

**gap****1. [gæp] n****1. 1) брешь; пролом; щель**

a gap between the curtains - просвет между занавесками

to open /to rend, to cut, to clear/ a gap in a hedge [in a fence, in a wall] - сделать пролом /проход/ в изгороди [заборе, стене]

to see smth. through a gap in the fence - видеть что-л. через щель в заборе

to fill up a gap - заделать брешь; заложить щель

**2) спорт. «окно» (сквозь которое можно пробить мяч)****2. 1) интервал, промежуток; расстояние**

there is a gap of 2 miles between us and the nearest house - от нас до ближайшего дома две мили

to leave a gap for the name - оставить место для фамилии

**2) «окно» (в расписании)****3) прогалина, просвет (в лесу)****4) с.-х. огрех, непропашка (на посевах)****3. пауза (в разговоре)**

I bridged a gap in the conversation by telling a joke - я рассказал анекдот, чтобы как-то заполнить паузу

**4. 1) пробел (в знаниях и т. п.)**

there are wide gaps in my knowledge of history - я многого не знаю из истории

there is a gap in his memory - у него провал памяти

to fill up /to close, to stop, to supply/ the gap - заполнить /ликвидировать/ пробел

he left a gap which will be hard to fill - с его уходом образовалась пустота, которую трудно заполнить

**2) лакуна, пропуск (в тексте, рассказе и т. п.)****3) недостача**

export gap - *ком.* экспортный дефицит

**5. расхождение (во взглядах и т. п.); разрыв, пропасть**

generation gap - разрыв между поколениями, проблема «отцов и детей»

this does not bridge the generation gap - от этого проблема «отцов и детей» не становится менее острой

to bridge the gap - преодолеть расхождение, «навести мосты»

to narrow /to reduce/ the gap - сократить разрыв

there is a wide gap between their views - они резко расходятся во взглядах

he reacted to the news with total skepticism, so great had the credibility gap become - официальным сообщениям настолько

мало верили, что он отнёсся к этой новости с крайним скептицизмом

**6. горный проход, ущелье****7. воен. прорыв (в обороне); брешь**

a gap in the defences - брешь в обороне

to fill /to plug, to seal/ the gap - ликвидировать прорыв

**8. тех.****1) зазор, люфт****2) разрыв****9. ав. расстояние между крыльями биплана****10. физ. энергетическая щель, запрещённая энергетическая зона****11. эл. разрядный промежуток**

◇ to stand in the gap - принять на себя главный удар

**2. [gæp] v**

проделать брешь

**gap**

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**gap** [gæp gæps] *BrE* [gæp] <sup>1</sup> *NAmE* [gæp] <sup>1</sup> **noun** ~ (in/between sth)

**1. a space between two things or in the middle of sth, especially because there is a part missing**

- a gap in a hedge
- Leave a gap between your car and the next.
- There should be a six-inch gap at the bottom.

**2. a period of time when sth stops, or between two events**

- a gap in the conversation
- They met again after a gap of twenty years.
- There's a big **age gap** between them (= a big difference in their ages).

**3. a difference that separates people, or their opinions, situation, etc**

- the gap between rich and poor
- the gap between theory and practice

**see also** ↑credibility, ↑generation gap

**4. a space where sth is missing**

- His death left an enormous gap in my life.
- There were several gaps in my education.
- We think we've identified a **gap in the market** (= a business opportunity to make or sell sth that is not yet available).

**see** bridge the gap/gulf/divide **at** ↑bridge <sub>v.</sub>

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old Norse, 'chasm'; related to ↑gape.

## Thesaurus:

**gap** *noun*

- 1. C**
  - a gap in a hedge/fence/wall

**space** • • **hole** • • **opening** •  
a/an gap/space/hole/opening **in** sth  
a gap/space **between** A and B  
**leave** a/an gap/space/hole/opening
- 2. C**
  - I waited for a gap in the conversation.

**break** • • **lull** • • **pause** •  
a gap/break/lull/pause **in** sth  
**after** a gap/break/lull/pause  
**fill** a gap/pause

**Gap, break or lull?** A **gap** or **lull** usually happens without being planned. A **break** is often planned.
- 3. C**
  - the widening gap between rich and poor

**gulf** • • **margin** •  
the gap/gulf/margin **between** A and B  
**bridge** the gap/gulf  
a gap/gulf **separates** A and B

## Example Bank:

- A huge gap has opened up between expectations and what is deliverable
- A rabbit darted through a gap in the fence.
- Ads are just there to fill the gaps between quiz shows.
- Despite the age gap, romance blossomed.
- He flashed his headlights and changed lanes whenever a gap opened up.
- He realized how narrow the gap was that separated him from his pagan ancestors.
- Her appointment will fill the gap created when the marketing manager left.
- His death left a huge gap in my life.
- I'm planning to travel in my gap year.
- Newspapers were talking of a credibility gap between what he said and what he did.
- Position the tiles, leaving a narrow gap between the edges.
- Seal the gaps around the windows with a sealant.
- She returned to teaching after a twelve-year gap.
- The company has exploited a lucrative gap in the market.
- The gap between rich and poor widened.
- We think we've identified a gap in the market.
- a gap in his career
- a job to fill the gap between high school and college
- an attempt to bridge the gap between the academic world and industry
- an awkward gap between the bed and the door
- legislation to close a gap in the law
- serious gaps in their knowledge
- the gender gap in earnings
- the knowledge gap between doctor and patient
- the unbridgeable gap between the two cultures
- wondering how to fill an awkward gap in the conversation
- Are you taking a gap year?
- I spotted a gap in the cars and went for it.
- I waited for a gap in the conversation.
- The gap between rich and poor gets wider every year.
- a movie that is sure to bridge the generation gap

## **gap**

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**gap** **S2 W2** /gæp/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *noun* [countable]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old Norse; Origin: 'hole, deep narrow valley']

**1. A SPACE** a space between two objects or two parts of an object, especially because something is missing

**gap in**

- The neighbors' dog got in through a gap in the hedge.
- a gap in the traffic

**gap between**

- the gap between the two rows of seats

**2. DIFFERENCE** a big difference between two situations, amounts, groups of people etc ⇒ **gulf**

**gap between**

- the widening gap between the rich and the poor ⇒ ↑ **generation gap**

**3. SOMETHING MISSING** something missing that stops something else from being good or complete

**gap in**

There are huge gaps in my knowledge of history.

Frank's death has left a big gap in my life.

**fill/plug the gap**

He filled the gap left by Hirst's retirement.

**4. IN TIME** a period of time when nothing is happening, that exists between two other periods of time when something is happening

**gap in**

an awkward gap in the conversation

**gap between**

The gaps between his visits got longer and longer. ⇒ ↑gap year

**5. IN A MOUNTAIN** a low place between two higher parts of a mountain

**6. gap in the market** a product or service that does not exist, so that there is an opportunity to develop that product or service and sell it

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**COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)**

**ADJECTIVES/NOUN + gap**

- **a big/large/wide gap** There's a big gap between the two test scores.
- **a huge/substantial etc gap** A huge gap exists between the life styles of the rich and the poor.
- **a narrow gap** There's only a narrow gap between the two candidates in the polls.
- **a yawning gap (=a very big difference)** There's a yawning gap between the earnings of men and women.
- **a growing/widening gap** There is a widening gap in the academic performance of boys and girls.
- **an unbridgeable gap (=a gap that cannot be closed)** He felt that there was an unbridgeable gap between the negotiating positions of the two sides.
- **a trade gap (=the difference between the amount a country imports and exports)** Britain's trade gap almost doubled last month.
- **the gender gap (=the difference between men and women)** The gender gap was visible in the way men and women voted during the presidential elections.
- **the generation gap (=the difference in attitudes, tastes etc between older and younger people)** Taste in music is a good indicator of the generation gap.
- **an age gap (=a difference in age between two people)** Despite the age gap, they became good friends.
- **a cultural gap (=a difference between cultures)** There is a cultural gap between Europe and America on this subject.

**verbs**

- **bridge/close/narrow the gap (=reduce the amount or importance of a difference)** The book aims to bridge the gap between theory and practice. | The policies are designed to close the gap between rich and poor.
- **the gap narrows** Polls show the gap between the two candidates has narrowed.
- **widen the gap** Technology has widened the gap between people with and without computer skills.
- **the gap widens** The gap is widening between the incomes of the rich and the less well-off.
- **a gap exists** A cultural gap exists between the older and the younger generations.

**gap**

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