

**string****1. [striŋ] n**

1. 1) верёвка, бечёвка

a ball [a piece] of string - клубок [кусок] верёвки /бечёвки/

2) тесёмка, завязка, шнурок

2. **муз.**

1) струна

string band /orchestra/ - струнный оркестр

string quartet - струнный квартет

string tuner - машинка для настройки струн (*скрипки и т. п.*)

the highest string of violin - квинта

to touch the strings - ударить по струнам; играть на струнном инструменте

to pluck the strings of a guitar - наигрывать на гитаре

2) **pl** струнные инструменты оркестра3) **pl** музыканты, играющие на струнных инструментах

3. 1) вереница, ряд; серия

a string of houses - ряд домов

a long string of tourists - длинная череда туристов

an interminable string of cars - нескончаемая вереница машин

a string of oaths [of lies] - одно ругательство за другим [одна ложь за другой]

a string of bursts - **воен.** пулемётная очередь

a string of islands - гряда островов

I had a string of questions to ask him - я хотел задать ему ряд вопросов

he had a string of successes - его успехи следовали один за другим

2) группа предметов, принадлежащих одному владельцу

a string of racehorses - скаковые лошади одной конюшни

a string of newspapers - группа газет (*одного владельца, корпорации и т. п.*)

4. 1) нитка

a string of beads - а) нитка бус; б) чётки

a string of pearls - нитка жемчуга

2) связка, косица (*лука и т. п.*)3) нить (*в приборе*)5. 1) тетива (*лука*)2) **спорт.** струна (*ракетки*)6. 1) волокно (*стручка фасоли*)2) жила (*в мясе*)3) **геол.** прожилок7. **амер. разг.** условие, ограничение

investigation with a string tied to it - ограниченное расследование

his acceptance has a string tied to it - он согласился, но с условием /с оговоркой/

without any strings attached - без каких-либо условий

8. **pl** связи, знакомства; влияние

to pull strings - использовать своё влияние /связи/

to pull strings to get smb. nominated - пустить в ход связи, чтобы добиться выдвижения чьей-л. кандидатуры

to pull strings to get smb. dismissed - исподтишка добиться чьего-л. увольнения

9. «ленточное бикини», купальник из двух ленточек (**тж.** string bikini)10. **стр.** косоур, тетива (*лестницы*)11. 1) черта, с которой вводится шар в игру (*бильярд; тж.* string line)2) удар по шару для определения порядка играющих (*бильярд*)12. **спорт.** группа спортсменов, отобранных по уровню мастерства

first string - лучшие игроки команды, первый состав

second string - дублёры, второй состав [**см. тж.** ◇]

the players of the second string will play today - сегодня будут играть игроки второго состава /дублирующей команды/

13. **тех.**1) ряд (*буровых штанг*)2) гирлянда (*изоляторов*)3) плетень (*рельсов*)4) нитка (*труб*)5) партия (*одновременно обрабатываемых деталей*)

◇ second string - а) запасное, дополнительное средство; резерв; he was to be her second string - она держала его про запас;

б) **театр.** дублёр, [**см. тж.** 12]

to have smb. on a string, to lead smb. in a string - всецело подчинить себе кого-л.; держать кого-л. на коротком поводке

to keep smb. on a string - водить кого-л. за нос

to touch a string - затронуть чью-л. слабую струнку

to touch a string in smb.'s heart - разжалобить кого-л.

to harp on one /on the same/ string - твердить одно и то же; ≅ тянуть одну и ту же песню

to have a string on smb. - **амер.** иметь козырь против кого-л.

to have two strings to one's bow - иметь выбор между двумя средствами; иметь какое-л. средство про запас

**2. [striŋ] v (strung)**

1. снабжать струной, тетивой
2. натягивать (*струну, тетиву и т. п.*)
3. настраивать (*музыкальный инструмент*)
4. напрягать (*мж. string up*)  
to be strung for a fight - напрячь силы для боя
5. 1) завязывать, привязывать; шнуровать
- 2) связывать (*мж. string together*)  
it was as much as he could do to string together a few words of French - он еле-еле мог связать несколько слов по-французски  
his sentences were so badly strung together that it was difficult to grasp their meaning - его предложения были так плохо построены, что было трудно уловить их смысл
6. нанизывать
7. вешать, протягивать (*гирлянды и т. п.*)
8. 1) расставлять в ряд
- 2) становиться в ряд
9. 1) удалять волокно (*стручка фасоли*); чистить (*фасоль*)
- 2) обрезать  
to string a strawberry-bed - обрезать усы клубники
10. делаться, становиться волокнистым
11. *разг.* обманывать, мистифицировать водить за нос (*часто string along*)
12. делать удар по шару для определения порядка играющих (*бильярд*)
13. повесить (*человека*; *мж. string up*)

## string

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**string** [string strings strung stringing] *noun, verb, adjective* BrE [striŋ] <sup>u</sup> NAmE

[striŋ] <sup>u</sup>

*noun*



### FOR TYING/FASTENING

**1. uncountable, countable** material made of several threads twisted together, used for tying things together; a piece of **string** used to fasten or pull sth or keep sth in place

- a **piece/length of string**
- He wrapped the package in brown paper and tied it with string.
- The key is hanging on a string by the door.

**see also** ↑drawstring, ↑G-string, ↑purse strings

### THINGS JOINED

**2. countable** a set or series of things that are joined together, for example on a **string**

- a string of pearls
- The molecules join together to form long strings.

### SERIES

**3. countable** a series of things or people that come closely one after another

- a string of hits
- He owns a string of racing stables.

### COMPUTING

**4. countable** a series of characters (= letters, numbers, etc.)

### MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

**5. countable** a tightly stretched piece of wire, ↑nylon, or ↑catgut on a musical instrument, that produces a musical note when the instrument is played

**6. the strings plural** the group of musical instruments in an ↑orchestra that have **strings**, for example ↑violins; the people who play them

- The opening theme is taken up by the strings.

**compare** ↑brass, ↑percussion, ↑woodwind

### ON TENNIS RACKET

**7. countable** any of the tightly stretched pieces of ↑nylon, etc. in a ↑racket, used for hitting balls in ↑tennis and some other games

### CONDITIONS

### 8. strings plural special conditions or restrictions

- Major loans like these always come with strings.
- It's a business proposition, pure and simple. **No strings attached** .

**more at** (tied to) your mother's, wife's, etc. apron strings **at** ↑apron, how long is a piece of string **at** ↑long adj., pull strings/pull the strings **at** ↑pull v.

#### Word Origin:

Old English streng (noun), of Germanic origin; related to German **Strang**, also to ↑strong. The verb (dating from late Middle English) is first recorded in the senses 'arrange in a row' and 'fit with a string'.

#### Thesaurus:

**string** noun U, C

- The key hangs on a string by the door.

**cord** • • **rope** • • **thread** • • **yarn** •

**tie sth with** string/cord/rope

**wind** the string/cord/thread/yarn

a string/cord/rope/thread **breaks**

a **length/piece** of string/cord/rope/thread

#### Example Bank:

- He pulled the string tight.
- He wound the string into a ball.
- I cut a length of string to tie up the package.
- Next to the phone, there was a pencil dangling on a string.
- Play it on the G string.
- The treatment is available in a string of clinics across the country.
- There's a knot in the string.
- There's been a whole string of accidents at that corner.
- This is the latest in a string of scandals associated with the president.
- Tie the string around the package.
- Tie the string round the parcel.
- a tennis player with a long string of successes on grass courts
- After winning a string of elections, the party suddenly went into decline.
- He had a whole string of broken relationships in his past.
- He retired after a string of chart hits in the 1980s.
- The company owns a string of casinos in Nevada

**Idiom:** ↑have another more strings to your bow

**Derived** ↑string along ▪ ↑string somebody along ▪ ↑string somebody up ▪ ↑string something out ▪ ↑string something together

verb (strung, strung BrE [strʌŋ] <sup>u</sup> ; NAmE [strʌŋ] <sup>u</sup> )

### HANG DECORATION

1. to hang or tie sth in place, especially as decoration

- ~ **sth + adv./prep.** We strung paper lanterns up in the trees.
- ~ **A on, along, in, etc. B** Flags were strung out along the route.
- ~ **B with A** The route was strung with flags.

### JOIN THINGS

2. ~ **sth + adv./prep.** to put a series of small objects on string, etc; to join things together with string, etc.

**Syn:** ↑thread

- She had strung the shells on a silver chain.
- (figurative) carbon atoms strung together to form giant molecules

### RACKET/MUSICAL INSTRUMENT

3. ~ **sth** to put a string or strings on a ↑racket or musical instrument

**see also** ↑highly strung

**Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	string
	BrE /strɪŋ/
	NAmE /strɪŋ/
he / she / it	strings
	BrE /strɪŋz/
	NAmE /strɪŋz/
past simple, past participle	strung
	BrE /strʌŋ/
	NAmE /strʌŋ/
-ing form	stringing
	BrE /'strɪŋɪŋ/
	NAmE /'strɪŋɪŋ/

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adjective only before noun

### MUSICAL INSTRUMENT

1. consisting of musical instruments that have strings; connected with these musical instruments
  - a string quartet
  - a string player

### MADE OF STRING

2. made of string or sth like string
  - a **string bag/vest**

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I. **string**<sup>1</sup> **S3 W2** /strɪŋ/ **BrE**<sup>st</sup> **AmE**<sup>st</sup> *noun*

[Language: Old English; Origin: streng]



1. **THREAD** [uncountable and countable] a strong thread made of several threads twisted together, used for tying or fastening things  
⇒ **rope:**

- Her key hung on a string around her neck.
- a ball of string
- I need a piece of string to tie this package.

2. **GROUP/SERIES** [countable]

a) a number of similar things or events coming one after another **SYN series**

**string of**

- a string of hit albums

b) a group of similar things

**string of**

- She owns a string of health clubs.

c) **technical** a group of letters, words, or numbers, especially in a computer program

3. **no strings (attached)** having no special conditions or limits on an agreement, relationship etc:

- The policy offers 15% interest, with no strings attached.

4. **string of pearls/lights/beads etc** several objects of the same type connected with a thread, chain etc

5. **MUSIC**

a) [countable] one of the long thin pieces of wire, **↑nylon** etc that are stretched across a musical instrument and produce sound

b) **the strings/the string section** the people in an **↑orchestra** or band who play musical instruments that have strings, such as **↑violins**

6. **first-string/second-string etc** relating to or being a member of a team or group with the highest, second highest etc level of skill:

- a first-string quarterback

7. **have somebody on a string** *informal* to be able to make someone do whatever you want:

- Susie has her mother on a string.

8. **have more than one string to your bow** *British English* to have more than one skill, idea, plan etc that you can use if you need to

⇒ **↑G-string**, ⇒ **how long is a piece of string?** at **↑long**<sup>1(9)</sup>, ⇒ **pull strings** at **↑pull**<sup>1(8)</sup>, ⇒ **pull the/sb's strings** at **↑pull**<sup>1(9)</sup>, ⇒

**the purse strings** at **↑purse**<sup>1(5)</sup>

II. **string**<sup>2</sup> **BrE**<sup>st</sup> **AmE**<sup>st</sup> *verb* (past tense and past participle **strung** /strʌŋ/) [transitive]

1. to put things together onto a thread, chain etc:

- beads strung on a silver chain

2. [always + adverb/preposition] to hang things in a line, usually high in the air, especially for decoration

string something along/across etc something

Christmas lights were strung from one end of Main Street to the other.

3. **be strung (out) along/across etc something** *written* to be spread out in a line:

the houses and shops were strung out along the bay

4. to put a string or a set of strings onto a musical instrument

⇒ **highly-strung** at ↑highly

**string along** *phrasal verb informal*

1. **string somebody along** to deceive someone for a long time by making them believe that you will help them, that you love them etc:

He's just stringing you along.

2. **British English** to go somewhere with someone for a short time, especially because you do not have anything else to do  
**string along with**

If you're going into town, I'll string along with you.

**string something** ↔ **out** *phrasal verb*

*informal* to make something continue longer than it should:

Rebel leaders attempted to string out negotiations to avoid reaching a settlement.

**string something** ↔ **together** *phrasal verb*

1. **string words/a sentence together** to manage to say or write something that other people can understand:

He was so drunk he could hardly string two words together.

2. to combine things in order to make something that is complete, good, useful etc:

They string together image after image until the documentary is completed.

**string somebody** ↔ **up** *phrasal verb informal*

to kill someone by hanging them

⇒ ↑strung-up

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