

1. [end] *n*

I

1. конец, окончание

happy end - счастливый /благополучный/ конец; счастливая развязка

to put /to set/ an end to smth. - положить конец чему-л., покончить с чем-л.

to put an end to an argument [to war] - положить конец спору [войне]

to bring to an end - закончить, завершить

to make an end of smth. - закончить что-л.; положить конец чему-л.

to come to an end, to be at an end - прийти к концу, кончиться

I've come to the end of my endurance - моё терпение истощилось

we all see no end of it, there is no end to it - \cong этому конца не будет

to follow smth. to its logical end - довести что-л. до логического конца

in the end - в конце концов, в конечном счёте

to the end of time - **возвыш.** вечно, на веки веков

this will remain a secret to the end of time - это навеки останется тайной

the end crowns the deed - конец венчает дело

2. конец, последняя, заключительная часть; завершение

the end of the year - конец года

the end of a sentence [of a story] - последняя часть /конец/ предложения [рассказа]

a story without an end - рассказ, который ничем не кончается

toward the end of 1914 - к концу 1914 г.

by the end of the third quarter - к концу третьего квартала

at the end of the 16th century - в конце /в последние годы/ XVI столетия

3. 1) смерть, кончина, конец

untimely end - безвременная кончина

to be near(ing) one's end - быть при смерти

to come to a tragic end - трагически погибнуть

to be the end (of) - довести до гибели, прикончить

this cough will be the end of me - этот кашель меня доконает

you will be the end of me - ты меня в могилу сведёшь

2) прекращение существования

that will be the end of all war - это положит конец всякой войне, войны исчезнут навсегда

the end of the world - конец света

II

1. 1) конец, край

a silver watch at the end of a chain - серебряные часы, подвешенные на конце цепочки

on the end of a stick - на конце палки

end on - а) концом вперёд; б) **мор.** прямо носом *или* кормой

end up - стоймя, прямо

end to end - непрерывной цепью, впритык

at the southern end of the town - в южном конце /на южной окраине/ города

from one end of the country to the other - из одного конца страны в другой

to sign one's name at the end of a list - поставить свою подпись в конце списка

at the other end of the world - на другом конце света

at the world's end - на краю света; \cong у чёрта на куличках

2) конец, сторона

to approach the subject from the wrong end - подойти к вопросу не с того конца

look through the wrong end of a telescope - \cong воспринимать все в искажённом виде3) **амер.** аспект, сторонаthe business end - практическая *или* коммерческая сторона дела

at the consuming end - со стороны потребителей в сфере потребления

the advertising end of insurance - реклама в страховом деле

at the broadcasting [listening] end - на радиостанциях [у радиослушателей]

4) **амер.** часть, отделение

our selling end - наш торговый отдел, коммерческий отдел нашего предприятия

2. остаток, обломок, обрывок, обрезок

rope's end - **мор.** линёк, конец (*троса*)3. (of) **амер. разг.** верх, вершина (*чего-л.*); непревзойдённое совершенство

she is the very /the living/ end of femininity - она воплощённая женственность

4. торец

end elevation - вид с торца, вид сбоку

end face - лобовая *или* торцовая /торцевая/ поверхность5. **спец.**

1) комель

2) **pl** эндсы, дилены (*пиломатериалы*)6. **текст.** одиночная *или* кордная нить

end down - обрыв нити

ends per inch - число нитей основы на один дюйм

7. днище

8. **спорт.** половина поля, площадки

to change ends - меняться сторонами поля /площадки/

9. **спорт.** крайний (в футболе)

III

цель; намерения, виды

to accomplish one's end - достичь цели

to gain one's end - достичь цели, добиться своего

to pursue one's own ends - преследовать свои собственные цели

to work together for a common end - работать на общее дело

with this end in view - с этой целью, для этого

the end justifies the means - цель оправдывает средства

an end in itself - самоцель

to what end? - для чего?, с какой целью?

to that /this/ end - с этой целью

to the end that ... - для того чтобы ..., с той целью чтобы ...

to no end - бесцельно, бесполезно, напрасно

to serve an end - служить какой-л. цели

to serve no useful end - быть бесполезным /ненужным/

for public ends - на общественные нужды, в интересах общества

to defeat one's [its] own end - идти вразрез с поставленной целью

◇

no end - бесконечно, чрезвычайно

no end obliged to you - чрезвычайно вам признателен

no end disappointed - ужасно разочарованный

he was no end put out - он страшно обозлился, он вышел из себя

this should liven up the debate no end - это должно чрезвычайно оживить дебаты

no end of - масса, много

no end of trouble - масса хлопот /неприятностей/

he deserves no end of praise - он заслуживает всяческих похвал

it does no end of mischief - это наносит огромный вред

on end - а) стоймя; дыбом (о волосах); б) непрерывно, подряд

for hours on end - целыми часами (поряд)

to be all on end - быть в состоянии раздражения /нетерпения/

at a loose end - не у дел, непристроенный

to the bitter end - до (самого) конца, до последнего; до последней капли крови

to be at the end of one's rope - быть в безвыходном положении

to be at the end of one's tether - дойти до предела, дойти до точки

to be at one's wits' end - совершенно растеряться

I am at my wits' end - ума не приложу

to go (in) off the deep end - а) взволноваться, разозлиться; б) рисковать, действовать сгоряча /необдуманно/; пороть горячку;

≅ не узнавши броду, сунуться в воду

to hold /to keep/ one's end up - не сдаваться, не падать духом

to make both /two/ ends meet - сводить концы с концами

to come out on /at/ the short end - оказаться в невыгодном положении, опростоволоситься

to hand the short /the dirty/ end of the stick - **амер.** обвести /подвести/ (кого-л.); поставить (кого-л.) в невыгодное положение

to hold /to keep/ up one's end - стойко держаться в трудном положении; неукоснительно выполнять свой долг, принятые на себя обязательства **и т. п.**

2. [end] v

1. (часто end off, end up)

1) кончать; заканчивать

to end one's labour on a book - кончить свою работу над книгой

to end off /up/ a speech with a quotation - закончить выступление цитатой

we ended the dinner up with fruit and coffee - мы закончили обед фруктами и кофе

if you don't change your ways you'll end up in prison - если ты не изменишь своё поведение, то кончишь тюрьмой

2) кончатся, завершаться

to end in disaster - кончиться катастрофой

to end in success - завершиться успехом

how does the story end? - чем кончается рассказ?

the plateau ends in a precipice - плато кончается пропастью

to end in a draw /in a tie/ - **спорт.** окончить или окончиться вничью

the expedition ended in the death of two climbers - в результате экспедиции погибли два альпиниста

not all English words which end in -ly are adverbs - не все английские слова, кончающиеся на -ly, являются наречиями

2. прекращать

to end testing now and for all time - прекратить испытания (ядерного оружия) немедленно и навсегда

to end the cold war - положить конец холодной войне

to end one's life - покончить с собой

3. **редк.** кончиться, умереть

4. *усл.* прикончить, убить

◇ all's well that ends well - *посл.* всё хорошо, что хорошо кончается
to end in smoke - кончиться ничем

end

end [end ends ended ending] noun, verb *BrE* [end] [Ⓢ] *NAmE* [end] [Ⓢ]

noun

FINAL PART

1. the final part of a period of time, an event, an activity or a story

- **at the end of** the week
- We didn't leave until the **very end** .
- the end of the book
- We had to hear about the whole journey **from beginning to end** .
- It's the end of an era.
- Our end-of-season sale starts next week.
- There'll be a chance to ask questions at the end.

FURTHEST PART

2. the part of an object or a place that is the furthest away from its centre

- Turn right at the end of the road.
- His office is the room at the other end of the corridor.
- I joined the end of the queue.
- Go to the end of the line!
- You've got something on the end of your nose.
- Tie the ends of the string together.
- That's his wife sitting at **the far end** of the table.
- These two products are from opposite ends of the price range.
- We've travelled from one end of Mexico to the other.
- They live in the end house.

see also ↑big end, ↑dead end, ↑East End, ↑split ends, ↑tail end

FINISH

3. a situation in which sth does not exist any more

- the end of all his dreams
- The meeting **came to an end** (= finished) .
- The war was finally **at an end** .
- The coup **brought** his corrupt regime **to an end** .
- There's no **end in sight** to the present crisis .
- They have **called for an end to** violence.
- This latest attack could **spell the end of** the peace process.
- Let's **put an end to** (= stop) these rumours once and for all.
- That was by no means the end of the matter.

AIM

4. an aim or a purpose

- They are prepared to use violence in pursuit of their ends.
- She is exploiting the current situation for her own ends.
- He joined the society for political ends.
- **With this end in view** (= in order to achieve this) they employed 50 new staff.
- We are willing to make any concessions necessary **to this end** (= in order to achieve this) .
- They are working towards common ends.

PART OF ACTIVITY

5. **usually singular** a part of an activity with which sb is concerned, especially in business

- We need somebody to handle the marketing end of the business.
- Are there any problems at your end?
- I have kept my end of the bargain.

OF TELEPHONE LINE/JOURNEY

6. **usually singular** either of two places connected by a telephone call, journey, etc

- I answered the phone but there was no one **at the other end** .
- Jean is going to meet me at **the other end** .

OF SPORTS FIELD

7. one of the two halves of a sports field

- The teams changed ends at half-time.

PIECE LEFT

8. (BrE) a small piece that is left after sth has been used

- a cigarette end

see also ↑fag end, ↑loose end, ↑odds and ends

DEATH

9. usually singular a person's death. People say 'end' to avoid saying 'death'

- She came to **an untimely end** (= died young) .
- I was with him at the end (= when he died) .
- (literary) He **met his end** (= died) at the Battle of Waterloo.

more at the beginning of the end **at** ↑beginning, to/until the bitter end **at** ↑bitter adj., burn the candle at both ends **at** ↑burn v.,

jump/be thrown in at the deep end go off the deep end **at** ↑deep adj., make sb's hair stand on end **at** ↑hair, not/never hear the end of it

at ↑hear, light at the end of the tunnel **at** ↑light n., at a loose end **at** ↑loose end, a means to an end **at** ↑means, be at/on the

receiving end **at** ↑receive, the rough end of the pineapple **at** ↑rough adj., the sharp end (of sth) **at** ↑sharp adj., get the short end of the

stick **at** ↑short n., the thin end of the wedge **at** ↑thin adj., at your wits' end **at** ↑wit, get (hold of) the wrong end of the stick **at** ↑wrong

adj.

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Thesaurus:

end noun

1. C

- They have called for an end to violence.

conclusion • • **finish** • • **ending** • • **finale** • |formal, especially business **close** • • **termination** • |formal, especially journalism **cessation** •

Opp: beginning

a/an (...) end/finish/ending/finale **to** sth

at the end/conclusion/finish/finale/close

bring sth to a/an end/conclusion/close

2. C

- She sat at the far end of the table.

side • • **edge** • • **limit** •

Opp: the middle

at the end/side/edge/limits

on the end/side/edge

beyond the end/edge/limits

End, side or edge? The **edge** of an object goes all the way around it. The **ends** or **sides** are the parts of the edge that are opposite each other. **Ends** have the longest distance between them.

Synonyms:

target

objective • goal • object • end

These are all words for sth that you are trying to achieve.

target • a result that you try to achieve: ▪ Set yourself targets that you can reasonably hope to achieve. ◊▪ attainment targets in schools

objective • (rather formal) something that you are trying to achieve: ▪ What is the main objective of this project?

goal • something that you hope to achieve: ▪ He continued to pursue his goal of becoming an actor.

target, objective or goal?

A **target** is usually officially recorded in some way, for example by an employer or by a government committee. It is often specific, and in the form of figures, such as number of sales or exam passes, or a date. People often set their own **objectives**: these are things that they wish to achieve, often as part of a project or a talk they are giving. **Goals** are often long-term, and relate to people's life and career plans or the long-term plans of a company or organization.

object • the purpose of sth; sth that you plan to achieve: ▪ The object is to educate people about road safety.

end • something that you plan to achieve: ▪ He joined the society for political ends. ◊▪ That's only OK if you believe that ▪ the end justifies the means ▪ (= bad methods of doing sth are acceptable if the final result is good) ▪.

End is usually used in the plural or in particular fixed expressions.

to work **towards** a(n) target/objective/goal

an **ambitious/major/long-term/short-term/future** target/objective/goal

economic/financial/business targets/objectives/goals

to **set/agree on/identify/reach/meet/exceed** a(n) target/objective/goal

to **achieve** a(n) target/objective/goal/end

Example Bank:

- Continue until you reach the end of the road.
- Despite our differences, we were working to a common end.
- For her, shopping had become an end in itself.
- For her, travelling had become an end in itself rather than a means of seeing new places.

- He defended a morality in which the end justifies the means.
- He met his end at the Battle of Little Big Horn.
- He wants the reports by the end of the month.
- He was bound to meet a violent end one day.
- He won't win, but he'll keep fighting to the end.
- Her death marks the end of an era.
- His story was one big lie from beginning to end.
- I don't enjoy studying computing— it's just a means to an end.
- I just caught the tail end of the movie.
- I was getting bored towards the end of the talk.
- I'll never get to the end of this book!
- I'm staying until the end of this week.
- In the end, they decided to spend Christmas at home.
- It stayed hot right up to the end of September.
- It wasn't the end of their marriage, but it was the beginning of the end.
- She was prepared to lie in order to achieve her ends.
- She wished to have a house built, and to this end she engaged a local architect.
- Stand it on end.
- Take the free end of the rope and pass it through the hole.
- Talks were in progress to bring an end to the fighting.
- The author tied up all the loose ends of the story in the final chapter.
- The award was a fitting end to a distinguished career.
- The bank is right at the end of the street.
- The car was lifted up by the winds and tumbled end over end along the ground.
- The company believes in throwing new employees in at the deep end with no training.
- The end came when he collapsed after playing golf.
- The famous Las Vegas Strip is about three miles from end to end.
- The film's backers were delighted with the end product.
- The injury brought her career to an early end.
- The loss of this contract could signal the end of the line for the shipyard.
- The meeting finally came to an end at six.
- The money might have been used to more beneficial ends.
- The proceedings are expected to be at an end by 6 p.m.
- The rope was unfastened at one end.
- The teams changed ends at half time.
- The two parties represent opposite ends of the political spectrum.
- They get married at the end of the movie.
- Tie both ends of the string together.
- Turn into Hope Street and our house is right at the end.
- We tried cutting through a back road but it was a dead end.
- We walked along the whole promenade, from end to end.
- We will fight this case to the bitter end.
- What the business community wants is an end to the recession.
- You don't know who the murderer is until right at the end of the book.
- You should have your hair trimmed every few weeks to get rid of split ends.
- a dead-end job
- call for an end to the violence
- housebuyers at the cheap end of the market
- the southern end of the lake
- to come to a sticky end
- to come to a sticky = unpleasant, but deserved end
- I hope to finish this by the end of the week.
- It was the end of all his dreams.
- Let's put an end to these rumours once and for all.
- Stand the box on end.
- That's only OK if you believe that the end justifies the means.
- The coup brought his corrupt regime to an end.
- The meeting came to an end.
- There'll be a chance to ask questions at the end.
- They finally get named at the end of the book.
- We are willing to make any concessions necessary to this end.
- We had to hear about the whole journey from beginning to end.
- We need someone to handle the marketing end of the business.
- We've travelled from one end of Mexico to the other.
- With this end in view they employed 50 new sales reps.
- You've got something on the end of your nose.

Idioms: ↑at the end of something ▪ ↑at the end of the day ▪ ↑at the end of your tether ▪ ↑bad end ▪ ↑end in itself ▪ ↑end in tears ▪ ↑end it all ▪ ↑end justifies the means ▪ ↑end of story ▪ end of the line ▪ ↑end to end ▪ ↑end your days ▪ ↑end your life ▪ ↑get your end away ▪ ↑go to the ends of the earth ▪ ↑in the end ▪ ↑keep your end up ▪ ↑make ends meet ▪ ↑no end ▪ ↑no end of something ▪

↑not the end of the world ▪ ↑on end ▪ ↑put an end to it all ▪ ↑put an end to yourself ▪ something to end all sths ▪ ↑the end
Derived ↑end in something ▪ ↑end up

verb intransitive, transitive

to finish; to make sth finish

- The road ends here.
- How does the story end?
- The speaker ended by suggesting some topics for discussion.
- ~ **with sth** Her note ended with the words: 'See you soon.'
- ~ **sth** They decided to end their relationship.
- ~ **sth with sth** They ended the play with a song.
- + **speech** 'And that was that,' she ended.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	end
	BrE /end/
	NAmE /end/
he / she / it	ends
	BrE /ends/
	NAmE /ends/
past simple, past participle	ended
	BrE /ended/
	NAmE /ended/
-ing form	ending
	BrE /ending/
	NAmE /ending/

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end verb, T

- How does the story end?
- finish • • stop • • close • • wind (sth) up • |BrE round sth off • |AmE round sth out • |formal conclude • • terminate •

Opp: begin

end/finish/conclude/round sth off/round sth out **by/with** sth
 end/finish/conclude/close/wind up a **meeting**
 a **play/show/film** ends/finishes/concludes
 a **story/letter/note** ends/concludes

End, finish, stop or conclude? End, finish and conclude are used especially about things that you do not expect to start again

- The war ended in 1945.
- The concert should finish by 10 o'clock.
- She concluded her speech with a quotation from Shakespeare.

Stop is used about things that may or will start again

- The rain stopped for a couple of hours.

Example Bank:

- A back injury effectively ended her career.
- After all that excitement the day was bound to end in tears.
- At last the war ended.
- His speech ended on a positive note.
- The attempt finally ended in failure.
- The meeting ended abruptly when the chairman was called away.
- The military action could end in disaster.
- The peace talks have ended inconclusively, with neither side prepared to give way on key points.
- The show ended with a song.
- We thought they'd never end.

See also: ↑at the end of your rope ▪ ↑end of ...

end

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I. end¹ S1 W1 /end/ BrE^u AmE^u noun

[Word Family: noun: ↑end, ↑ending; adjective: ↑unending, ↑endless; verb: ↑end; adverb: ↑endlessly]
 [Language: Old English; Origin: ende]

1. LAST PART [singular] the last part of a period of time, event, activity, or story **OPP** beginning, start

end of
" Costs are expected to double by the end of 2012.

at the end
" What would she find at the end of her journey?
" Hooker's death marked the end of an era.

I played the tape from beginning to end.

2. FINISHED [singular] a situation in which something is finished or no longer exists

put/bring an end to something

It's hoped the talks may bring an end to the violence.

call for/demand an end to something

The EU is demanding an end to the ivory trade.

At last it seemed the war might be coming to an end.

The spacecraft is nearing the end of its useful life.

be at an end

He rose to indicate that the conversation was at an end.

Well, I hope that's the end of the matter.

Another year has passed, with no end in sight to the suffering.

3. FURTHEST PART [countable] the part of a place or object that is furthest from its beginning or centre

end of

We sat at opposite ends of the table.

He wore spectacles perched on the very end of his nose.

The end of the pencil snapped.

Jo joined the end of the line.

the far end (=furthest from you) of the room

The channel measures 20 feet from end to end.

stand/place something on end (=in an upright position)

He stood the box on end to open it.

lay/place something end to end (=in a line, with the ends touching)

bricks laid end to end

4. SCALE [countable usually singular] one of the two points that begin or end a scale

lower/cheaper etc end

the cheaper end of the price range

At the opposite end of the political spectrum are the Marxist theories.

Some teenagers are just a nuisance, but at the other end of the scale there are kids who pose a real threat.

5. CONNECTION [countable usually singular] one of two places that are connected by a telephone call, journey etc

the end of the phone/line

Sometimes, all you need is a calm voice on the end of the phone.

We'll get a bus connection at the other end.

Any problems at your end (=where you are)?

6. REMAINING PIECE [countable] especially British English a small piece of something that is left after you have finished with it:

cigarette ends

7. AIM [usually plural] an aim or purpose, or the result you hope to achieve

political/military etc ends

40% of all research is undertaken for military ends.

She'll do anything to achieve her own ends.

Every task has a clear end in view.

to that end formal:

He wants to cut costs, and to that end is looking at ways of cutting the company's operations.

an end in itself (=something you do because you want to, not in order to get other advantages)

IT is a tool for learning, not merely an end in itself.

the end justifies the means (=used to say that doing bad things is acceptable if they achieve an important result)

8. PART OF AN ACTIVITY [singular] informal part of a job, activity, or situation that involves or affects one person or group of people:

She works in the sales end of things.

9. SPORT [countable] one of the two halves of a sports field

10. DEATH [countable usually singular] a word meaning death – used to avoid saying this directly:

He met his end (=died) in a car accident.

11. at the end of the day spoken used to give your final opinion after considering all the possibilities:

At the end of the day, it's his decision.

12. for days/weeks etc on end for many days, weeks etc without stopping:

He was tortured for days on end.

13. in the end after a period of time, or after everything has been done:

What did you decide in the end?

14. end of (story) spoken informal used to mean that you will not say any more about something, or that the situation cannot be changed:

I'm not going – end of story.

15. the end of your tether/rope the point at which you are so angry and tired of a situation that you can no longer deal with it:

Frustrated and bitter, Hogan had reached the end of his tether with politics.

16. the end of the road/line the end of a process, activity, or state:

Our marriage had reached the end of the line.

17. make ends meet to have only just enough money to buy the things you need:

When Mike lost his job, we could barely make ends meet.

18. it's not the end of the world spoken used to tell someone that a problem is not as bad as they think

19. hold/keep your end up British English informal to stay brave and hopeful in a difficult situation

20. no end spoken informal very much:

Your letter cheered me up no end.

21. **no end of trouble/problems etc** *spoken informal* a lot of trouble etc:

" This will cause no end of trouble.

22. **the living end** *American English spoken* used as an expression of slight disapproval – often used humorously:

" What will she do next? She's the living end!

23. **go to the ends of the earth** *literary* to do everything possible to achieve something:

" I'd go to the ends of the earth to be with him.

24. **to the end of time** *literary* forever

⇒ **dead end**, **odds and ends**, ⇒ **be-all and end all** at **be²(15)**, ⇒ **to the bitter end** at **bitter¹(6)**, ⇒ **burn the candle at both ends** at **burn¹(19)**, ⇒ **jump/be thrown in at the deep end** at **deep¹(17)**, ⇒ **go off at the deep end** at **deep¹(18)**, ⇒ **be at a loose end** at **loose¹(14)**, ⇒ **make sb's hair stand on end** at **hair(8)**, ⇒ **be on/at the receiving end (of something)** at **receive(5)**, ⇒ **be on the sharp end of** at **sharp¹(19)**, ⇒ **come to a sticky end** at **sticky(6)**, ⇒ **the tail end of something** at **tail¹(6)**, ⇒ **at your wits' end** at **wit(7)**, ⇒ **get the wrong end of the stick** at **wrong¹(15)**

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

■ phrases

- **the end of the day/week/month etc** Karen's returning to the States at the end of the month.
- **the end of March/July/December etc** My licence runs out at the end of May.
- **the end of the war** The two men met once again before the end of the war.
- **be/mark the end of an era** (=be the end of a period of time in history that is known for a particular event, or for particular qualities) The principal's death marked the end of an era at the college.
- **from beginning to end** Michael Jordon led the race from beginning to end.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

■ verbs

- **come to an end** (=end) Arsenal's ten-match unbeaten run came to an end with a 3–2 defeat at United.
- **draw to an end** (=to reach the end) My holiday was drawing to an end.
- **get to/reach the end of something** The 40 year-old power station has now reached the end of its operating life.
- **put an end to something** (=make something end) A shoulder injury put an end to his baseball career.
- **bring an end to something/bring something to an end** (=make something end) They began peace talks aimed at bringing an end to the civil war.
- **call for/demand an end to something** (=publicly ask for something to happen or be done) The union is calling for an end to discrimination.

■ adjectives

- **a sudden/abrupt end** (=sudden and unexpected) After the news leaked out, his political career came to a sudden end.
- **an early end** Hopes of an early end to the conflict are fading.
- **a fitting end to something** (=right for a particular situation or occasion) The fireworks display was a fitting end to the celebrations.

■ phrases

- **the end of the matter** If you think that's the end of the matter, you're mistaken.
- **the end is in sight** (=near) After a three year wait, the end is finally in sight.

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THESAURUS (for Meaning 3)

- **end** the part of a place or object that is furthest from the centre or the beginning: the end of the table | the end of the street
- **tip** the end of something, especially something pointed: the tip of your nose | an arrow tip
- **point** the sharp end of something: The point of the pencil broke.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 3)

■ adjectives

- **the opposite/other end (of something)** Jon and his girlfriend were sitting at the opposite end of the bar.
- **the far end (of something)** (=furthest from you) He walked to the far end of the room and sat at his desk.
- **deep/shallow end** (=used about the ends of a swimming pool where the water is deepest or least deep) The kids were splashing about in the shallow end.

■ phrases

- **lay/place something end to end** (=in a line, with the ends touching) The roof tiles are laid end to end.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 8)

■ adjectives

- **political/military financial etc ends** The government exploited the situation for political ends.

■ verbs

- **achieve your own ends** (=to get what you want, used to show disapproval) Some people would do almost anything to achieve their own ends.

■ phrases

- **to that end** (=with that aim or purpose) Our first priority is safety, and the airline is working to that end.
- **an end in itself** (=the thing that you want to achieve) The programme is not an end in itself, but rather the first step the prisoner takes towards a new life.
- **the end justifies the means** (=used to say that something bad is acceptable, if it achieves a good result) Their defence, that the end justifies the means, is not acceptable.
- **a means to an end** (=a way of achieving what you want) To Joe, work was a means to an end, nothing more.

- with this end in view (=with this thing in mind as an aim) We need to reduce costs, so with this end in view, the company is switching supplier.

II. end² S1 W1 BrE¹ AmE¹ verb

[Word Family: noun: ↑end, ↑ending; adjective: ↑unending, ↑endless; verb: ↑end; adverb: ↑endlessly]

1.

a) [intransitive] if an event, activity, or story ends, it stops happening **OPP start, begin** :

World War II ended in 1945.

end with

The festival will end with a spectacular laser show.

b) [transitive] to make something stop happening **OPP start, begin** :

The talks are aimed at ending the conflict.

2. [intransitive] to finish what you are doing **OPP start, begin** :

I think we'll end there for today.

end by doing something

I'd like to end by inviting questions from the audience.

3. [intransitive] if a road, path, line etc ends, it reaches its final point **OPP start, begin** :

This is where the line ends.

4. [transitive] to reach the final point in a period of time in a particular condition **OPP start, begin** :

They ended the game with a score of 63-42.

The company ended the year with record profits.

5. **end your days** to spend the last part of your life in a particular place or doing a particular thing:

He ended his days in prison.

6. **end your life/end it all** to kill yourself

7. **the ... to end all ...** used to describe something that is the best, most important, or most exciting of its kind:

the movie with the car chase to end all car chases

8. **the year/week etc ending something** used to refer to the year etc that ends on a particular date:

the financial results for the year ending 31 Dec 2008

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THESAURUS

- **end** if a event, activity, or story ends, it stops happening: How does the story end? | The school year ends in June.
- **finish** to end - use this about an organized event such as a meeting, party, or lesson, especially when saying what time it ends: The meeting will finish at 5.30. | What time does your Spanish class finish?
- **be over** if an event, activity, or period of time is over, it has ended: I can't wait for our exams to be over. | The long summer vacation was almost over.
- **come to an end** to finally end – used about a period of time, a situation, or an activity that has continued for a long time: The war finally came to an end six years later.
- **draw to an end/to a close** *written* to end gradually over a period of time – used in written descriptions: These problems still remained as the twentieth century drew to an end.
- **time is up** if time is up, you are not allowed any more time to do something: I wasn't able to finish the test before the time was up.
- **time runs out** if time runs out, there is no more time available to do something, especially something important: The desperate search for survivors continues, but time is running out.
- **expire** *formal* if a ticket, bank card, legal document etc expires, the period of time during which you can use it has ended: I'm afraid we can't accept this credit card – it expired last week.
- **be at an end** if something is at an end, it has ended: We both knew that our marriage was at an end. | The long wait was at an end.

end in something *phrasal verb*

1. to finish in a particular way:

One in three marriages ends in divorce.

2. **it'll (all) end in tears** *British English spoken* used to say that something will have a bad result or not be successful

end up *phrasal verb*

to be in a particular situation, state, or place after a series of events, especially when you did not plan it:

He came round for a coffee and we ended up having a meal together.

I wondered where the pictures would end up after the auction.

end up doing something

Most slimmers end up putting weight back on.

end up with

Anyone who swims in the river could end up with a nasty stomach upset.

end up as

He could end up as President.

end up like

I don't want to end up like my parents.

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