

1. [tʃeɪn] *n*

1. цепь; цепочка

watch and chain - часы с цепочкой

chain cable - *мор.* якорная цепь

chain belt /drive/ - *тех.* цепной привод, цепная передача

chain saw - *тех.* цепная пила

2. горный хребет, гряда, горная цепь (*тж.* mountain chain, chain of mountains)3. *pl* оковы, узы, цепи

in chains - в оковах

chains of colonialism - оковы /узы, иго/ колониализма

4. 1) последовательность, связь, ход, цепь (*событий и т. п.*)

chain broadcasting - *радио* одновременная передача одной программы несколькими станциями

chain of events - цепь /ряд/ событий

chain of proofs - цепь доказательств

chain of discourse - ход рассуждения

2) система, сеть

chain of radio stations - сеть радиостанций

5. *спец.* цепь; цепочка

transformation chain - *физ.* цепочка радиоактивных превращений, радиоактивный ряд

nuclear fission chain - *физ.* ядерная цепная реакция

decay chain - *физ.* а) цепочка распадов; б) радиоактивный ряд

chain reflex - *физиол.* цепной рефлекс

6. *тех.* ряд звеньев (*передачи*)

chain block - *тех.* таль

chain tread - гусеничный ход

chain track - гусеничный трак

7. *тех.* нория; ковшовый элеватор8. 1) *ком.* сеть розничных магазинов (*одной фирмы*)

full-line chain - сеть магазинов с универсальным ассортиментом

2) сеть однородных предприятий (*одного владельца или под одним управлением*)

theatre chain - киносеть, принадлежащая одной компании

newspaper chain - газетный концерн

bank chain - банк с филиалами

chain restaurant - один из однотипных ресторанов (*данной компании*)

chain hotel - одна из однотипных гостиниц (*данной компании*)

9. *бакт.* соединение конец в конец трёх или более клеток10. *текст.* основа (*ткани*)11. *спец.*1) чейн (*мера длины; тж.* chain measure)2) мерная цепь (*тж.* chain measure)

chain tape - стальная мерная лента

12. *вчт.*

1) последовательность операций или вызовов программ

2) оператор вызова программы

2. [tʃeɪn] *v*1. скреплять цепью; прикреплять цепями (*тж.* chain up)

to chain prisoners together - сковывать заключённых одной цепью

chained to the wall - прикованный (цепью) к стене

chained book - *ист.* книга на цепи (*в средневековых библиотеках*)

to chain (up) the dog - посадить собаку на цепь

2. 1) держать в цепях, оковах

2) приковывать, привязывать

chained to the desk - прикованный к письменному столу

horror chained his steps - от ужаса он не мог сделать ни шагу

3. 1) закрыть на цепочку (*дверь*)2) перекрыть (*уличное движение*)

4. измерять расстояние на местности мерной лентой или цепью

chain

chain [chain chains chained chaining] noun, verb *BrE* [tʃeɪn] [ⓘ] *NAmE* [tʃeɪn]



METAL RINGS

1. countable, uncountable a series of connected metal rings, used for pulling or fastening things; a length of **chain** used for a particular purpose

- a short length of chain
- She wore a heavy gold chain around her neck.
- The mayor wore his chain of office.
- a bicycle chain
- The prisoners were kept **in chains** (= with chains around their arms and legs, to prevent them from escaping) .

CONNECTED THINGS

2. countable a series of connected things or people

- to set in motion a **chain of events**
- a **chain of command** (= a system in an organization by which instructions are passed from one person to another)
- **mountain/island chains**
- Volunteers formed a **human chain** to rescue precious items from the burning house.

see also ↑food chain

OF SHOPS/HOTELS

3. countable a group of shops/stores or hotels owned by the same company

- a chain of supermarkets/a supermarket chain

RESTRICTION

4. countable, usually plural (formal or literary) a thing that restricts sb's freedom or ability to do sth

- the chains of fear/misery

IN HOUSE BUYING

5. countable, usually singular (BrE) a situation in which a number of people selling and buying houses must each complete the sale of their house before buying from the next person

see ball and chain **at** ↑ball_n, a link in the chain **at** ↑link_n, the weak link (in the chain) **at** ↑weak

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French *chaine*, *chaeine*, from Latin *catena* 'a chain'.

Thesaurus:

chain noun C

- It was all part of a chain of events.

series • **sequence** • **string** • **succession** • **line** • |especially BrE **catalogue** •

a chain/series/sequence/string/succession/line/catalogue **of** sth

a chain/series/sequence/string/succession **of** events

a/an **long/endless/continuous/unbroken** chain/series/sequence/string/succession/line

Example Bank:

- Let the dog off its chain.
- Our suppliers are the weakest link in the chain.
- Put the chain on the door before you go to bed.
- She wore a long gold chain around her neck.
- The mayor was wearing his chain of office.
- The people formed a human chain to pass the supplies up the beach.
- The prisoner was led away in chains.
- There has been an unbroken chain of great violinists in the family.
- They kept the dog on a chain all day long.
- This hotel is part of a large chain.
- a chain of clothes shops
- a chain of department stores
- a chain of volcanic islands
- efforts to ensure that dioxins do not enter the food chain
- the complex chain of events that led to the war
- I was next in the chain of command.
- If any part of the chain of infection is broken, the spread of the disease will be stopped.

- It's important to make sure the chain of communication is not broken.
- Middlemen are important links in the chain.
- She was personally involved in this chain of events.
- Volunteers formed a human chain to pass buckets of water to each other.

verb often passive

to fasten sth with a chain; to fasten sb/sth to another person or thing with a chain, so that they do not escape or get stolen

- ~ **sb/sth** The doors were always locked and chained.
- ~ **sb/sth up** The dog was chained up for the night.
- ~ **sb/sth to sb/sth** She chained her bicycle to the gate.
- (figurative) I've been chained to my desk all week (= because there was so much work).

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	chain
	BrE /tʃeɪn/
	NAme /tʃeɪn/
he / she / it	chains
	BrE /tʃeɪnz/
	NAme /tʃeɪnz/
past simple, past participle	chained
	BrE /tʃeɪnd/
	NAme /tʃeɪnd/
-ing form	chaining
	BrE /tʃeɪnɪŋ/
	NAme /tʃeɪnɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French *chaîne*, *chaeine*, from Latin *catena* 'a chain'.

Thesaurus:

chain verb T

- Protesters chained themselves to the railings.

tie • • **fasten** • • **strap** • • **handcuff** • • **restrain** • • **tether** • |formal **bind** • • **secure** •

chain/tie/fasten/strap/handcuff/tether/bind/secure sth **to** sth

chain/tie/fasten/strap/handcuff/bind sb/sth **together**

Example Bank:

- Four activists chained themselves to construction equipment.

chain

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1. **chain**¹ **S3 W2** /tʃeɪn/ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ noun

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: chaeine, from Latin catena]



1. **JOINED RINGS** [uncountable and countable] a series of metal rings which are joined together in a line and used for fastening things, supporting weights, decoration etc ⇒ **link**:

• She had a gold chain around her neck.

• a length of heavy chain

• the Mayor's chain of office (=a decoration worn by some British officials at ceremonies)

pull the chain *British English* (=flush the toilet)

a bicycle chain (=that makes the wheels turn) ⇒ ↑jewellery

2. **CONNECTED EVENTS** [countable] a connected series of events or actions, especially which lead to a final result:

• the chain of events that led to World War I

• The salesmen are just one link in the chain (=part of a process) of distribution.

• a rather complicated chain of reasoning ⇒ ↑chain of command, ↑food chain

3. **SHOPS/HOTELS** [countable] a number of shops, hotels, cinemas etc owned or managed by the same company or person

chain of

• a chain of restaurants

hotel/restaurant/retail etc chain

several major UK supermarket chains ⇒ ↑chain store

4. **CONNECTEDLINE** [countable] people or things which are connected or next to each other forming a line

mountain/island chain

the Andean mountain chain

chain of atoms/molecules etc technical:

a chain of amino acids

They formed a **human chain** (=a line of people who pass things from one person to the next) to move the equipment.

daisy chains (=flowers tied together)

5. **PRISONERS** [countable usually plural] metal chains fastened to the legs and arms of a prisoner, to prevent them from escaping

in chains

He was led away in chains.

ball and chain (=a chain attached to someone's ankle at one end with a heavy metal ball at the other)

6. **BUYING A HOUSE** [countable usually singular] *British English* a number of people buying houses, where each person must complete the sale of their own house before they can buy the next person's house

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 3)

■ **types of chain**

▪ **a big/major/large chain** It is one of Europe's biggest clothing chains.

▪ **a hotel chain** Hilton is an international hotel chain.

▪ **a supermarket chain** Many people buy all their food at one of the major supermarket chains.

▪ **a retail chain** (=one whose business is buying and selling goods) Large retail chains usually want to expand and build more stores.

▪ **a department store/video store/food store etc chain** Morgan was the owner of a computer store chain.

▪ **a restaurant chain** the Pizza Hut restaurant chain

▪ **a grocery chain** These are two of Florida's largest grocery chains.

▪ **a fast-food chain** the fast-food chain, Burger King

▪ **a national/nationwide chain** He was head of a national chain of grocery stores.

■ **phrases**

▪ **be part of a chain** The hotel is part of the MacDonald chain.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 4)

■ **types of chain**

▪ **a mountain chain** The town of Besançon lies at the end of the Jura mountain chain.

▪ **an island chain** the island chain from Asia to Australasia

▪ **a human chain** (=a large number of people who form a line, a circle etc to do something) Riot police formed human chains to block demonstrators.

▪ **a chain of atoms/molecules etc technical:** Most fabrics are made of long chains of molecules.

■ **verbs**

▪ **form a chain** They formed a human chain passing buckets of water to the fire.

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THESAURUS

▪ **mountain** a very high hill: the highest mountain in Austria

▪ **hill** an area of land that is higher than the land around it, which is like a mountain but smaller and usually has a rounded top: We went for a walk in the hills. | The house is surrounded by woods, farmland and gentle hills.

▪ **Mount** (also **Mt** *written abbreviation*) used in the names of mountains. Don't say 'Fuji Mountain' – say '**Mount Fuji**': Mount Everest

▪ **cliff** the steep side of an area of land, often next to the sea: the white cliffs of Dover

▪ **precipice** *especially literary* a very steep and dangerous cliff: They were standing on the edge of a precipice.

▪ **crag** a high steep rock or mountain: An eagle sailed over the high crags.

▪ **ridge** a long narrow area of high ground, especially at the top of a mountain: I could see a group of climbers high up on a ridge.

▪ **knoll** a small round hill: a grassy knoll

▪ **volcano** a mountain with a large hole at the top, through which ↑**lava** (=hot liquid rock) is sometimes forced out: the eruption of a volcano

▪ **summit** the very highest point of a mountain: the summit of Mt Everest

▪ **peak** *especially literary* the top of a mountain: the snow-covered peaks of the Himalayas | a distant peak

▪ **range/chain** a group of mountains or hills arranged in a line: the mountain range that is part of the border between Norway and Sweden

▪ **foothills** a group of smaller hills below a range of high mountains: the Sierra foothills

II. **chain**² *BrE* *AmE* *verb*

1. [transitive] to fasten someone or something to something else using a chain, especially in order to prevent them from escaping or being stolen

chain somebody/something to something

a bicycle chained to the fence

Four activists chained themselves to the gates.

chain somebody/something up

The elephants were chained up by their legs.

chain somebody/something together

Their hands and feet were chained together.

2. **be chained to something** to have your freedom restricted because of something you must do:

" She felt chained to the kitchen sink.

" I don't want a job where I'm chained to a desk all day.

chain

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