

curtain

1. ['kɜ:tn] *n*
 1. занавеска; штора; портьера
to draw the curtain - задёрнуть *или* отдёрнуть занавеску
 2. *театр.*
 - 1) занавес
curtain time - время начала спектакля, концерта *и т. п.*
the curtain rises [falls, drops] at eight sharp - занавес поднимается [опускается, падает] ровно в восемь [*ср. тж.* \diamond]
curtain up [down]! - поднять [опустить] занавес!
to ring the curtain up - дать звонок к поднятию занавеса
 - 2) поднятие занавеса; начало спектакля
five minutes before /until/ curtain - пять минут до начала спектакля /представления/
 - 3) опускание занавеса; конец спектакля
 3. завеса
curtain of fire [of smoke] - **воен.** огневая [дымовая] завеса
to draw the curtain on smth. - скрывать /замалчивать/ (*что-л.*)
to lift /to raise/ the curtain over smth. - приподнять завесу над чем-л.
4. *р/л сл.*
 - 1) конец (*карьеры и т. п.*)
if your work doesn't improve it will be curtains for you - если ты не станешь лучше работать, тебя выставят
 - 2) смерть; конец
5. (the Curtain) *полит.* железный занавес
 \diamond the curtain rises - представление *или* рассказ начинается [*ср. тж.* 2]
the curtain falls /drops/ - а) представление /рассказ/ кончается; б) жизнь подходит к концу; [*ср. тж.* 2]
behind the curtain - за кулисами
to take the curtain - выходить на аплодисменты
to call before the curtain - вызывать (*актёра на сцену*)

2. ['kɜ:tn] *v*
занавешивать
to curtain a window - занавесить окно

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cur-tain [curtain curtains curtained curtaining] **noun, verb** BrE ['kɜ:tn̩] *NAme*



1. **countable** a piece of cloth that is hung to cover a window
 - to **draw/pull/close the curtains** (= to pull them across the window so they cover it)
 - to **draw/draw back/pull back the curtains** (= to open them, so that the window is no longer covered)
 - It was ten in the morning but the curtains were still drawn (= closed) .
 - a pair of curtains

see also ↑drape
2. **countable** (NAme) (BrE **net 'curtain**) a very thin piece of cloth that you hang at a window, which allows light to enter but stops people outside from being able to see inside
3. **countable** a piece of cloth that is hung up as a screen in a room or around a bed, for example
 - a shower curtain

see also ↑Iron Curtain
4. **singular** a piece of thick, heavy cloth that hangs in front of the stage in the theatre
 - The audience was waiting for the curtain to rise (= for the play to begin) .
 - There was tremendous applause when the curtain came down (= the play ended) .
 - We left just before the **final curtain** .
 - (*figurative*) The curtain has fallen on her long and distinguished career (= her career has ended) .
 - (*figurative*) It's time to face the **final curtain** (= the end; death) .
5. **countable, usually singular** a thing that covers, hides or protects sth
 - a **curtain of rain/smoke**
 - She pushed back the curtain of brown hair from her eyes.

Word Origin:
Middle English: from Old French *cortine*, from late Latin *cortina*, translation of Greek *aulaia*, from *aulē* 'court'.

Thesaurus:

curtain noun C

• It was ten in the morning but the curtains were still drawn.

blind • • **hanging** • |especially AmE **drape** • • **screen** • |AmE **drapery** • • **shade** •

draw/close/open the curtains/blinds/drapes/shades

pull back/pull the curtains/drapes/draperies

Example Bank:

- He took a bag from a shelf behind some curtains.
- Heavy red velvetcurtains hung either side of the huge window.
- She pulled back the curtains, and sunlight streamed in.
- The curtains billowed as the wind caught them.
- They sat in the dark with the curtains drawn.
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Idioms: ↑bring down the curtain on something ▪ ↑bring the curtain down on something ▪ ↑curtains

Derived ↑curtain something off

verb ~ sth

to provide curtains for a window or a room

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	curtain
	BrE / 'kɜːtn/
	NAmE / 'kɜːrtn/
he / she / it	curtains
	BrE / 'kɜːtnz/
	NAmE / 'kɜːrtnz/
past simple, past participle	curtained
	BrE / 'kɜːtnd/
	NAmE / 'kɜːrtnd/
-ing form	curtaining
	BrE / 'kɜːtnɪŋ/
	NAmE / 'kɜːrtnɪŋ/

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See also: ↑net curtain

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I. **curtain**¹ **S3 W3** /'kɜːtn/\$'kɜːrtn/ **BrE** " **AmE** " **noun** [countable]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: cortine, from Late Latin cortina, from Latin cohors 'enclosure, court'; ⇒ ↑cohort]

1. a piece of hanging cloth that can be pulled across to cover a window, divide a room etc:

" red velvetcurtains

draw/close/pull the curtains

" Ella drew the curtains and switched the light on.

draw back/open the curtains

" Shall I open the curtains?

curtain rail/pole/rod (=for hanging a curtain on)

2. a sheet of heavy material that comes down at the front of the stage in a theatre

the curtain goes up/rises

" Before the curtain went up, the dancers took their places on stage.

the curtain comes down/falls

3. **written** a thick layer of something that stops anything behind it from being seen

curtain of

" a curtain of smoke

4. **bring down the curtain on something** *informal* to cause or mark the end of a situation or period of time:

" The decision brought down the curtain on a 30-year career.

5. **(it'll) be curtains for somebody/something** *informal* used to say that someone will die or that something will end

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- **draw/close/pull the curtains** (=close them) The room was dark because the curtains were drawn.
- **open/draw (back)/pull back the curtains** (=open them) Would you mind opening the curtains?
- **curtains hang** Bright red curtains hung cheerfully at all the windows.
- **put up/hang curtains** (=fix new curtains at a window) She was standing on a ladder hanging some new curtains.

■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + curtain

- **heavy/thick curtains** (=made of thick material) Heavy curtains help to keep the house warm.
- **velvet/net/lace etc curtains** (=made of velvet, net etc)
- **a shower curtain** (=for keeping the water in the shower)

■ curtain + NOUN

- **a curtain rail/pole/rod** (=a long stick for hanging a curtain) Velvet can be heavy so choose a strong curtain pole.
- **curtain fabric/material** (=for making curtains) I need to go to town to buy some curtain fabric.
- **curtain hooks** (=for attaching curtains to a rail) The curtain has loops, so you don't need curtain hooks.

II. curtain² BrE¹ AmE¹ verb

curtain something ↔ **off** phrasal verb

to separate one area, room etc from another by hanging a curtain between them:

▪ The room was **curtained off** by red drapes.

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