) - эти часы отбивают время; это часы с боем
the clock is striking - часы бьют
it has just struck four - только что пробило четыре (часа)
the hour has struck - пробил час, настало время
his hour has struck - его час пробил
to strike the bell - *мор.* бить склянки

5. **биться (о сердце)**

his heart struck heavily when he saw his house - его сердце сильно забилося, когда он увидел родной дом

6. 1) **чеканить (монету, медаль)**

2) **сделать, выбить (бирки, ярлык)**

7. 1) **спускать (флаг)**

to strike the flag - а) *мор.* спускать флаг, сдавать командование соединением; б) сдаваться, покоряться

2) **убирать (паруса)**

to strike hull - *мор.* убрать все паруса и закрепить румпель в подветренном положении (*в шторм*)
to strike a mast - *мор.* срубить мачту

3) **свернуть (палатки)**

to strike camp - сниматься с бивака; свёртывать лагерь

4) *стр.* **снимать (леса)**

5) *театр.* **убирать, разбирать (декорации); демонтировать (сцену)**

6) *театр.* **гасить, тушить, убавлять (свет)**

8. 1) **подводить (баланс)**

to strike an average - выводить среднее число

2) **добиваться (равновесия)**

3) **заключать (сделку)**

to strike a bargain - а) заключить сделку; б) прийти к соглашению, договориться
to strike hands - ударить по рукам, заключить сделку

9. **составлять (список и т. п.)**

to strike a jury - составить список присяжных (*давать сторонам возможность вычеркнуть одинаковое количество кандидатов*)

to strike a committee - образовать комитет

10. 1) **подсекать (рыбу)**

2) **загарпунить (кита)**

11. **клевать, брать приманку (о рыбе)**

12. **кусать, жалить (о змее)**

struck by a snake - укушенный змеёй

13. 1) **пускать (корни); приниматься**

the tree struck its roots deep - дерево пустило глубокие корни

2) **укореняться, прививаться, приживаться**

3) **сажать, культивировать (растения)**

14. 1) **прокрашивать (ткань, дерево)**

2) **впитываться, растекаться (о краске)**

15. **просаливать, пропитывать солью (рыбу, мясо)**

16. 1) **разгружать (корабль)**

2) **разгружаться**

17. *мор.* **спускать (в трюм; тж. strike down)**

18. **ровнять гребком (меру зерна)**

19. 1) **мездрить (кожу)**

2) **сдирать (мездру)**

20. *слец.* **отбивать черту (намелённой верёвкой)**

II Б

1. **to strike at smb., smth.**

1) **набрасываться /нападать/ на кого-л., что-л.; наносить удар кому-л., чему-л.; направлять удар на кого-л., что-л.**

to strike at smb. with a sword - нанести кому-л. удар шпагой /саблей/

to strike at the dog with a stick - замахнуться на собаку палкой

I struck at the ball but missed - я ударил по мячу, но промахнулся

2) *воен.* **наступать на кого-л., что-л.**

2. **to strike into smth.**

1) начинать что-л

to strike into a song - начинать петь, заводить песню
he struck into another song - он запел /завёл/ другую /новую/ песню
the orchestra struck into another waltz - оркестр заиграл ещё один вальс
to strike into a gallop - пускаться в галоп (конный спорт)

2) вмешиваться во что-л

to strike into a quarrel [into a debate] - вмешаться в ссору [в спор /в обсуждение/]
to strike into conversation - вступить в разговор

3. to strike smth. into smth. заставлять что-л проникать во что-л; втыкать, вонзать, вколачивать что-л во что-л

to strike the nail into the board - загнать гвоздь в доску

4. to strike smth. into smb.

1) вонзать что-л в кого-л.

2) давать, придавать, что-л кому-л.

to strike life into smb. - вдохнуть жизнь в кого-л.

5. to strike for smth.

1) стремиться к чему-л., делать усилие, чтобы добиться чего-л.

the futility of striking for what seems unattainable - тщетность стремлений к тому, что недостижимо

2) бороться, сражаться за что-л

to strike for freedom - бороться за свободу
to strike vigorously for success - настойчиво добиваться успеха

6. to strike smb. for smth. амер. сл.

1) вымогать, выпрашивать что-л у кого-л.

to strike smb. for a loan - просить кого-л. одолжить денег

2) просить, искать протекции у кого-л.

he struck his friend for a job - он попросил приятеля подыскать ему работу



to strike an attitude - принять (театральную) позу
to strike at the root /at the foundation/ of smth. - стремиться искоренить основу чего-л.; вырвать что-л с корнем; подрывать самую основу чего-л.
to strike on truth - попасть в цель, найти истину, правильно угадать
to strike home - а) попасть в цель; попасть в самую точку; б) дойти до самого сердца; брать за душу; в) задевать за живое, больно задевать
to strike it rich - а) напасть на жилу; неожиданно разбогатеть; б) преуспеть
to be struck on smb. - быть влюблённым в кого-л.
to strike smb. all of a heap - ошеломить кого-л.
to strike smb. to the quick - задеть кого-л. за живое
strike me dead! - прост. ≅ разрази меня господь /гром!/; умереть мне на этом месте!
strike while the iron is hot, strike the iron while it is hot - посл. куй железо, пока горячо

II

1. [straɪk] n

1. забастовка, стачка

all-out strike - всеобщая забастовка
to be on strike - бастовать
to go on strike - объявить забастовку, забастовать
sympathetic strike - забастовка солидарности
strike movement [struggle] - стачечное движение [-ая борьба]
the General Strike - *уст.* Всеобщая стачка (в Англии в 1926 г.)
hunger strike - голодная забастовка; отказ принимать пищу
the strike has been called off - забастовка была отменена /прекращена/

2. коллективный отказ (от чего-л.); бойкот

buyers' strike - бойкотирование покупателями определённых товаров или магазинов

2. [straɪk] v (struck)

1) бастовать; объявлять забастовку

to strike against long hours - бастовать, добиваясь сокращения рабочего дня
to strike for higher pay - забастовать, чтобы добиться повышения зарплаты

2) прекращать работу

strike

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strike [straɪk] verb, noun BrE [straɪk] NAmE

[straɪk] verb (struck, struck BrE [strʌk] ; NAmE [strʌk])

HIT SB/STH

1. transitive ~ sb/sth (formal) to hit sb/sth hard or with force

- The ship struck a rock.
- The child ran into the road and was struck by a car.
- The tree was **struck by lightning**.
- He fell, striking his head on the edge of the table.
- The stone struck her on the forehead

2. transitive ~ sb/sth (sth) (formal) to hit sb/sth with your hand or a weapon

- She struck him in the face.
- He struck the table with his fist.
- Who struck the first blow (= started the fight) ?

KICK/HIT BALL

3. **transitive ~ sth** (formal) to hit or kick a ball, etc
- He walked up to the penalty spot and struck the ball firmly into the back of the net.

ATTACK

4. **intransitive** to attack sb/sth, especially suddenly
- The lion crouched ready to strike.
 - Police fear that the killer may strike again.

OF DISASTER/DISEASE

5. **intransitive, transitive** to happen suddenly and have a harmful or damaging effect on sb/sth
- Two days later tragedy struck.
 - ~ **sb/sth** The area was struck by an outbreak of cholera.

THOUGHT/IDEA/IMPRESSION

6. **transitive** (not used in the progressive tenses) (*of a thought or an idea*) to come into sb's mind suddenly
- ~ **sb** An awful thought has just struck me.
 - I was struck by her resemblance to my aunt.
 - **it strikes sb how, what, etc...** It suddenly struck me how we could improve the situation.
7. **transitive** to give sb a particular impression
- ~ **sb (as sth)** His reaction struck me as odd.
 - How does the idea strike you?
 - She strikes me as a very efficient person.
 - **it strikes sb that...** It strikes me that nobody is really in favour of the changes.

OF LIGHT

8. **transitive ~ sth** to fall on a surface
- The windows sparkled as the sun struck the glass.

DUMB/DEAF/BLIND

9. **transitive ~ sb + adj. usually passive** to put sb suddenly into a particular state
- **to be struck dumb/deaf/blind**

OF WORKERS

10. **intransitive ~ (for sth)** to refuse to work, because of a disagreement over pay or conditions
- The union has voted to strike for a pay increase of 6%.
 - Striking workers picketed the factory.

MATCH

11. **transitive, intransitive ~ (sth)** to rub sth such as a match against a surface so that it produces a flame; to produce a flame when rubbed against a rough surface
- to strike a match on a wall
 - The sword struck sparks off the stone floor.
 - The matches were damp and he couldn't make them strike.

OF CLOCK

12. **intransitive, transitive** to show the time by making a ringing noise, etc.
- Syn:** ↑chime
- Did you hear the clock strike?
 - Four o'clock had just struck.
 - ~ **sth** The clock has just struck three.

MAKE SOUND

13. **transitive ~ sth** to produce a musical note, sound, etc. by pressing a key or hitting sth
- to strike a chord on the piano

GOLD/OIL, ETC.

14. **transitive ~ sth** to discover gold, oil, etc. by digging or drilling
- They had struck oil!

GO WITH PURPOSE

15. **intransitive ~ (off/out)** to go somewhere with great energy or purpose
- We left the road and struck off across the fields.

more at strike/touch a chord **at** ↑chord, drive/strike a hard bargain **at** ↑hard_{adj.}, hit/strike home **at** ↑home_{adv.}, lightning never strikes (in the same place) twice **at** ↑lightning_{n.}, hit/strike the right/wrong note/strike/sound a note **at** ↑note_{n.}, hit/strike pay dirt **at**

pay dirt

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	strike
	BrE /'strʌk/
	NAmE /'strɪk/
he / she / it	strikes
	BrE /'strʌkz/
	NAmE /'striks/
past simple	struck
	BrE /'strʌk/
	NAmE /'strɪk/
past participle	struck
	BrE /'strʌk/
	NAmE /'strɪk/
-ing form	striking
	BrE /'stri:kiŋ/
	NAmE /'stri:kɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English *strīcan* 'go, flow' and 'rub lightly', of West Germanic origin; related to German *streichen* 'to stroke', also to *↑stroke*. The sense 'deliver a blow' dates from Middle English.

Thesaurus:

strike verb

1. T (formal)

- The ship struck a rock.

hit • **knock** • **informal bash** •

strike/hit the **ground/floor/wall**

2. T (formal)

- She struck him hard across the face.

hit • **punch** • **thump** • **beat** • **batter** • **slap** • **spank** • **especially BrE smack** • **informal whack** • **sock** •

strike/hit/beat/batter/whack sb/sth **with** sth

strike/hit/thump/whack sb **over the head**

beat/batter sb **around/about the head**

strike/hit/punch/thump sb **in the stomach/chest**

3. I, T

- Planes struck targets in the city.

attack • **raid** • **charge** • **storm** •

strike/charge **at** sth

strike/attack/charge **the enemy**

aircraft strike/attack/raid sth

4. I, T (written, especially journalism)

- tragedy/disaster strikes

- The area was struck by an outbreak of cholera.

attack • **especially journalism spoken hit** •

a/an **earthquake/hurricane/storm** strikes/hits (sth)

a **disease/virus** strikes/attacks sb/sth

5. T (not used in the progressive tenses)

- An awful thought has just struck me.

occur to sb • **cross your mind** • **dawn on sb** • **come to sb** • **come/spring to mind** • **informal hit** •

It strikes sb/occurs to sb/crosses sb's mind/dawns on sb/comes to sb/hits sb **that...**

a/an **thought/idea** strikes sb/occurs to sb/crosses sb's mind/comes to sb/comes to mind/hits sb

suddenly strike/occur to/dawn on/come to/hit sb

6. T

- His reaction struck me as odd.

come across • **come over** • **seem** • **appear** •

strike sb/come across/come over **as** (being) odd, etc.

It strikes sb/seems/appears **that...**

Synonyms:

hit

knock • **bang** • **strike** • **bump** • **bash**

These words all mean to come against sth with a lot of force.

hit • to come against sth with force, especially causing damage or injury: ▪ The boy was hit by a speeding car.

knock • to hit sth so that it moves or breaks; to put sb/sth into a particular state or position by hitting them/it: ▪ Someone had knocked a hole in the wall.

bang • to hit sth in a way that makes a loud noise: ▪ The baby was banging the table with his spoon.

strike • (formal) to hit sb/sth hard: ▪ The ship struck a rock.

bump • to hit sb/sth accidentally: ▪ In the darkness I bumped into a chair.

bash • (informal) to hit against sth very hard: ▪ I braked too late, bashing into the car in front.

to hit/knock/bang/bump/bash **against** sb/sth

to knock/bang/bump/bash **into** sb/sth

to hit/strike the **ground/floor/wall**

Example Bank:

- A hurricane is about to strike Jamaica.
- Drivers are threatening to strike over pay.
- Earthquakes can strike without warning.
- He always struck me as being rather stupid.
- He struck her hard across the face.
- He struck the ball firmly into the back of the net.
- He was struck down with food poisoning.
- I was particularly struck by the sound of the birds.
- It struck me as strange that there was no one there.
- Joan was struck quite forcibly by the silence.
- One thing that really struck me was how calm he appeared.
- Over 100 000 civil servants are set to strike on Tuesday.
- The German army struck deep into northern France.
- The ball struck her on the head.
- The oar struck against something hard.
- The remark struck home.
- An earthquake, measuring 7 on the Richter scale, struck the islands yesterday.
- Did she ever strike you?
- Disaster struck again when their best player was injured.
- Four o'clock had just struck.
- He fell, striking his head on the floor.
- She struck a chord on the piano and the children began to sing.
- The child was struck by a car.
- The disease first struck her 10 years ago.
- The guerrillas struck with deadly force.
- The old tree had been struck by lightning.
- The stone struck him on the forehead.
- Warplanes struck several targets in the city.
- Who struck the first blow?

Idioms: ↑strike a an attitude ▪ ↑strike a balance ▪ ↑strike a blow at something ▪ ↑strike a deal ▪ ↑strike fear into somebody heart ▪ ↑strike gold ▪ ↑strike it rich ▪ ↑strike lucky ▪ ↑strike while the iron is hot ▪ ↑struck by somebody ▪ ↑three strikes and you're out ▪ ↑three strikes rule ▪ ↑within striking distance

Derived ↑strike at somebody ▪ ↑strike back ▪ ↑strike out ▪ ↑strike somebody down ▪ ↑strike somebody off ▪ ↑strike somebody out ▪ ↑strike something down ▪ ↑strike something off ▪ ↑strike something out ▪ ↑strike up ▪ ↑strike up something

noun

OF WORKERS

1. a period of time when an organized group of employees of a company stops working because of a disagreement over pay or conditions

- the train drivers' strike
 - a strike by teachers
 - an **unofficial/a one-day strike**
 - Air traffic controllers are threatening to **come out on/go on strike** .
 - Half the workforce are now **(out) on strike** .
 - The train drivers have voted to **take strike action** .
 - The student union has called for a **rent strike** (= a refusal to pay rent as a protest) .
- see also** ↑general strike, ↑hunger strike

ATTACK

2. a military attack, especially by aircraft dropping bombs

- an **air strike**
- They decided to launch a **pre-emptive strike** .

HITTING/KICKING

3. **usually singular** an act of hitting or kicking sth/sb

- His spectacular strike in the second half made the score 2–0.
- see also** ↑bird strike, ↑lightning

IN BASEBALL

4. an unsuccessful attempt to hit the ball

IN BOWLING

5. a situation in ↑tenpin bowling when a player knocks down all the pins with the first ball

DISCOVERY OF OIL

6. **usually singular** a sudden discovery of sth valuable, especially oil

BAD THING/ACTION

7. (NAmE) ~ (against sb/sth) a bad thing or action that damages sb/sth's reputation

- The amount of fuel that this car uses is a big strike against it.

Word Origin:

Old English *strīcan* 'go, flow' and 'rub lightly', of West Germanic origin; related to German *streichen* 'to stroke', also to ↑stroke. The sense 'deliver a blow' dates from Middle English.

Thesaurus:

strike noun C

- Devastating air strikes took place.

attack • • **raid** • • **assault** • • **offensive** •

a/an strike/attack/raid/assault/offensive **against** sb/sth

a/an strike/attack/assault/offensive **on** sb/sth

plan/launch a/an strike/attack/raid/assault/offensive

Example Bank:

- A general strike brought the country to a standstill.
- Both unions have pledged to ballot for strike action unless hours are cut.
- He called all the workers out on strike.
- Miners staged a one-day strike in support of the steel workers.
- More train strikes are threatened.
- Prison officers are threatening to take strike action.
- The New York transit strike is in its second day.
- The aircraft carried out a pre-emptive strike against bases in the north.
- The army was used to help break the strike.
- The house was damaged in an air strike.
- The new government banned strikes.
- The shipyard voted to launch a sympathy strike in support of the machinists.
- The strike paralysed the port.
- The strike soon spread to other cities.
- The suppression of the strike led to sympathy strikes in other industries.
- The union leaders called a strike.
- There was a continual police presence during the strike.
- Unofficial action accounted for 40% of the days lost through strikes last year.
- a series of lightning strikes in parts of the coal industry
- a strike against poor conditions
- a strike against the employment of non-union labour
- a strike by air traffic controllers
- a strike by tax collectors
- a strike for a ten-hour day
- a strike in protest at the government's economic policies
- a strike over pay
- The effects of the air strikes had been devastating.
- They launched a pre-emptive strike.

See also: ↑strike somebody from something

strike

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I. **strike**¹ **S3 W3** /straɪk/ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ verb (past tense and past participle **struck**/strʌk/)

[Word Family: noun: ↑strike, ↑striker; verb: ↑strike; adverb: ↑strikingly; adjective: ↑striking]

[Language: Old English; Origin: *strīcan* 'to touch lightly, go']

1. **HIT** [transitive] *written* to hit or fall against the surface of something:

- She fell heavily, striking her head against the side of the boat.
- A snowball struck him on the back of the head.
- Several cars were struck by falling trees.
- The last rays of the setting sun struck the windows.

REGISTER

In everyday English, people usually say **hit** rather than **strike**:

- I hit my head on the shelf.
- He was hit by a rock.

2. **HIT WITH HAND/WEAPON ETC** [transitive] *formal* to deliberately hit someone or something with your hand or a weapon:

- She struck him hard across the face.

strike something with something

- The victim had been struck with some kind of wooden implement.
- Paul struck him a blow to the head.
- The assassin's bullet struck home (=hit exactly where it should).

3. **THOUGHT/IDEA** [transitive not in progressive] if something strikes you, you think of it, notice it, or realize that it is important,

interesting, true etc:

" A rather worrying thought struck me.

" The first thing that struck me was the fact that there were no other women present.

it strikes somebody that

" It struck her that losing the company might be the least of her worries.

be struck by something

" You can't help being struck by her kindness.

4. **strike somebody as (being) something** to seem to have a particular quality or feature:

" His jokes didn't strike Jack as being very funny.

it strikes somebody as strange/odd etc that

" It struck me as odd that the man didn't introduce himself before he spoke.

5. **STOP WORK** [**intransitive**] if a group of workers strike, they stop working as a protest against something relating to their work, for example how much they are paid, bad working conditions etc:

" In many countries, the police are forbidden to strike.

strike for

" They're striking for the right to have their trade union recognized in law.

6. **ATTACK** [**intransitive**] to attack someone, especially suddenly:

" The killer might strike again.

" Guerrillas struck a UN camp, killing 75.

" Opponents of the war say that civilian villages have been struck several times.

7. **HARM** [**intransitive and transitive**] to damage or harm someone or something

strike at

" The law would strike at the most basic of civil rights.

" Such prejudices strike right at the heart of any notions of a civilized society.

strike a blow at/against/to something

" The scandal seemed to have struck a mortal blow to the government's chances of re-election.

8. **SOMETHING BAD HAPPENS** [**intransitive and transitive**] if something bad strikes, it suddenly happens or suddenly begins to affect someone:

" The plague struck again for the third time that century.

" Everything seemed to be going fine when suddenly disaster struck. ⇒ ↑**stricken**

9. **strike a balance (between something)** to give the correct amount of importance or attention to two separate things:

" He was finding it difficult to strike a balance between his family and his work.

" It isn't always easy to strike the right balance.

10. **strike a bargain /deal** to agree to do something for someone if they do something for you:

" There are rumors that the president struck a private deal with the corporation's chairman.

11. **strike a happy/cheerful/cautious etc note** to express a particular feeling or attitude:

" The article struck a conciliatory note.

" Moderate Republicanism appeared to strike exactly the right note with the voters (=be what the people wanted).

12. **strike a chord** to say or do something that other people agree with or have sympathy with

strike a chord with

" Their story is bound to strike a chord with all parents.

13. **strike a match** to produce a flame from a match by rubbing it hard across a rough surface

14. **strike gold/oil etc**

to find a supply of gold, oil etc in the ground or under the sea:

" If they strike oil, drilling will begin early next year.

15. **strike gold** *informal* to do something that makes you a lot of money:

" Jackie eventually struck gold with her third novel.

16. **LIGHTNING** [**intransitive and transitive**] if ↑**lightning** strikes something, it hits and damages it:

" The temple burned down after it was struck by lightning last year. ⇒ **lightning never strikes twice** at ↑**lightning**¹

17. **strike a blow for somebody/something** to do something to help achieve a principle or aim:

" It's time we struck a blow for women's rights.

18. **be within striking distance**

a) to be close enough to reach a place easily:

" By now, they were within striking distance of the shore.

b) to be very close to achieving something:

" The French team are within striking distance of the world record.

19. **strike it rich** to suddenly make a lot of money

20. **strike it lucky** *British English* to be very lucky, especially when you were not expecting to:

" We struck it lucky in Bangkok, where we were told there were some extra seats on the plane that night.

21. **CLOCK** [**intransitive and transitive**] if a clock strikes one, two, six etc, its bell makes a sound once, twice, six times etc according to what time it is:

" The church clock began to strike twelve.

strike the hour (=strike when it is exactly one o'clock, two o'clock etc)

22. **GAIN ADVANTAGE** [**intransitive**] to do something that gives you an advantage over your opponent in a fight, competition etc:

" Brazil struck first with a goal in the third minute.

23. **strike home** if something that you say strikes home, it has exactly the effect on someone that you intended:

" She saw the emotion in her father's face and knew her words had struck home.

24. **strike terror/fear into sb's heart** to make someone feel very frightened:

" The word 'cancer' still strikes terror into many hearts.

25. **strike a pose/attitude** to stand or sit with your body in a particular position:

Malcolm struck his usual pose: hands in pockets, shoulders hunched.

26. **be struck dumb** to suddenly be unable to talk, usually because you are very surprised or shocked ⇒ [↑]dumbstruck

27. **be struck with horror/terror/awe etc** to suddenly feel very afraid, shocked etc:

As she began to speak to him, she was struck with shyness.

28. **strike while the iron is hot** to do something immediately rather than waiting until a later time when you are less likely to succeed

29. **strike somebody dead** to kill someone:

May God strike me dead if I'm telling a lie!

strike back *phrasal verb*

to attack or criticize someone who attacked or criticized you first:

We instruct our staff never to strike back, however angry they feel.

strike back at

The prime minister immediately struck back at his critics.

strike somebody ↔ **down** *phrasal verb*

1. [usually passive] to kill someone or make them extremely ill:

Over 50 nurses at the clinic have been struck down with a mystery virus.

They would rob the bodies of those struck down in battle.

2. *formal* to hit someone so hard that they fall down

3. *law* to say that a law, decision etc is illegal and officially end it

strike somebody/something ↔ **off** *phrasal verb*

1. **be struck off** *British English* if a doctor, lawyer etc is struck off, their name is removed from the official list of people who are allowed to work as doctors, lawyers etc

2. to remove someone or something from a list:

Terri was told to strike off the names of every person older than 30.

strike on/upon something *phrasal verb*

formal to discover something or have a good idea about something ⇒ **be struck on somebody/something** at [↑]struck²

strike out *phrasal verb*

1. to attack or criticize someone suddenly or violently

strike out at

Unhappy young people will often strike out at the people closest to them.

2. **strike something** ↔ **out** to draw a line through something written on a piece of paper

3. [always + adverb/preposition] to start walking or swimming in a particular direction, especially in a determined way:

She struck out for the side of the pool.

4. **strike out on your own** to start doing something or living independently

5. to not hit the ball in baseball three times, so that you are not allowed to continue trying, or to make someone do this

strike somebody ↔ **out**

He struck out the first batter he faced. ⇒ [↑]strikeout

6. *American English informal* to not be successful at something:

'Did she say she'd go out with you?' 'No, I struck out.'

7. **strike something** ↔ **out** *law* to say officially that something cannot be considered as proof in a court of law

strike up *phrasal verb*

1. **strike up a friendship/relationship/conversation etc** to start to become friendly with someone, to start talking to them, etc:

I struck up a conversation with the girl sitting next to me.

2. **strike up (something)** to begin playing a piece of music:

The band struck up a tango.

II. **strike**² *S3 W2 BrE* *AmE* *noun*

[Word Family: *noun*: [↑]strike, [↑]striker; *verb*: [↑]strike; *adverb*: [↑]strikingly; *adjective*: [↑]striking]

1. **NOT WORKING** [uncountable and countable] a period of time when a group of workers deliberately stop working because of a disagreement about pay, working conditions etc:

The government has promised that the army will be called in to help if there is a firemen's strike.

strike by

a six-week strike by railway workers

strike over

a strike over pay cuts

strike against

a national strike against mine closures

2. **ATTACK** [countable] a military attack, especially by planes dropping bombs

strike against/on

a surprise air strike on military targets

American aircraft carriers have launched several strikes. ⇒ [↑]first strike

3. **DISCOVERY** [countable usually singular] the discovery of something valuable under the ground:

an oil strike

4. **two/three strikes against somebody/something** *American English* a condition or situation that makes it extremely difficult for someone or something to be successful:

Children from poor backgrounds have two strikes against them by the time they begin school.

5. **BASEBALL** [countable] an attempt to hit the ball in baseball that fails, or a ball that is thrown to the [↑]batter in the correct area but is not hit

6. **BOWLING** [countable] a situation in **↑bowling** in which you knock down all the **↑pins** (=bottle-shaped objects) with a ball on your first attempt
 ⇒ **↑hunger strike**, **↑lightning strike**

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- **be (out) on strike** Teachers are on strike again this week.
- **go on strike/come out on strike** (=start a strike) An estimated 70,000 public sector workers went on strike.
- **begin a strike** Dock workers began a 24-hour strike last night.
- **call a strike** (=tell people to strike) The union threatened to call a strike.
- **stage a strike** (=organize a short strike) Health workers will stage a two-day strike next week.
- **end/call off a strike** (=decide not to continue with it) The strike was called off two days later.
- **break a strike** (=force workers to end it) Attempts to break the strike failed.

■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + strike

- **a one-day/two-week etc strike** A three-day strike is planned for next week.
- **an indefinite strike** (=with no end planned) Workers at the processing plant have begun an indefinite strike.
- **a long strike** Most teachers wouldn't be in favour of a long strike.
- **a general strike** (=when workers from most industries strike) They threatened to call a general strike.
- **a national/nationwide strike** (=all over the country) In April 1984 the National Union of Mineworkers called a national strike.
- **an all-out strike** *British English* (=when all the workers in a factory, industry etc strike) The dockers voted for an all-out strike.
- **a rail/coal/postal etc strike** (=affecting the rail/coal etc industry) A rail strike would cause enormous public inconvenience.
- **a miners'/teachers'/pilots' etc strike** (=by miners, teachers etc) The transport workers' strike inflicted serious damage on the economy.
- **an unofficial strike** (=not organized by a trade union) Some workers had been sacked for taking part in unofficial strikes.
- **a wildcat strike** (=without any warning) Legislation to curb wildcat strikes will be introduced during the coming parliamentary session.
- **an all-out strike** (=in which all the workers have stopped working completely) The company faces an all-out strike next month.
- **a bitter strike** (=with angry feelings between workers and managers) The miners finally returned to work at the end of a long, bitter strike.
- **a damaging/crippling strike** (=having a bad effect on an industry) The company now faces the prospect of a crippling strike.

■ strike + NOUN

- **strike action** (=a strike) Hospital workers have voted in favour of strike action.
- **a strike call** (=when a group asks people to strike) The ANC estimated that more than 4,000,000 people heeded its strike call.
- **a strike ballot** *British English* (=when workers vote on whether to strike) The union is going to hold a strike ballot.

■ COMMON ERRORS

- ▶ Do not say 'go on a strike'. Say **go on strike**.

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THESAURUS

- **strike** [countable] a period of time when a group of workers stop working because of a disagreement about pay, working conditions etc: A teachers' strike has been announced for next week. | The rail strike has resulted in major delays on roads across the country.
- **industrial action** [uncountable] *British English* activities such as strikes, or doing less work than usual, as a way of trying to persuade an employer to improve pay, conditions etc: Lecturers voted to take industrial action over their workload. | Prison officers have threatened industrial action.
- **stoppage** [countable] *British English*, **work stoppage** *American English* a short strike, especially one that lasts for one day: Customs officers will return to work today after a twenty-four hour stoppage.
- **go-slow** [countable] *British English* a period of time when a group of workers deliberately work more slowly than usual as a way of protesting about pay, conditions etc: The hospital go-slow comes into effect tomorrow. | The union carried out strikes and go-slows in support of a wage claim.

strike

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