

**occupy**

[ˈɒkjʊpaɪ] *v*

1. 1) **занимать (место, пространство и т. п.)**  
 to occupy a house [rooms, a cottage] - занимать дом [квартиру, дачу]  
 to occupy a seat - занимать место  
 the building occupies the entire block - здание тянется на весь квартал
- 2) **занимать, заполнять (время)**  
 school occupies all my time - школа отнимает у меня всё время  
 the dinner and speeches occupied three hours - обед и речи продолжались три часа  
 the lessons occupy the morning - утро отводится для занятий
2. 1) **мж. refl заниматься (чем-л.); уделять время (чему-л.)**  
 he occupied himself with solving some algebra problems - он занимался решением алгебраических задач  
 the workmen were occupied in putting down the house - рабочие были заняты разборкой дома  
 he was occupied in /with/ reading business letters - он был поглощён чтением деловых писем
- 2) **поглощать (мысли); занимать (ум)**  
 many cares and anxieties occupied his mind - он был поглощён своими заботами и тревожностями  
 sports often occupy a boy's attention - мальчики часто увлекаются спортом
3. **захватывать, оккупировать; завладевать**  
 to occupy a country [a town, enemy territory] - оккупировать /захватывать/ страну [город, вражескую территорию]
4. **занимать (пост), пребывать (на посту)**  
 Mr. N occupies an important position in the Ministry - г-н N занимает важный пост в министерстве
5. **временно владеть, пользоваться (чем-л.); арендовать**

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**oc-cupy AW** [occupy occupies occupied occupying] *BrE* [ˈɒkjʊpaɪ] *NAmE* [ˈɑːkjʊpaɪ] *v* **verb** (oc-cu-pies, oc-cu-py-ing, oc-cu-pied, oc-cu-pied)

1. ~ **sth** to fill or use a space, an area or an amount of time  
**Syn:** ↑take up
  - The bed seemed to occupy most of the room.
  - How much memory does the program occupy?
  - Administrative work occupies half of my time.
2. ~ **sth** (formal) to live or work in a room, house or building  
 • He occupies an office on the 12th floor.
3. ~ **sth** to enter a place in a large group and take control of it, especially by military force  
 • The capital has been occupied by the rebel army.  
 • Protesting students occupied the TV station.
4. to fill your time or keep you busy doing sth  
 • ~ **sb/sth/yourself** a game that will occupy the kids for hours  
 • Problems at work continued **to occupy his mind** for some time.  
 • ~ **sb/sth/yourself with sb/sth** She occupied herself with routine office tasks.  
 • ~ **sb/sth/yourself (in) doing sth** She occupied herself doing routine office tasks.
5. ~ **sth** to have an official job or position

**Syn:** ↑hold

- The president occupies the position for four years.
- jobs that have traditionally been occupied by men

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	occupy
	BrE / ˈɒkjʊpaɪ/
	NAmE / ˈɑːkjʊpaɪ/
he / she / it	occupies
	BrE / ˈɒkjʊpaɪz/
	NAmE / ˈɑːkjʊpaɪz/
past simple, past participle	occupied
	BrE / ˈɒkjʊpaɪd/
	NAmE / ˈɑːkjʊpaɪd/
-ing form	occupying
	BrE / ˈɒkjʊpaɪɪŋ/
	NAmE / ˈɑːkjʊpaɪɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: formed irregularly from Old French **occuper**, from Latin **occupare** 'seize'. A now obsolete vulgar sense 'have sexual relations with' seems to have led to the general avoidance of the word in the 17th and most of the 18th cent.

Thesaurus:

**occupy verb**

1. T

- Teaching occupies half her time.
- take up sth • • fill • • spend • • pass • • devote sth to sth • • while sth away •**  
 time is occupied/taken up **with** sth  
 occupy/take up/fill/spend/pass/devote/while away (the) **time**

occupy/take up/fill/spend/pass/devote/while away an hour/a couple of hours

2. T (formal)

- He occupies an office on the 3rd floor.

inhabit • • live • |formal reside •

occupy/inhabit/live in/reside in a house

occupy/inhabit/live in a building

3. T

- Soldiers occupied the capital.

invade • • seize • • capture • • take •

occupy/invade/seize/capture/take a town/city

occupy/invade/seize a country/region

occupy/seize/capture/take a building

troops/soldiers occupy/invade/seize/capture/take a place

Example Bank:

- How do you occupy your time?
- Their time is fully occupied with their rigorous training regime.

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occupy W2 AC /'ɒkjəpaɪ, 'ɒkjʊpaɪ \$ 'ɑːk/ BrE " AmE " verb (past tense and past participle occupied, present participle occupying, third person singular occupies) [transitive] [Word Family: noun: ↑occupation, ↑occupant, ↑occupancy; verb: ↑occupy; adjective: ↑occupied] [Date: 1300-1400; Language: French; Origin: occuper, from Latin occupare]

1. STAY IN A PLACE to live or stay in a place:

- He occupies the house without paying any rent.
- The building was purchased and occupied by its new owners last year.

2. FILL TIME if something occupies you or your time, you are busy doing it:

- Football occupies most of my leisure time.

occupy somebody with (doing) something

- Only six percent of police time is occupied with criminal incidents.

3. FILL SPACE to fill a particular amount of space SYN take up:

- Family photos occupied almost the entire wall.

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In everyday English, people usually say that something takes up time or space rather than occupies it:

- Work takes up most of her time.
- That bed takes up almost the whole room.

4. CONTROL BY FORCE to enter a place in a large group and keep control of it, especially by military force ⇒ invade :

- an occupying army
- Students occupied Sofia University on Monday.

5. occupy sb's mind/thoughts/attention if something occupies your mind etc, you think about that thing more than anything else

⇒ preoccupy:

- Work will occupy your mind and help you forget about him.

6. USE to use something such as a room, seat, or bed:

- Many patients who are occupying hospital beds could be transferred to other places.

7. OFFICIAL POSITION to have an official position or job SYN hold:

- Before becoming Prime Minister, he had already occupied several cabinet posts.

⇒ ↑occupied

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