



## 6. countable = ↑tape measure

### Word Origin:

Old English *tæppa*, *tæppe*; perhaps related to Middle Low German *teppen* 'pluck, tear'.

### Example Bank:

- Fit the carpet using double-sided tape.
- I got the whole concert on tape.
- I made another tape to play in the car.
- I sealed up the package with strong adhesive tape.
- Most companies already create tape backups and archives.
- Police are examining the incident, which was captured on tape.
- Someone had deliberately erased the tapes.
- The court heard that Ellis sold pirated tapes of Hollywood blockbusters.
- The data is stored on the magnetic tape.
- The panel released audio tapes of the attack.
- The singer was miming to a pre-recorded tape.
- The tape contained damning evidence.
- Use a steel tape measure to measure the dimensions of the room.
- What does this tape have on it?
- a compilation tape featuring new Irish bands
- a reel-to-reel tape player
- an adhesive tape dispenser
- bootleg tapes of Hollywood blockbusters
- her look of triumph as she broke the finishing tape
- tape loops of the same spoken phrase

Idiom: ↑have somebody taped

### verb

1. ~ **sb/sth** to record sb/sth on ↑magnetic tape using a special machine
  - Will you tape that discussion programme for me tonight?
  - Private conversations between the two had been taped and sent to a newspaper.
  - a taped announcement
2. ~ **sth (up)** to fasten sth by sticking or tying it with tape
  - Put it in a box and tape it up securely.
3. ~ **sth + adv./prep.** to stick sth onto sth else using sticky tape
  - Someone had taped a message on the door.
4. ~ **sth (up)** (NAme) to tie a bandage firmly around an injury or a wound
  - That's a nasty cut— come on, we'll get it all taped up.

### Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	tape
	BrE /teɪp/
	NAme /teɪp/
he / she /it	tapes
	BrE /teɪps/
	NAme /teɪps/
past simple, past participle	taped
	BrE /teɪpt/
	NAme /teɪpt/
-ing form	taping
	BrE /teɪpɪŋ/
	NAme /teɪpɪŋ/

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- She had taped a note to the fridge door.
- Someone had taped a note onto my door.
- The area had been taped off by police.
- The box was all taped up.
- The lid was taped down to hold it in place.
- The wires are taped firmly together.

## tape

1. **tape**<sup>1</sup> **S3 W3 AC** /teɪp/ BrE <sup>1</sup> AmE <sup>1</sup> noun

[Language: Old English; Origin: tæppe]

### 1. FOR RECORDING

- a) [uncountable] narrow plastic material covered with a special ↑magnetic substance, on which you can record sounds, pictures, or

computer information

on tape (=recorded on tape)

" We've got the film on tape.

" I hate hearing my voice on tape.

b) [countable] a special plastic box containing a length of tape that you can record sound on **SYN cassette**:

" I'll listen to the tape tomorrow.

" William lent me some of his Beatles tapes.

tape of

" We played a tape of African music and began dancing.

" Bring me a blank tape and I'll record it for you.

c) [countable] a special plastic box containing a length of tape that you can record sound and pictures on **SYN videotape**

2. **STICKY MATERIAL** [uncountable] a narrow length of plastic that is sticky on one side and is used to stick things together **SYN**

**Sellotape** *British English*, **Scotch tape** *American English*:

" a photo stuck to the wall with tape

3. **THIN PIECE OF MATERIAL** [uncountable and countable] a long thin piece of plastic or cloth used for purposes such as marking out an area of ground or tying things together:

" Crime-scene tape marked out the position of the murdered man.

4. **the tape** a string stretched out across the finishing line in a race and broken by the winner

5. **FOR MEASURING** [countable] a ↑tape measure

⇒ ↑red tape

II. **tape**<sup>2</sup> **AC** *BrE* <sup>4</sup> *AmE* <sup>4</sup> verb

1. **RECORD SOMETHING** [intransitive and transitive] (also **tape record**) to record sound or pictures onto a tape:

" Would you mind if I taped this conversation?

" Quiet – the machine's still taping.

2. **STICK SOMETHING** [transitive] to stick something onto something else using tape

**tape something to something**

" There were two pictures taped to the side of the fridge.

3. **FASTEN SOMETHING** [transitive] (also **tape up**) to fasten a package, box etc with sticky tape

4. **INJURY** [transitive usually passive] (also **tape up**) *especially American English* to tie a ↑bandage firmly around an injured part of someone's body **SYN strap** *British English*:

" His ankle had been taped.

5. **have (got) something/somebody taped** *British English informal* to understand someone or something completely and know how to deal with them:

" You can't fool Liz – she's got you taped.

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## THESAURUS

- **fasten** to join together the two sides of a piece of clothing, bag, belt etc: He fastened the necklace behind her neck.
- **attach** to fasten something firmly to another object or surface, using screws, nails, tape, glue etc: The boards were attached with screws. | The prisoner was attached to the wall with chains.
- **join** to connect or fasten things together: Join the pieces using a strong glue
- **glue** to join things together using glue: Glue the fabric to the white card.
- **tape** to fasten something using tape: The students' name cards were taped to the table.
- **staple** to fasten something using ↑staples (=a small piece of wire that is pressed through paper using a special machine): Don't staple your resumé to your cover letter.
- **clip** to fasten things together using a ↑clip (=a small metal object): A photo was clipped to the letter.
- **tie** to fasten a tie, shoelaces etc by making a knot: Don't forget to tie your shoelaces!
- **do something up** *especially British English* to fasten a piece of clothing or the buttons etc on it: The teacher doesn't have time to do up every child's coat. | Let me do it up for you.
- **button (up)** to fasten a shirt, coat etc with buttons: His shirt was buttoned right to the top.
- **zip (up)** to fasten a piece of clothing, a bag etc with a ↑zip: Zip up your jacket, it's cold.
- **buckle (up)** to fasten a seat belt, belt, shoe etc that has a ↑buckle (=small metal object that fits through a hole in a strap): The little girl struggled to buckle her shoes.
- **unfasten/untie/undo/unbutton/unzip** to open something that is fastened: Do not unfasten your seatbelt until the car has stopped completely.

## tape

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tapes 6400

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COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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