

confine

1. [ˈkɒnfain] *n*

1) граница, предел

within the confines of our country - в границах /в пределах территории нашей страны
 the future of the city lies in the eastern corner of its confines - город будет разрастаться за счёт его восточных районов

2) предел, рубеж, разделительная линия (*между понятиями*)

this is outside the confines of human knowledge - этого человеку знать не дано

2. [kənˈfaɪn] *v*

1. ограничивать

to confine oneself - ограничиваться
 to confine oneself to facts - придерживаться только фактов
 I shall confine myself to saying that ... - я ограничусь тем, что скажу, что ...
 to confine the use of a word - ограничить употребление слова
 he confined his reading to biography - он читал только биографии
 please confine your remarks to the subject we are discussing - пожалуйста, не отклоняйтесь от предмета обсуждения

2. 1) заточить, держать взаперти

to confine a bird in a cage - держать птицу в клетке

2) заключать в тюрьму

to confine a prisoner in a cell - запереть арестованного в камере
 to be confined at hard labour - отбывать каторжные работы

3. *обыкн. pass* приковывать

to be confined to bed - быть прикованным к постели
 to be confined to one's room - не выходить из комнаты из-за болезни
 his job confined him to London - работа заставила его жить в Лондоне

4. *обыкн. pass* рожать; быть в родильном доме

she expects to be confined about the end of the month - она собирается родить в конце месяца

5. *физ.* удерживать (*от разлёта*)

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con·fine *AW* [con·fine confines confined confining] *BrE* [kənˈfaɪn] *NA* *ME*

[kənˈfaɪn] *v*

1. ~ **sb/sth to sth** *often passive* to keep sb/sth inside the limits of a particular activity, subject, area, etc.

Syn: ↑restrict

- The work will not be confined to the Glasgow area.
- I will **confine myself** to looking at the period from 1900 to 1916.

2. ~ **sb/sth (in sth)** *usually passive* to keep a person or an animal in a small or closed space

- Keep the dog confined in a suitable travelling cage.
- Here the river is confined in a narrow channel.
- The soldiers concerned were **confined to barracks** (= had to stay in the ↑barracks, as a punishment) .

3. be confined to bed, a wheelchair, etc. to have to stay in bed, in a ↑wheelchair, etc

- She was confined to bed with the flu.
- He was confined to a wheelchair after the accident.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	confine
	BrE /kənˈfaɪn/
	NA/ME /kənˈfaɪn/
he / she / it	confines
	BrE /kənˈfaɪnz/
	NA/ME /kənˈfaɪnz/
past simple, past participle	confined
	BrE /kənˈfaɪnd/
	NA/ME /kənˈfaɪnd/
-ing form	confining
	BrE /kənˈfaɪnɪŋ/
	NA/ME /kənˈfaɪnɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English (as a noun): from French **confins** (plural noun), from Latin **confinia**, from **confinis** 'bordering', from **con-** 'together' + **finis** 'end, limit' (plural **finēs** 'territory'). The verb senses are from French **confiner**, based on Latin **confinis**.

Example Bank:

- Let's confine our attention to the problem of illegal drugs.
- Not all horror stories are safely confined to the television set or movie screen.
- Poverty and deprivation are by no means confined to the north of the country.
- She's been confined to a wheelchair since having a bad fall.
- The discussion will be confined largely to general principles.
- These small mammals are generally confined to the south of the island.
- They confined themselves to purely economic matters.
- Here the river is confined to a narrow channel.
- The soldiers concerned were confined to barracks.

confine**confine** **W3 AC** /kən'faɪn/ *BrE* " *AmE* " *verb* [transitive][Word Family: **noun**: ↑confinement, ↑confines; **verb**: ↑confine; **adjective**: ↑confined]

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1. LIMIT to keep someone or something within the limits of a particular activity or subject **SYN restrict****confine something to something**

- " The police cadet's duties were confined to taking statements from the crowd.
- " We confined our study to ten cases.

confine yourself to (doing) something

- " Owen did not confine himself to writing only one type of poem.

2. KEEP SOMEBODY IN A PLACE to keep someone in a place that they cannot leave, such as a prison**confine somebody to something**

- " Any soldier who leaves his post will be confined to barracks (=made to stay in the barracks).

be confined in something

- " He was allegedly confined in a narrow dark room for two months.

3. STOP SOMETHING SPREADING to stop something bad from spreading to another place**confine something to something**

- " Firefighters managed to confine the fire to the living room.

4. STAY IN ONE PLACE [usually passive] if you are confined to a place, you have to stay in that place, especially because you are ill:

- " Vaughan is confined to a wheelchair.
- " She's confined to bed with flu.

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