

keep**1. [ki:p] n разг.****1. прокорм, питание, содержание**

ten francs a day and keep - десять франков в день и стол

to work for one's keep - работать за стол и жильё

he earns /is worth/ his keep - он отработывает свою зарплату, он себя оправдывает

the dog is not worth his keep - такую собаку не стоит держать

2. запас кормов для скота, фураж

this grass will make some useful keep for the winter - эту траву можно использовать зимой в качестве корма

3. редк. упитанность

to be in good [poor] keep - быть хорошо [плохо] упитанным

4. pl**1) право оставить себе выигранное (при игре в шарик)****2) игра на интерес****5. ист. центральная хорошо укреплённая часть или башня средневекового замка; крепость****6. тех. контрбукса****7. pl горн. кулаки для посадки клетки**

◇ for keeps - навсегда; насовсем; окончательно

it is yours /you can have it/ for keeps - можете считать это своим, дарю это вам

he is here for keeps - он здесь прочно обосновался

to play for keeps - а) играть наверняка; б) идти на мокрое дело

2. [ki:p] v (kept)

I

1. держать, иметь, хранить

to keep smth. in one's pockets [in the bookcase] - держать что-л. в карманах [в книжном шкафу]

to keep money in the savings-bank - хранить /держаты/ деньги в сбербанке

to keep a revolver in one's pocket - носить револьвер в кармане

to keep smb. in prison /in custody/ - держать кого-л. в тюрьме /под стражей/

to keep silence - хранить молчание

keep the chain on the door! - не снимай цепочку с двери!

to keep smth. about oneself - держать /иметь/ что-л. при себе

to keep smth. in one's possession - владеть чем-л.

2. не выбрасывать, беречь; оставлять

to keep old clothes [books, things] - хранить /не выбрасывать/ старую одежду [-ые книги, вещи]

keep some food for later - оставь немного еды на потом

to keep smth. for great occasions - приберегать что-л. для торжественных случаев

I can make money but I cannot keep it - я могу зарабатывать деньги, но не умею беречь их

3. не возвращать, оставлять себе

to keep the book for a month [as long as you like] - держать книгу месяц [сколько угодно]

keep it as a remembrance - оставь это себе на память

what I have won fairly I intend to keep - то, что я честно добыл, я не собираюсь отдавать

to keep smth. that does not belong to one - присваивать себе чужое

keep the change - сдачу оставьте себе, сдачи не нужно

keep your remarks to yourself - ≙ воздержитесь от замечаний; ваши замечания оставьте при себе

4. 1) держать, содержать

to keep poultry [bees, dogs] - держать домашнюю птицу [пчёл, собак]

to keep a car - иметь автомобиль

to keep a shop [a bar] - иметь /держаты/ лавку [бар]

to keep boarders - брать на пансион жильцов

2) иметь (кого-л.) в услужении

to keep a valet [a cook] - держать камердинера [повара]

5. 1) содержать, обеспечивать

to keep an old mother [children, a family] - содержать старуху-мать [детей, семью]

to have a family [parents] to keep - иметь на иждивении семью [родителей]

at his age he ought to be able to keep himself - в его возрасте пора бы самому зарабатывать (себе) на жизнь

she earns enough to keep herself in clothes - она зарабатывает достаточно для того, чтобы одеваться

2) иметь на содержании

to keep a mistress - содержать любовницу; иметь содержанку

6. иметь в продаже, в ассортименте

to keep eggs [butter] - иметь в продаже яйца [масло], торговать яйцами [маслом]

to keep a stock of smth. - а) иметь запас чего-л.; б) иметь какой-л. товар в продаже

we do not keep postcards - у нас не бывает почтовых открыток мы не продаём открыток

7. 1) задерживать, не отпускать

to keep smb. long [for two hours] - держать /продержаты/ кого-л. долго [два часа]

I was kept there - меня там задержали

to keep smb. for dinner - оставить кого-л. на обед

don't let me keep you - не хочу вас задерживать, вы свободны, я вас больше не задерживаю

to keep the children in after school - оставить детей в школе после уроков

2) удерживать, не выпускать

to keep smb. at home - держать кого-л. дома, не позволять выходить из дому

the cold weather kept us indoors - мы сидели дома из-за холода

I am kept here by business - меня держат здесь дела

there is nothing to keep me in London - ничто не держит меня в Лондоне

to keep a river within its bed - не дать реке выйти из русла

to keep one's mind off one's troubles - гнать от себя тяжёлые мысли

8. охранять, защищать; удерживать

to keep a bridge [a road, a fortress] - удерживать /защищать/ мост [дорогу, крепость]

to keep goal - защищать ворота (*футбол*)

to keep wicket - защищать капитку (*крикет*)

God keep you! - да хранит вас господь!

9. 1) сохранять, не портиться

eggs [apples, chocolates] will keep - яйца [яблоки, шоколадные конфеты] не испортятся /полежат/

meat does not keep long in hot weather - при жаркой погоде мясо не может долго лежать

these apples will keep till spring - эти яблоки могут лежать до весны

2) хранить, сохранять, не давать портиться

to keep fruit - хранить фрукты

milk sours when kept too long - если молоко долго стоит, оно прокисает

3) сохранять новизну, не устаревать

your story can keep - с вашим рассказом можно подождать (он не устареет)

this news will keep - с этим сообщением можно повременить /подождать, не торопиться/ (оно не устареет)

my revenge will keep - отомстить ещё успею, месть за мной

it will keep! - успеется!

II A

1. оставаться (*в каком-л. месте*)

to keep at home /indoors, with in doors/ - сидеть дома

to keep one's room [one's house] - не выходить из комнаты [из дому]

to keep one's bed - не подниматься с постели

where do you keep? - *разг.* где вы обретаетесь?, где вы проживаете?

2. двигаться (*в каком-л. направлении*)

keep to the right [to the left]! - держитесь правой [левой] стороны!

to keep to the main road - идти по шоссе

to keep to the wind - *мор.* идти /вести судно/ по ветру

to keep the middle of the road - держаться середины дороги

to keep the way - идти прямо по дороге

to keep one's way - идти своей дорогой

keep out of the way! - не путайся под ногами!, не мешай!

to keep the path - идти по намеченному пути, не сбиваться с пути

to keep on the right track - идти по правильному пути

keep straight on - идите прямо (никуда не сворачивая)

to keep close to the door [to the shore] - держаться поближе к двери [к берегу]

to keep along the river - двигаться вдоль реки

keep her so! - *мор.* так держать!

3. (to) придерживаться (*темы, инструкции и т. п.*)

to keep to the subject - придерживаться темы, не отклоняться от темы

to keep to a strict diet - придерживаться строгой диеты, ограничивать себя в еде

to keep to the pattern - точно придерживаться образца

to keep to the truth - не отступать от истины

to keep to one's native language - говорить только на родном языке

to keep to a promise - выполнять обещание

to keep to the pledge - строго выполнять взятое на себя обязательство

to keep to one's determination - придерживаться принятого решения

4. выполнять, соблюдать, не нарушать (*закон и т. п.*); придерживаться (*правил*)

to keep the law [the rules, the commandments] - соблюдать /не нарушать/ закон [правила, заповеди]

to keep within the bonds of truth - не отклоняться от истины

to keep within the law - держаться в рамках закона, не нарушать закон

to keep a treaty - выполнять /соблюдать/ договор

to keep the peace - сохранять мир

5. придерживаться (*обычая, привычки*)

to keep early /good/ [bad /late/] hours - рано [поздно] начинать и кончать работу *или* вставать и ложиться спать

schoolboys should keep good hours - школьники должны рано ложиться спать и рано вставать

we keep late hours in this office - эта контора поздно закрывается

6. 1) сдерживать (*обещание*); держать (*слово*)

to keep one's word [promise, oath] - сдержать слово [обещание, клятву]

to keep faith (with smb.) - сохранять верность (кому-л.)

to keep an appointment - прийти в назначенное время *или* место; прийти на (деловое) свидание

to keep a date - *разг.* прийти на свидание

2) соблюдать, хранить (*тайну*)

to keep a secret - не разглашать секрет

7. соблюдать, отмечать (*памятные даты*)

to keep one's birthday - отмечать /справлять/ свой день рождения

to keep Christmas - праздновать рождество

to keep a fast - соблюдать пост, поститься

8. помнить, хранить (в памяти)

to keep smth. in memory /in mind/ - хранить что-л. в памяти, помнить о чём-л.

9. вести (записи, счета)

to keep a diary [accounts, books] - вести дневник [счета, бухгалтерию]

to keep a register [a record] - вести журнал [протокол]

to keep the official record and score of the game - *спорт.* вести протокол игры

to keep score - *спорт.* вести счёт

10. 1) удерживать (прежнее положение)

to keep one's /the/ saddle - удержаться в седле

to keep one's seat - не вставать (со стула), продолжать сидеть

to keep one's feet - удержаться на ногах, устоять, не упасть

to keep one's balance - удерживать /сохранять/ равновесие [см. тж. 2)]

keep where you are! - ни с места!; не двигайтесь!

to keep one's head up - а) держать голову высоко; б) не вешать головы, не падать духом

2) сохранять (прежнее состояние)

to keep one's figure - сохранить стройность, не располнеть

to keep one's looks - сохранить прежнюю красоту, не подурнеть

to keep contact - *воен.* а) поддерживать соприкосновение (с противником); б) поддерживать контакт /связь/

to keep one's temper - сдерживаться, не выходить из себя

to keep (in) one's feelings - сдерживать свои чувства, не давать волю чувствам

to keep one's balance - сдерживаться, владеть собой, не выходить из себя [см. тж. 1)]

11. содержать (дом, хозяйство)

to keep the house - вести домашнее хозяйство

to keep open house - жить на широкую ногу, отличаться /славиться/ широким гостеприимством

to keep a good [a bad] table - иметь хороший [плохой] стол, хорошо /вкусно/ [плохо /невкусно/] кормить

to keep the house clean - содержать дом в порядке

well kept room - опрятная комната; комната, которую тщательно убирают

badly kept garden - заброшенный /запущенный/ сад

badly kept road - дорога, которую не ремонтируют

12. *амер.* функционировать (об учебных заведениях)

schools keep today - сегодня школы работают, сегодня в школах идут занятия

the skiing school will keep through the winter - горнолыжная школа будет работать всю зиму

13. поддерживать (компанию); водить (дружбу)

to keep good [bad] company - быть в хорошей [плохой] компании, дружить с хорошими [плохими] людьми

to keep (oneself) to oneself - держаться особняком, сторониться людей

to keep company with smb. - *прост.* гулять с кем-л.

14. *спорт.* владеть (мячом; футбол)

15. посещать (церковь, лекции)

to keep a term - регулярно посещать занятия

II Б

1. to keep smb., smth. doing smth. заставлять кого-л., что-л. продолжать действовать

to keep smb. moving [working, repeating] - заставлять кого-л. всё время двигаться [работать, повторять]

he kept us standing two hours - он заставил нас простоять два часа

people do not like to be kept waiting - люди не любят, когда их заставляют ждать

to keep the fire burning - поддерживать огонь

2. to keep smb. at smth. заставлять кого-л. продолжать делать что-л.

to keep people at their jobs - заставлять людей продолжать работу

he kept us at work [thrashing] the whole day - он заставил нас работать [молотить] целый день

3. to keep smb. to smth. заставлять кого-л. выполнить что-л.

to keep smb. to his promise [word] - заставить кого-л. выполнить данное обещание [сдержать слово]

4. to keep from smth. /from doing smth./ удерживаться, воздерживаться от чего-л.

to keep from laughing [smiling] - удержаться от смеха [от улыбки]

I tried to keep from looking at myself in the mirror - я старался не смотреть на себя в зеркало

I couldn't keep from smiling - я не мог не улыбнуться, я не мог сдержать улыбку

5. to keep smb. from smth. /from doing smth./ мешать, препятствовать кому-л. делать что-л.

to keep smb. from his work - мешать кому-л. работать, отвлекать кого-л. от работы

to keep fruit from spoiling - не давать фруктам портиться

it kept me from school - из-за этого я не пошёл в школу

we must keep them from knowing our plans - мы должны сделать так, чтобы они не узнали о наших планах

the noise keeps me from sleeping - этот шум не даёт мне спать

keep the child from hurting himself - смотри, чтобы ребёнок не ушибся

6. to keep out of smth.

1) не вмешиваться во что-л., оставаться в стороне от чего-л.

to keep out of smb.'s quarrel - не вмешиваться в чью-л. ссору

to keep out of smb.'s way - стараться не попадаться кому-л. на глаза; держаться подальше от кого-л.

2) не подвергать себя чему-л., избегать чего-л.

to keep out of danger - не подвергать себя опасности, избегать опасности

to keep out of trouble - избегать неприятностей

to keep out of mischief - не проказничать, не шалить, не бедокурить; вести себя хорошо

7. to keep smb. out of smth.

1) не пускать кого-л. куда-л.

to keep smb. out of the room - не пускать кого-л. в комнату

2) не подвергать кого-л. чему-л., оберегать кого-л. от чего-л.

to keep smb. out of danger - уберечь кого-л. от опасности

to keep the children out of mischief - не давать детям проказить

3) лишать кого-л. чего-л.

to keep the landlord out of his rent - не уплатить хозяину деньги за квартиру

8. to keep smth. away from smb., smth. не давать кому-л. что-л.; не допускать, не подпускать кого-л. к чему-л.

to keep the flies away from smb.'s face - отгонять мух с чьего-л. лица

keep the matches away from the children! - прячьте спички от детей!

to keep the puck away (from the opponent) - *спорт.* закрыть шайбу (от противника)

9. to keep smth. (back) from smb. скрывать, утаивать что-л. от кого-л.

to keep back the news [the truth] from smb. - скрывать новости [правду] от кого-л.

you are keeping something from me - вы что-то от меня скрываете, вы что-то не договариваете

he kept nothing from me - он ничего от меня не утаил, он рассказал мне всё без утайки

he kept the money from her - он утаил эти деньги от неё

10. to keep smth. to oneself не делиться чем-л.; (у)молчать о чём-л.

to keep one's sorrow to oneself - затаить горе

I kept my impressions to myself - я никому не рассказал о своих впечатлениях

you may keep your remarks to yourself - можете оставить свои замечания при себе

11. to keep at smb. with smth. приставать к кому-л. с чем-л.; надоедать кому-л. чем-л.

they kept at him with appeals for payment [for money] - они мучили его беспрестанными просьбами об уплате [о деньгах]

12. to keep smb., smth. in some state держать кого-л., что-л. в каком-л. состоянии

to keep smb. awake - не давать кому-л. спать

to keep oneself clean [tidy] - быть /ходить всегда/ чистым [опрятным]

to keep smth. clean [tidy] - (со)держатъ что-л. в чистоте [в порядке]

to keep smth. intact - хранить что-л. в неприкосновенности

to keep smb. quiet - не давать кому-л. шуметь, протестовать, двигаться *и т. п.*

to keep the children quiet - не позволять детям шуметь

the book kept me in suspense - книга держала меня в напряжении

to keep smb. covered - *воен.* держать кого-л. на прицеле

to keep smth. in readiness - держать что-л. в готовности

to keep smb. (a) prisoner - держать кого-л. в плену /в тюрьме, в заключении/

13. to keep smth. going поддерживать нормальную деятельность, бесперебойную работу чего-л.

14. to keep smb. going

1) поддерживать жизнь в ком-л.

2) поддерживать кого-л. материально, помогать кому-л. деньгами

III A

1. в сочетании с последующим причастием настоящего времени означает продолжение действия, выраженного причастием:

to keep reading [writing, working] - продолжать читать [писать, работать]

to keep asking [coming and leaving, moving] - всё время задавать вопросы [приходить и уходить, двигаться]

the position keeps getting worse - положение всё ухудшается

he kept bothering us - он всё время к нам приставал

to keep thinking about smth. - непрерывно /непрестанно/ думать о чём-л., не переставать думать о чём-л.

he kept laughing - он без умолку смеялся

he keeps changing his plans - он то и дело меняет свои планы

he kept standing the whole evening - он так и не присел за весь вечер

2. как глагол-связка в составном именном сказуемом пребывать, оставаться в каком-л. состоянии

to keep alert - быть наготове

to keep alive - остаться живым

to keep awake - не спать, бодрствовать

to keep cheerful - быть неизменно бодрым /весёлым/

to keep cool - а) оставаться холодным, не теплеть; б) сохранять хладнокровие, не волноваться

to keep quiet - а) молчать; б) оставаться спокойным или неподвижным; не шевелиться

to keep silent - молчать, хранить молчание

to keep still - а) не шуметь; б) не двигаться, не шевелиться

to keep aloof - держаться особняком /в стороне/

the weather keeps fine - погода не портится, стоит хорошая погода

to keep fit - быть в форме, быть в хорошем физическом состоянии

to keep together - держаться вместе; не разлучаться

to keep well /in good health/ - чувствовать себя хорошо; не болеть



to keep time - а) отбивать такт, выдерживать ритм; б) идти верно (о часах; *тж.* to keep good time)

to keep pace - *спорт.* держать скорость шага, бежать в темпе

to keep on ice - *амер.* ≅ откладывать в долгий ящик

to keep one's hand /eye/ in - тренироваться, практиковаться (в чём-л.)
to keep one's hair /shirt, wool/ on - не выходить из себя, не волноваться
keep your shirt on! - не кипятись!
to keep smb. on tap - **воен. проф.** держать кого-л. в состоянии готовности
keep at it! - а) не сдавайся!, продолжай!; б) держись!
to keep watch, to keep one's head above water, to keep the wolf from the door и др. см. в статьях соответствующих слов

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keep

keep [keep keeps kept keeping] verb, noun BrE [kiːp] NAmE [kiːp]
verb (kept, kept BrE [kept] ; NAmE [kept])

STAY

1. **intransitive, transitive** to stay in a particular condition or position; to make sb/sth do this

- + **adj.** We huddled together to keep warm.
- + **adv./prep.** The notice said 'Keep off (= Do not walk on) the grass'.
- Keep left along the wall.
- ~ **sb/sth + adj.** She kept the children amused for hours.
- ~ **sb/sth (+ adv./prep.)** He kept his coat on.
- Don't **keep us in suspense** — what happened next?
- She had trouble **keeping her balance** .
- ~ **sb/sth doing sth** I'm very sorry to **keep you waiting** .

CONTINUE

2. **intransitive** to continue doing sth; to do sth repeatedly

- ~ **doing sth** Keep smiling!
- ~ **on doing sth** Don't keep on interrupting me!

DELAY

3. **transitive** ~ **sb** to delay sb

Syn: †hold somebody up

- You're an hour late— what kept you?

NOT GIVE BACK

4. **transitive** ~ **sth** to continue to have sth and not give it back or throw it away

- Here's a five dollar bill— please **keep the change** .
- I keep all her letters.

SAVE FOR SB

5. **transitive** (especially BrE) to save sth for sb

- ~ **sth for sb** Please keep a seat for me.
- ~ **sb sth** Please keep me a seat.

PUT/STORE

6. **transitive** ~ **sth + adv./prep.** to put or store sth in a particular place

- Keep your passport in a safe place.

SHOP/RESTAURANT

7. **transitive** ~ **sth** (especially BrE) to own and manage a shop/store or restaurant

- Her father kept a grocer's shop.

ANIMALS

8. **transitive** ~ **sth** to own and care for animals

- to **keep bees/goats/hens**

ABOUT HEALTH

9. **intransitive + adv./prep.** (informal) used to ask or talk about sb's health

- **How is** your mother **keeping** ?
- We're all keeping well.

OF FOOD

10. **intransitive** to remain in good condition

- Finish off the pie— it won't keep.
- (informal, figurative) 'I'd love to hear about it, but I'm late already.' 'That's OK— **it'll keep** (= I can tell you about it later) .'

SECRET

11. **transitive** ~ **a secret** | ~ **sth secret (from sb)** to know sth and not tell it to anyone

- Can you keep a secret?
- She kept her past secret from us all.

PROMISE/APPOINTMENT

12. transitive ~ your promise/word | ~ an appointment to do what you have promised to do; to go where you have agreed to go

- She kept her promise to visit them.
- He failed to keep his appointment at the clinic.

DIARY/RECORD

13. transitive ~ a diary, an account, a record, etc. to write down sth as a record

- She kept a diary for over twenty years.
- Keep a note of where each item can be found.
- I kept a weekly account of my workload and activities.

SUPPORT SB

14. transitive ~ sb/yourself to provide what is necessary for sb to live; to support sb by paying for food, etc

- He scarcely earns enough to keep himself and his family.

PROTECT

15. transitive (formal) to protect sb from sth

- ~ **sb** May the Lord bless you and keep you (= used in prayers in the Christian Church).
- ~ **sb from sth** His only thought was to keep the boy from harm.

IN SPORT

16. transitive ~ goal/wicket (BrE) (in football (↑soccer), ↑hockey, ↑cricket, etc.) to guard or protect the goal or ↑wicket

see also ↑goalkeeper, ↑wicketkeeper

Rem: Most idioms containing keep are at the entries for the nouns and adjectives in the idioms, for example keep house is at house.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	keep
	BrE /ki:p/
	NAme /ki:p/
he / she / it	keeps
	BrE /ki:ps/
	NAme /ki:ps/
past simple, past participle	kept
	BrE /kept/
	NAme /kept/
-ing form	keeping
	BrE /'ki:piŋ/
	NAme /'ki:piŋ/

Word Origin:

late Old English cēpan 'seize, take in', also 'care for, attend to', of unknown origin.

Thesaurus:

keep verb

1. I, T

- We managed to keep warm.

stay • |formal **remain** •

keep/stay/remain **awake / calm / cheerful / cool / dry / fine / healthy / quiet / silent**

keep/stay **close / still / warm**

stay/remain **alert / alive / asleep / loyal / safe / the same / a secret / shut / sober / upright**

2. T, I (especially spoken)

- Keep smiling!

continue • • **go on with sth / go on doing sth** • • **keep sth up / keep up with sth** • • **press ahead / on** • |especially spoken

carry (sth) on • • **stick with sb / sth** •

Opp: stop, Opp: give sth up

keep on / continue / go on / keep up / press ahead / carry on / stick **with** sth

keep / continue / go on / carry on / press ahead with **doing sth**

keep / continue / go on / carry on **fighting / working / talking / improving sth / believing / building sth**

3. T

- I've kept all her letters.

hold onto sth • • **save** • |formal **retain** •

Opp: lose, Opp: throw sth away

keep / retain **control** (of sth)

still keep / hold onto / retain sth

Keep or retain? Retain is formal and not used in spoken English. It often suggests that the thing that you keep will be useful in the future. **Keep** is a more general word.

4. T (especially BrE)

- I've kept two seats for us at the front.

save • • **reserve** • • **hold** •

Opp: give sth up

keep / save / reserve / hold sth **for** sb / sth

keep/save/reserve/hold a **seat/place** for sb/sth
keep/save some **food** for sb

Keep, save or reserve? Reserve is used especially when sth is officially saved for sb/sth. **Keep** and **save** are more often used if sth is saved for you unofficially, for example by a friend.

5. T

• Where do you keep the sugar?

store • **hoard** • **stock up** • **stockpile** • |informal **stash** •

keep/store/hoard/stock up on/stockpile **food**

keep/store/stockpile **weapons**

keep/hoard/stash **money**

6. T

• My aunt kept chickens in her back yard.

breed • **rear** • **raise** •

keep/breed/rear sth **for** sth

keep/breed/rear/raise **animals/cattle/horses/sheep**

keep/breed/rear/raise sth **in captivity**

7. T

• She kept her promise to visit them.

carry sth out • **stand by sth** • |AmE **follow through** • |BrE, formal **honour** • |AmE **honor** • |especially **journalism business deliver** •

Opp: break

keep/carry out/follow through on/honour/deliver on a **promise**

keep/stand by/follow through on/honour **your word**

keep to/stand by/follow through on/honour an **agreement**

keep to/carry out/stand by/follow through on a **plan**

Keep or honour? Honour is much more formal than **keep** in most cases. You can **keep** but not **honour** an **appointment** or **engagement**; you can **honour** but not **keep** sb's **wishes**.

8. T

• Keep a record of your child's illnesses.

hold • **store** • |formal **retain** •

keep/hold/store/retain **information/data**

keep/hold **a record/records**

still/no longer keep/hold/store/retain sth

9. T (BrE)

• She doesn't earn enough to keep a family.

support • **provide for sb** • **maintain** •

keep/support/provide for/maintain a **family/children/wife/husband**

keep/support/provide for/maintain **yourself**

Which word? You can **provide for sb** on a continuous basis or by making a large one-off payment. If you **keep**, **support** or **maintain** sb, you provide for them on a continuous basis over a period of time.

Example Bank:

- Milk and cream should keep quite well in a fridge.
- Don't keep us in suspense — what happened next?
- I could not keep silent any longer.
- I want to keep on with part-time work for as long as possible.
- I wish you wouldn't keep on interrupting me!
- I'm amazed that she keeps so cheerful.
- I'm very sorry to keep you waiting.
- I've kept all her letters.
- I've kept two seats for us near the front.
- If we all keep to the agreement there won't be any problems.
- It was difficult for the team to keep to the plan.
- Keep close to me.
- My grandmother kept chickens in her back yard.
- Residents are not allowed to keep pets.
- Separate accounts must be kept for each different business activity.
- She had trouble keeping her balance.
- She handed me a ten dollar bill. 'Here— keep the change.'
- She needed to keep busy.
- Sit down and keep calm!
- The documents are all kept under lock and key.
- The man in the shop said he'd keep it for me until Friday.
- The notice said 'Keep off the grass'.
- This voucher should be kept. It will be accepted by the Inland Revenue as evidence of a Tax Credit.
- Try to keep active in the cold weather.
- Village clerks were unable to keep a proper record of deaths because they were so frequent.
- We managed to keep dry by huddling in a doorway.
- Where do you keep the sugar?
- to keep bees/goats

- At the time many working men did not earn enough to keep a wife and children.
- He kept himself by giving private lessons.
- I must go now. I've kept you from your dinner too long.
- I need to work— I can't go on being a kept man.
- I won't keep you long. I've just got a couple of quick questions.
- You're an hour late— what kept you?

Idioms: ↑for keeps ▪ ↑keep going ▪ ↑keep somebody going

Derived ↑keep at something ▪ ↑keep away ▪ ↑keep back ▪ ↑keep down ▪ ↑keep from something ▪ ↑keep in with somebody ▪ ↑keep off ▪ ↑keep off something ▪ ↑keep on ▪ ↑keep out ▪ ↑keep out of something ▪ ↑keep somebody after ▪ ↑keep somebody at something ▪ ↑keep somebody away ▪ ↑keep somebody back ▪ ↑keep somebody down ▪ ↑keep somebody from something ▪ ↑keep somebody in ▪ ↑keep somebody in something ▪ ↑keep somebody off ▪ ↑keep somebody off somebody ▪ ↑keep somebody on ▪ ↑keep somebody out ▪ ↑keep somebody out of something ▪ ↑keep somebody under ▪ ↑keep somebody up ▪ ↑keep something back ▪ ↑keep something down ▪ ↑keep something from somebody ▪ ↑keep something from something ▪ ↑keep something in ▪ ↑keep something on ▪ ↑keep something to yourself ▪ ↑keep something up ▪ ↑keep to something ▪ ↑keep to yourself ▪ ↑keep up ▪ ↑keep up with somebody ▪ ↑keep up with something ▪ ↑keep yourself from something

noun

1. **uncountable** food, clothes and all the other things that a person needs to live; the cost of these things
 - It's about time you got a job to **earn your keep** .
 2. **countable** a large strong tower, built as part of an old castle
- more at** earn your keep **at** ↑learn

Word Origin:

late Old English cēpan 'seize, take in', also 'care for, attend to', of unknown origin.

Example Bank:

- He made his way up a flight of steep stairs and into the main keep of the castle.
- It's about time you got a job to earn your keep.

See also: ↑keep somebody after ▪ ↑keep somebody back

keep

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I. **keep**¹ **S1 W1** /ki:p BrE[☞] AmE[☞] *verb* (past tense and past participle **kept** /kept/)

[**Word Family:** noun: ↑keep, ↑keeper, ↑keeping; verb: ↑keep; adjective: kept]

[**Language:** Old English; **Origin:** cepan]

1. **NOT CHANGE** [**linking verb, transitive**] to stay in a particular state, condition, or position, or to make someone or something do this

keep (somebody/something) warm/safe/dry etc

" We huddled around the fire to keep warm.

keep calm/awake/sane etc

" I was struggling to keep awake.

keep something clean/tidy

" Keep your room tidy.

keep somebody busy/amused/occupied

" some toys to keep the kids amused

" You won't be able to keep it secret for ever.

" Peter cycles to work to keep fit.

" Don't keep us in suspense any longer!

keep (somebody/something) away/back/off/out etc

" The police put up barriers to keep the crowds back.

" If I were you, I'd keep away from that area at night.

" a sign saying 'Danger: Keep Out'

" The little boy kept close to his mother.

keep (somebody) out of something

" Keep him out of trouble.

" You keep out of this, Mother (=do not get involved). It's no concern of yours.

" How can I cut your hair if you won't keep still!

keep left/right (=stay to the left or right of a path or road as you move)

keep somebody/something doing something

" Jane kept the engine running.

2. **CONTINUE DOING SOMETHING** [**intransitive**] (also **keep on**) to continue doing something or to do the same thing many times

keep (on) doing something

" I keep thinking about Joe, all alone in that place.

" I keep telling you, but you won't listen!

" She pretended not to hear, and kept on walking.

► Do not say 'keep up doing something'. Say **keep doing something** or **keep on doing something**.

3. **NOT GIVE BACK** [**transitive**] to have something and not give it back to the person who had it before:

" You can keep it. I don't need it anymore.

4. **NOT LOSE** [**transitive**] to continue to have something and not lose it or get rid of it:

• We decided to keep our old car instead of selling it.

• I kept his letters for years.

• In spite of everything, Robyn's managed to keep her sense of humor.

5. **STORE SOMETHING** [transitive always + adverb/preposition] to leave something in one particular place so that you can find it easily:

• Where do you keep your teabags?

• George kept a bottle of whiskey under his bed.

6. **MAKE SOMEBODY STAY IN A PLACE** [transitive always + adverb/preposition] to make someone stay in a place, especially a prison or hospital:

• He was kept in prison for a week without charge.

7. **DELAY SOMEBODY** [transitive] to delay someone:

• He should be here by now. What's keeping him?

8. **DO WHAT YOU PROMISED** [transitive] to do what you have promised or agreed to do

keep your word/promise

• How do I know you'll keep your word?

• patients who fail to keep their appointments

9. **keep a secret** to not tell anyone about a secret that you know:

• Can I trust you to keep a secret?

10. **keep something quiet/keep quiet (about something)** to not say anything in order to avoid telling a secret or causing problems

11. **keep a record/account/diary etc** to regularly record written information somewhere

12. **keep going**

a) **keep (somebody) going** to have or to give someone enough hope and emotional strength to continue living and doing things in a bad situation:

• That woman's been through such a lot – I don't know how she keeps going.

• Her letters were the only thing that kept me going while I was in prison.

b) **keep (something) going** if you keep a business, institution, regular event etc going, you keep it open or make it continue to happen:

• The library costs £5 million a year to run, and the council can't afford to keep it going.

c) **keep going** to continue doing something difficult:

• Persevere and keep going until you reach your ideal weight.

d) **keep somebody going** if something keeps you going, it is enough to satisfy your need while you are waiting to get something bigger or better:

• I'll have a biscuit to keep me going until dinner time.

13. **FOOD** [intransitive] if food keeps, it stays fresh enough to be eaten:

• Eat the salmon because it won't keep till tomorrow.

14. **ANIMALS** [transitive] to own and look after animals:

• We keep chickens and a couple of pigs.

15. **STOP OTHER PEOPLE FROM USING SOMETHING** [transitive] to stop other people from using something, so that it is available for someone **SYN save**:

• Will you keep a seat for me?

16. **keep somebody waiting** to make someone wait before you meet them or see them:

• Sorry to keep you waiting – I got stuck in a meeting.

17. **keep guard/watch** to guard a place or watch around you all the time

18. **SHOP** [transitive] *British English old-fashioned* to own a small business and work in it

19. **PROVIDE SOMEBODY WITH THINGS** [transitive] to provide someone with money, food etc:

• He did not earn enough to keep a wife and children.

keep somebody in something

• There's enough money there to keep you in champagne for a year!

20. **PROTECT** [transitive] *formal* to guard or protect someone:

• The Lord bless you and keep you.

• His only thought was to keep the child from harm.

21. **keep goal/wicket** to be the player in a team whose job is to protect the ↑goal or ↑wicket ⇒ ↑goalkeeper, ↑wicket keeper

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SPOKEN PHRASES

22. **keep quiet** used to tell someone not to say anything or make any noise:

• Keep quiet! I'm trying to watch the game.

23. **how are you keeping?** used to ask if someone is well:

• 'Hi, Mark! How are you keeping?' 'Oh, not so bad.'

24. **keep your hair/shirt on!** used to tell someone to be more calm, patient etc

25. **somebody can keep something** used to say that you do not want or are not interested in something:

• She can keep her wild parties and posh friends – I like the quiet life.

26. **it'll keep** used to say that you can tell someone something or do something later:

• 'I don't have time to listen now.' 'Don't worry, it'll keep.'

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THESAURUS (for Meaning 5)

• **keep** to leave something in one particular place so that you can find it easily: Where do you keep the scissors? | The keys are kept in my office.

• **store** to put things away and keep them until you need them: Villagers have begun storing wood for the winter.

• **save** to keep something so that you can use or enjoy it in the future: He had been saving the bottle of champagne for a special

occasion. | We can save the rest of the pie for later.

- **file** to store papers or information in a particular order or a particular place: All the contracts are filed alphabetically.
- **collect** to get and keep objects of the same type because you think they are attractive or interesting: Kate collects old postcards.
- **hold** to keep something to be used when it is needed, especially something that many different people may need to use: Medical records are now usually held on computers.
- **reserve formal** to keep part of something for use at a later time during a process such as cooking: Reserve some of the chocolate so that you can use it for decorating the cake.
- **hoard** to keep large amounts of food, money etc because you think you may not be able to get them in the future – used when you do not approve of people doing this because it is not necessary or not fair to other people: People have been hoarding food and fuel in case there is another attack. | Rationing of basic food products was introduced to prevent hoarding.

keep at something *phrasal verb*

1. **keep at it spoken** to continue to do something, although it is difficult or hard work:
 - I know it's hard, but keep at it! Don't give up!
2. **keep somebody at something** to force someone to continue to work hard and not let them stop

keep back *phrasal verb*

1. **keep something ↔ back** to deliberately not tell someone all that you know about something:
 - I got the feeling he was keeping something back.
2. **keep something ↔ back** to not show your feelings, even though you want to very much:
 - She was struggling to keep back the tears.
3. **keep somebody ↔ back** to prevent someone from being as successful as they could be **SYN hold back**:
 - Fear and stereotypes have kept women back for centuries.
4. **keep something ↔ back especially British English** to not give or pay something that you were going to give:
 - They kept back some of his wages to pay for the damage.

keep somebody/something ↔ down *phrasal verb*

1. to prevent the size, cost, or quantity of something from increasing or being too great:
 - We need to keep costs down.
2. to succeed in keeping food in your stomach, instead of bringing it up again out of your mouth, when you are ill:
 - I could hardly keep anything down for about three days.
3. used to ask someone to make less noise:
 - Keep your voice down – she'll hear you!
 - Can you keep it down – I'm trying to work.
4. to prevent a group of people from becoming as successful and powerful as the other people in a society:
 - Plantation owners kept slaves down by refusing them an education.

keep from *phrasal verb*

1. **keep (somebody/something) from something** to prevent someone from doing something or prevent something from happening
 - **keep somebody from (doing) something**
 - His ex-wife had kept him from seeing his children.
 - I hope I haven't kept you from your work.
 - **keep something from doing something**
 - Put the pizza in the bottom of the oven to keep the cheese from burning.
 - **keep (yourself) from doing something**
 - The play was so boring I could hardly keep myself from falling asleep.
2. **keep something from somebody** to prevent someone from knowing something, by deliberately not telling them about it **SYN withhold**:
 - The government had wanted to keep this information from the public.

keep somebody in *phrasal verb*

1. to make someone stay in hospital because they are too ill to go home:
 - They kept her in overnight for observation.
2. **British English** to force someone to stay inside, especially as a punishment in school

keep in with somebody *phrasal verb British English*

- to try to stay friendly with someone, especially because this helps you:
- It's a good idea to keep in with the boss.

keep off *phrasal verb*

1. **keep something ↔ off** to prevent something from touching or harming something:
 - She held an old piece of cloth over them both to keep the rain off.
- **keep something off something**
 - How are we going to keep the flies off this food?
2. **keep your hands off somebody/something** used to tell someone not to touch someone or something:
 - Keep your hands off me!
3. **keep (somebody) off something** to not eat, drink, or take something that is bad for you, or to stop someone else from eating, drinking, or taking it:
 - Keep off fatty foods.
 - a programme aimed at keeping teenagers off drugs
4. **keep off something especially British English** to avoid talking about a particular subject, especially so that you do not upset someone **SYN avoid, stay off**
5. **keep something ↔ off** if you keep weight off, you do not get heavier again after you have lost weight
6. **British English** if rain keeps off, it does not fall

keep on *phrasal verb*

1. to continue doing something, or to do something many times

keep on doing something

" You just have to keep on trying.

2. **keep somebody ↔ on** to continue to employ someone, especially for longer than you had planned:

" If you're good, they might keep you on after Christmas.

3. **British English informal** to talk continuously about something or repeat something many times, in a way that is annoying **SYN go on**

keep on about

" There's no need to keep on and on about it!

keep on at

" If I didn't keep on at the children, they'd never do their homework.

keep to something phrasal verb

1. to stay on a particular road, course, piece of ground etc:

" It's best to keep to the paths.

2. to do what has been decided in an agreement or plan, or what is demanded by law:

" Keep to the speed limits.

3. **keep to the point/subject etc** to talk or write only about the subject you are supposed to be talking about

4. **keep something to something** to prevent an amount, degree, or level from becoming higher than it should:

" Costs must be kept to a minimum.

5. **keep something to yourself** to not tell anyone about something:

" I'd appreciate it if you kept it to yourself.

6. **keep to yourself** (also **keep yourself to yourself British English**) to live a very quiet private life and not do many things that involve other people

keep up phrasal verb

1. **keep something ↔ up** to continue doing something:

" I don't think I can keep this up any longer.

keep up the good work! (=continue to work hard and well)

2. if a situation keeps up, it continues without stopping or changing **SYN continue**:

" How long can the economic boom keep up?

3. to go as quickly as someone else

keep up with

" I had to walk fast to keep up with him.

4. to manage to do as much or as well as other people **OPP fall behind**

keep up with

" Jack's having trouble keeping up with the rest of the class.

keep up with the Joneses (=try to have the same new impressive possessions that other people have)

5. to continue to read and learn about a particular subject, so that you always know about the most recent facts, products etc

keep up with

" Employees need to keep up with the latest technical developments.

6. **keep something ↔ up** to make something continue at its present level or amount, instead of letting it decrease:

" NATO kept up the pressure on the Serbs to get out of Kosovo.

7. if one process keeps up with another, it increases at the same speed and by the same amount

keep up with

" Food production is not keeping up with population growth.

8. **keep something ↔ up** to continue to practise a skill so that you do not lose it:

" I used to speak French, but I haven't kept it up.

9. **keep somebody up informal** to prevent someone from going to bed:

" I hope I'm not keeping you up.

10. **keep your spirits/strength/morale etc up** to stay happy, strong, confident etc by making an effort:

" We sang as we marched, to keep our spirits up.

11. **keep up appearances** to pretend that everything in your life is normal and happy even though you are in trouble, especially financial trouble

keep up with somebody phrasal verb

to write to, telephone, or meet a friend regularly, so that you do not forget each other

II. **keep**² *BrE* *AmE* *noun*

[Word Family: *noun*: ↑keep, ↑keeper, ↑keeping; *verb*: ↑keep; *adjective*: kept]

1. **sb's keep** the cost of providing food and a home for someone

earn your keep (=do things in return for the things that are provided for you)

" It's time you got a job and started earning your keep.

2. **for keeps informal** forever:

" Marriage ought to be for keeps.

3. [countable] a large strong tower, usually in the centre of a castle

keep

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