

**limit****1. [ˈlɪmɪt] n****1. граница, предел; рубеж**

age limit - возрастной предел

superior limit - максимум (*максимальный срок, максимальное количество и т. п.*)inferior limit - минимум (*минимальный срок, минимальное количество и т. п.*)speed limit - *авт.* предельная скорость

limit of elasticity [fatigue, accuracy, audition] - предел упругости [выносливости, точности, слышимости]

limit of exploitation - *воен.* рубеж развития успеха

within limits - в определённых пределах /рамках/, умеренно, в пределах возможности

without limit - неограниченно, в любом размере, в любой степени

to the limit - *амер.* максимально, предельно

to set a limit to smth. - а) устанавливать предел чему-л., ограничивать что-л.; обуздывать что-л.; б) положить конец чему-л.

to know the limits of smb.'s abilities - знать, на что кто-л. способен /что в пределах чьих-л. способностей/

his greed knows no limits - его жадность не знает /не имеет/ пределов

**2. pl****1) пределы**

within the limits of the city - в пределах /в черте/ города

**2) территория зона (тюрьмы, лагеря)****3) *воен.* район, разрешённый для посещения военнослужащими**to be off limits (to smb.) - закрытый для посещения (*кем-л.*)**3. (the limit) *разг.* что-л. невыносимое; кто-л. невыносимый**

that's the limit! - это уж слишком!, это переходит все границы!

she is the limit! - она невыносима!

to go the limit - *амер.* не знать меры, переходить все границы [*см. тж.* 4]**4. (the limit) *амер. сл.* половое сношение**to go the limit - вступить в (половую) связь [*см. тж.* 3]**5. 1) *мат.* предел****2) *мех.* допуск, предельный размер; предельное отклонение; интервал значений**

limit gauge [load] - предельный калибр [-ая нагрузка]

limit switch - *эл.* предельный выключатель**6. *юр.* срок давности****2. [ˈlɪmɪt] v****1. ограничивать; ставить предел**

to limit one's desires - ограничивать свои желания

to limit the amount of work a man may do in a day - определить количество работы, которую человек может сделать за день

to limit the expense - ограничить расходы

**2. служить границей, пределом****limit**

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**limit** [lɪmɪt lɪmɪts lɪmɪtɪd lɪmɪtɪŋ] **noun, verb** *BrE* [ˈlɪmɪt] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmeE* [ˈlɪmɪt] <sup>ˈ</sup>**noun****1. ~ (to sth) a point at which sth stops being possible or existing**

- There is a limit to the amount of pain we can bear.
- The team performed **to the limit** of its capabilities.
- She knew the limits of her power.
- to push/stretch/test sb/sth **to the limit**
- His arrogance **knew** (= had) **no limits**.

**2. ~ (on sth) the greatest or smallest amount of sth that is allowed****Syn:** ↑restriction

- a **time/speed/age limit**
- The EU has **set** strict **limits** on levels of pollution.
- They were travelling at a speed that was double the **legal limit**.
- You can't drive— you're **over the limit** (= you have drunk more alcohol than is legal when driving).
- to keep government spending within acceptable limits

**3. the furthest edge of an area or a place**

- We were reaching the limits of civilization.
- the **city limits** (= the imaginary line which officially divides the city from the area outside)

**see also** ↑off-limits**more at** the sky's the limit **at** ↑skyWord Origin:late Middle English: from Latin *limes*, **limit-** 'boundary, frontier'. The verb is from Latin *limitare*, from *limes*.Thesaurus:**limit** **noun****1. C**

- She knew the limits of her power.

**boundary** • • **frontier** • • **bounds** • |**formal parameter** • • **confines** •

**beyond** the limits/boundaries/frontiers/bounds/parameters/confines of sth  
**extend** the limits/boundaries/frontiers/bounds/parameters of sth  
**set/define/establish** the limits/boundaries/bounds/parameters of sth

## 2. C

- The EU has set strict limits on pollution levels.

**control** • • **limitation** • • **restriction** • • **constraint** • • **restraint** • • **check** • • **ceiling** • • **curb** •

limits/controls/limitations/restrictions/constraints/restraints/checks/a ceiling/curbs **on** sth

limits/limitations/checks **to** sth

**without** limits/controls/limitations/restrictions/constraints/restraints/checks

### Synonyms:

#### **limit**

**restriction** • **control** • **constraint** • **restraint** • **limitation**

These are all words for sth that limits what you can do or what can happen.

**limit** • the greatest or smallest amount of sth that is allowed: ▫ The EU has set strict limits on pollution levels. ◇ ▫ the speed limit

**restriction** • (rather formal) a rule or law that limits what you can do: ▫ There are no restrictions on the amount of money you can withdraw.

**control** • (often in compounds) the act of limiting or managing sth; a method of doing this: ▫ arms control

**constraint** • (rather formal) a fact or decision that limits what you can do: ▫ We have to work within severe constraints of time and money.

**restraint** • (rather formal) a decision, a rule, an idea, etc. that limits what you can do; the act of limiting sth because it is necessary or sensible to do so: ▫ The government has imposed export restraints on some products. ◇ ▫ The unions are unlikely to accept any sort of wage restraint.

**limitation** • the act or process of limiting sth; a rule, fact or condition that limits sth: ▫ They would resist any limitation of their powers.

#### **restriction, constraint, restraint or limitation?**

These are all things that limit what you can do. A **restriction** is rule or law that is made by sb in authority. A **constraint** is sth that exists rather than sth that is made, although it may exist as a result of sb's decision. A **restraint** is also sth that exists: it can exist outside yourself, as the result of sb else's decision; but it can also exist inside you, as a fear of what other people may think or as your own feeling about what is acceptable: ▫ moral/social/cultural restraints. A **limitation** is more general and can be a rule that sb makes or a fact or condition that exists.

limits/restrictions/controls/constraints/restraints/limitations **on** sth

limits/limitations **to** sth

**severe** limits/restrictions/controls/constraints/restraints/limitations

**tight** limits/restrictions/controls/constraints

**to impose/remove** limits/restrictions/controls/constraints/restraints/limitations

**to lift** restrictions/controls/constraints/restraints

### Example Bank:

- Banks may import currency without limit.
- Central government has set a limit on spending by local councils.
- Establish clear limits, but keep rules to a minimum.
- Fishing beyond the twelve-mile limit is not permitted.
- Four cups of coffee is my daily limit.
- He'd been drinking and was well over the legal limit.
- Heat levels rose beyond the recommended limits.
- I can offer you \$50 but that's my absolute limit.
- I don't want to go over my overdraft limit.
- I was almost at the limits of my patience.
- Most credit card issuers have set limits on how low rates can go.
- She explained it was her room and it was off limits.
- She must have broken every speed limit in Los Angeles getting here.
- She pushed me to the limit of my abilities.
- She wants Zack to be free to explore his limits, experiment and try new things.
- The application must be made within a strict time limit.
- The building is off limits to the public.
- The children can do what they like, within limits.
- The engine was still reading well above normal limits.
- The industry was approaching the limits of expansion.
- The level of radioactivity in the soil was found to be above recommended limits.
- The new law has its limits.
- The posted speed limit is 35 mph.
- The price fell below the lower limit.
- The same emission limits apply to all engines.
- The temperature is within safe operating limits.
- The trees are found only below a limit of 1 500 feet.
- The vessel is operating at the extreme limits of the acceptable ranges.
- Their designers have pushed the limits of technology in order to create something new.
- There was no school within a limit of ten miles.

- There's a limit on the number of tickets you can buy.
- There's a limit to what we can do to help.
- There's a practical limit to how small a portable computer can be.
- There's a strict time limit enforced by a penalty.
- There's a weight limit on the bridge.
- They did well within the limits of their knowledge.
- They recognize the limits of their conventional strategies.
- This led them to reduce the upper age limit from age 65 to age 59.
- We are forced to operate within relatively narrow limits.
- We want to respect the limits that our elders have imposed on us.
- You can buy cigarettes up to a limit of 200 per person.
- You were exceeding the speed limit.
- a few miles outside of the city limits
- a lifetime limit of five years for welfare support
- islands on the outer limit of the continent
- lonely stretch of highway outside the city limits
- term limits for members of Congress
- the EU's arbitrary limits on fiscal policy
- the IRS contribution limits
- the exposure limits to this group of chemicals
- the idea that the planet has finite limits
- the inherent limits of the hardware
- the narrow limits defined by the emperor
- the theoretical limits of human knowledge
- He admitted that he had broken the speed limit.
- His arrogance knew no limits.
- It is our job to keep government spending within acceptable limits.
- Let us wonder what stops at the limits of the universe.
- Our finances have been stretched to the limit.
- The EU has set strict limits on pollution levels.
- The managers' skills and expertise were being tested to the limits.
- There is no limit to what we can achieve.
- They were travelling at a speed that was double the legal limit.
- You can't drive— you're over the limit.

Idioms: ↑the limit ▪ ↑within limits

Derived ↑limit something to somebody

verb

1. ~ **sth (to sth)** to stop sth from increasing beyond a particular amount or level

**Syn:** ↑restrict

- measures to limit carbon dioxide emissions from cars
- The amount of money you have to spend will limit your choice.

2. ~ **yourself/sb (to sth)** to restrict or reduce the amount of sth that you or sb can have or use

- Families are limited to four free tickets each.
- I've limited myself to 1 000 calories a day to try and lose weight.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	limit
	BrE / 'lɪmɪt/
	NAme / 'lɪmɪt/
he / she /it	limits
	BrE / 'lɪmɪts/
	NAme / 'lɪmɪts/
past simple, past participle	limited
	BrE / 'lɪmɪtɪd/
	NAme / 'lɪmɪtɪd/
-ing form	limiting
	BrE / 'lɪmɪtɪŋ/
	NAme / 'lɪmɪtɪŋ/

Word Origin:

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Thesaurus:

**limit** verb

1. T

- This diet limits your calories to 1 000 a day.

**restrict** • • **control** • • **curb** • • **check** • • **rein sth in** • • **hold/keep sth in check** • |especially BrE **cap** • |written **contain** • • **suppress** •

be limited/restricted to sth

limit/restrict/control/curb/check/rein in/cap **spending**

limit/restrict/control the **size/number/extent/amount** of sth

**Limit or restrict?** **Limit** is used both about controlling what people can do and also about controlling the effects of sth; **restrict** is used more often about controlling what people can do:

- to limit carbon dioxide emissions

✗ to restrict carbon dioxide emissions

## 2. T, often passive

- Free tickets are limited to three per family.

**restrict** • • **confine sb/sth to sth** • |**formal constrain** •

limit/restrict/confine sb/sth **to** sth

limit/restrict/confine **yourself to** sth

### Example Bank:

- As a scientist I refuse to limit myself to these barriers.
- Rigid job descriptions can serve to limit productivity.
- The change in the law was designed to limit the scope for corruption.
- These regulations effectively limit our available strategic choices.
- They are working to limit oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.
- Calorie intake is strictly limited to 1 000 a day.
- Campaign spending was limited to a maximum of \$500 000.
- Such agreements seek to limit the liability of air carriers.
- There are no regulations which limit the hours which ships' crews work.
- There is no evidence that the restrictions have limited the effectiveness of the advertising.
- They introduced measures to limit carbon dioxide emissions from cars.
- I've limited myself to 1 000 calories a day to try and lose weight.

## limit

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1. **lim** **it**<sup>1</sup> **S2 W2** /'lɪmət, 'lɪmɪt/ **BrE** " **AmE** " **noun** [countable]

[**Word Family**: **noun**: ↑limit, ↑limitation, ↑delimitation; **adjective**: ↑limited ≠ ↑unlimited, ↑limiting, ↑limitless; **verb**: ↑limit, ↑delimit]

[**Date**: 1300-1400; **Language**: French; **Origin**: limite, from Latin limes 'edge, boundary']

**1. GREATEST/LEAST ALLOWED** the greatest or least amount, number, speed etc that is allowed:

" a 55 mph speed limit

**limit for**

" There's no age limit for applicants.

**limit to/on**

" My wife and I set a limit on how much we spend on clothes.

**above/over/below a limit**

" Pesticide levels in drinking water are already above legal limits in many areas.

**2. GREATEST AMOUNT POSSIBLE** (also **limits**) the greatest possible amount of something that can exist or be obtained

**limit of**

" the limits of human knowledge

" He'd reached the limit of his patience.

" Our finances are already stretched to the limit (=we do not have any extra money).

" There's no limit to what you can do if you try.

**3. PLACE** (also **limits**) the furthest point or edge of a place, often one that must not be passed:

" He had not been outside the limits of the prison walls for 20 years.

" The public is not allowed within a 2-mile limit of the missile site.

" Los Angeles city limits

**4. off limits**

**a) beyond the area where someone is allowed to go:**

" That area of beach was off limits to us 'city kids'.

**b) beyond what you are allowed to do or have:**

" His private life is off limits to the press.

**5. within limits** within the time, level, amount etc considered acceptable:

" You can come and go when you want – within limits.

**6. be over the limit** to have drunk more alcohol than is legal or safe for driving

**7. know your limits** *informal* to know what you are good at doing and what you are not good at:

" I know my limits. I'm not an administrator.

**8. have your limits** *spoken* to have a set of rules about what is reasonable behaviour, and to not accept behaviour that does not follow these rules:

" I have my limits. You will not use that kind of nasty language in class.

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### COLLOCATIONS

#### ■ verbs

▪ **set a limit** (also **impose a limit** *formal*) Set a time limit for the completion of the task.

▪ **put a limit on something** We have to put a limit on the number of participants.

▪ **exceed a limit** (=go beyond a limit) He reported a driver for exceeding the speed limit.

▪ **go over a limit** (=go beyond a limit) Borrowers who go over the spending limit set by the credit card company are penalised.

#### ■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + limit

- **an upper/lower limit** (=the highest/lowest amount allowed) There is no upper limit on the amount you can borrow. | Ensure the temperature in the aquarium does not fall below the lower limit.
- **a strict limit** There are strict limits on spending.
- **a legal limit** (=a limit set by law) The alcohol in his blood was four times more than the legal limit.
- **the speed limit** Too many people go over the speed limit in residential areas.
- **a time limit** The time limit for making a claim is three months.
- **an age limit** The lower age limit for entering the Royal Marines is sixteen.
- **a weight/height limit** The weight limit per bag is 20 kilos.
- **spending limits** There are strict spending limits imposed by law on all candidates.
- **term limits** *American English* (=limits on how much time a politician can spend in office) Should Senators be subject to term limits?

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## THESAURUS

- **limit** the highest number, speed, temperature etc that is allowed by a law or rule: He borrowed money up to the limit that the bank allowed. | The speed limit is 65 m.p.h. | There's no limit on the amount of money that may be brought into the US. | Pollution levels are over the official limit. | Some families set limits on how much they spend on each other's Christmas present.
- **restrictions** rules or laws that strictly control what you are allowed to do: Travel restrictions might reduce the spread of the disease. | Unions are pressing for restrictions on steel imports from Japan. | Because of restrictions on reporting, newspapers were not allowed to cover the story. | New restrictions have been imposed on immigration.
- **limitations** limits on what a person or thing is able to do – used especially when you would like to be able to do more: The president was unwilling to accept limitations on his power. | the limitations of the computer system | Hikers should know their physical limitations and not take unnecessary risks.
- **constraints** facts or conditions that limit what you can do, for example not having enough time, money etc: Financial constraints are forcing many people in their twenties to live with their parents. | The last part of the show had to be cut because of time constraints. | The constraints of prison life are sometimes too much for people to bear.
- **maximum** the largest number or amount that is possible, normal, or allowed: Classes have a maximum of twenty students. | What's the maximum you can earn before you have to pay tax?
- **minimum** the smallest number or amount that is possible or allowed: He was sentenced to a minimum of 25 years in prison. | Our aim is to reduce the number of accidents to an absolute minimum.
- **ceiling** the largest number or amount of something that is officially allowed: There is a ceiling on the amount of foreign investment. | Import quotas may rise from the present ceiling of 18.5 million to 20 million. | Congress was once again considering raising the federal debt ceiling.

## II. limit<sup>2</sup> S3 W2 BrE<sup>+</sup> AmE<sup>+</sup> verb

[Word Family: noun: ↑limit, ↑limitation, ↑delimitation; adjective: ↑limited ≠ ↑unlimited, ↑limiting, ↑limitless; verb: ↑limit, ↑delimit]

1. **[transitive]** to stop an amount or number from increasing beyond a particular point:
  - a decision to limit imports of foreign cars
  - limit something to something
    - Seating is limited to 500.
2. **[transitive]** to stop someone from doing what they want or from developing and improving beyond a particular point:
  - A lack of formal education will limit your job opportunities.
  - limit yourself to something
    - I limit myself to two cups of coffee a day.
3. **be limited to something** to exist or happen only in a particular place, group, or area of activity:
  - The damage was limited to the roof.

## limit

Freakuency Pack

12500 **1295**<sup>MCW</sup>  
 15000 **541**<sup>COCA</sup>  
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 limit 17193  
 limitation 2639  
 limitations 8992  
 limited 35319  
 limiting 4086  
 limits 17428  
 unlimited 3027  
 limitless 862  
 limitlessly 16

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

6283 **4489**<sup>3857</sup> *nn1*  
 4896 **6190**<sup>5903</sup> *vvi*  
 2134 **11891**<sup>2413</sup> *vv0*  
 19 **176701**<sup>20</sup> *nnu*