

desk *n*

1. 1) письменный стол, рабочий стол
he is at his desk all day long - он работает/сидит за столом/ целый день
to sit at the desk - а) писать; б) быть чиновником
- 2) парта
- 3) конторка
- 4) ящик для письменных принадлежностей
- 5) бювар
- 6) касса
to pay at the desk - платить в кассу
2. *церк.*
- 1) аналой
- 2) *преим. амер.* кафедра проповедника
3. *муз.* пюпитр
4. 1) *тех.* пульт управления; щит управления (*тж.* control desk)
central (control) desk - центральный пульт /щит/ управления
- 2) *эл.* панель распределительного устройства
- 3) *спец.* стенд
test desk - испытательный стенд
5. *амер.* редакция газеты
6. *офиц.* отделение, сектор референтуры
7. *амер. шутл.*
- 1) клерк, чиновник
- 2) проповедник
◇ to ride /to fly/ a desk - *воен.* занимать штабную должность

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desk [desk desks] *BrE* [desk] ¹ *NAmE* [desk] ¹ noun

1. a piece of furniture like a table, usually with drawers in it, that you sit at to read, write, work, etc
• He used to be a pilot but now he has a **desk job** .



2. a place where you can get information or be served at an airport, a hotel, etc
• the check-in desk
• the reception desk
see also ↑cash desk, ↑front desk
3. an office at a newspaper, television company, etc. that deals with a particular subject
• the sports desk
see also ↑city desk, ↑news desk

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from medieval Latin *desca*, probably based on Provençal *desca* 'basket' or Italian *desco* 'table, butcher's block', both based on Latin *discus* from Greek *diskos*.

Example Bank:

- A very strange request landed on my desk this morning.
- He got up from his desk and went to the window.
- He was sitting at his desk working when we got home.
- I left the file on your desk.
- I worked the front desk as one of my first jobs.
- Leave your valuables at the reception desk.
- My desk gets very cluttered if I don't clear it at the end of each day.
- Papers littered the desk and the floor.
- She called the front desk to let them know that he would be arriving.
- She paid for the book at the cash desk.
- Staff experiencing problems with their computers should call the help desk.
- The empty desk suggested she had already gone home.
- The manager sat frowning behind his desk throughout the whole interview.
- There was a long queue at the check-in desk.
- They put me on desk duty for a month.
- We asked the man on the information desk for a map of the city.
- a computer which takes up less desk space

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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Medieval Latin; Origin: desca, from Latin discus 'dish, disk']



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 - Marie was sitting at her desk.
2. a place where you can get information or use a particular service in a hotel, airport etc:
 - the reception desk
 - the check-in desk
3. an office that deals with a particular subject, especially in newspapers or television
 - the news/sports desk

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COLLOCATIONS■ **adjectives**

- **tidy** How come your desk is always so tidy?
- **cluttered** (=covered with papers, books etc in an untidy way) His desk is so cluttered he can't find anything.
- **empty** (=that no one is using) There are one or two empty desks in the office.
- **a school desk** The children are at their school desks by 8:30 in the morning.
- **an office desk** I got back from holiday to find piles of papers on my office desk.
- **a writing desk** (=that you use for writing letters etc) Under the window was a small writing desk.
- **a wooden/mahogany/rosewood etc desk** He sat at a plain wooden desk.

■ **verbs**

- **sit at a desk** I don't want to do a job in which I'm sitting at a desk all day.
- **get up from your desk** He got up from his desk to welcome the visitors.
- **tidy your desk** I need to tidy my desk.
- **clear your desk** (=remove all the papers etc from it) It's a good idea to clear your desk regularly.

■ **desk + NOUN**

- **a desk job** (=working mostly at a desk in an office) He left his desk job to become a gardener.
- **a desk drawer** I think I left my car keys in the desk drawer.
- **a desk lamp** Don't forget to switch off the desk lamp.

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