

1. ['waɪə] *n*

1. проволока

elastic wire - проволочная пружина

2. электрический провод

3. 1) телеграфный или телефонный провод

2) телеграфная или телефонная связь

3) *амер. разг.* телеграмма

to send a wire - послать телеграмму, телеграфировать

4. *pl*

1) механизм управления куклами в кукольном театре

2) тайные пружины, скрытые силы, руководящие действиями лиц или организаций

to pull the wires - нажимать на тайные пружины, пустить в ход связи; тайно влиять (*на что-л.*)

5. линия финиша на скачках

6. *разг.* трос7. *редк.* струна8. *редк.* проволочная сетка

9. заграждение или ограда из (колючей) проволоки

under wire - обнесённый колючей проволокой

10. *вор. жарг.* предупреждение, тайный сигнал

to give smb. the wire - тайно предупредить кого-л.

11. *охот.* проволочный силок (*на зайцев*)12. *разг.* жесткошёрстный терьер13. *сл.* ловкий карманник

◇ to be on wires - быть в состоянии нервного возбуждения; дёргаться (*от нетерпения и т. п.*); ≅ быть как на иголках

under the wire - *амер.* а) у линии финиша б) в последнюю минуту

to get one's wires crossed - перепутать, неправильно понять

2. ['waɪə] *v*1. связывать или скреплять проволокой (*тж.* wire together)

2. 1) прокладывать или монтировать проводку

to wire a house for electricity - провести в дом электричество

2) *воен.* прокладывать линию проводной связи

3. телеграфировать

to wire to smb. - телеграфировать кому-л.

to wire for smb. - вызвать кого-л. телеграммой

4. *воен.* устанавливать проволочные заграждения5. *охот.* ловить в проволочные силки6. *сл.* предрешать результаты соревнования7. (in, into) *разг.* энергично приниматься, набрасываться

to wire into a meal - наброситься на еду

wire

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wire [wire wires wired wiring] *noun, verb* BrE ['waɪə(r)] ⁴ NAmE ['waɪə] ⁴

*noun*1. **uncountable, countable** metal in the form of thin thread; a piece of this

- a coil of copper wire
- a wire basket
- The box was fastened with a rusty wire.

see also ↑barbed wire, ↑high wire, ↑tripwire

2. **countable, uncountable** a piece of wire that is used to carry an electric current or signal

- overhead wires
- fuse wire
- The telephone wires had been cut.

see also ↑hot-wire

3. **the wire** *singular* a wire fence

- Three prisoners escaped by crawling under the wire.

4. **countable** (informal, especially NAmE) = ↑telegram

- We sent a wire asking him to join us.

see also ↑wiry

more at a live wire **at** ↑live ², pull wires (for sb) **at** ↑pull _{v.}

Word Origin:

Old English wīr; of Germanic origin, probably from the base of Latin *viere* 'plait, weave'.

Example Bank:

- Behind the wire, the prisoners were exercising.
- Cool the cakes on a wire rack.
- Don't place carpets over electrical wires.
- Don't touch that wire. It's live.

- He disconnected the wire from the clock.
- I found myself tripping over a tangle of wires and cables.
- One man rode a bicycle along the high wire as the climax to the act.
- Surely the wires shouldn't show like that?
- The electrician ran a wire from the kitchen to the bedroom.
- The wire was attached to a pin in the plug.
- The wire was stretched between two poles.
- There were wires trailing everywhere
- They cut the perimeter wire and escaped.
- Watch out for bare wires.
- We got in under the wire.
- Where does this wire go?
- a fence topped with razor wire
- coils of barbed wire
- overhead electricity wires
- the flow of electrical current down a wire
- wire coat hangers
- a spider's web of unsightly overhead wires
- a wire rack/basket

Idioms: ↑get your wires crossed ▪ go/come down to the wire

verb

1. ~ **sth (up)** to connect a building, piece of equipment, etc. to an electricity supply using wires
 - Make sure the plug is wired up correctly.
2. ~ **sb/sth up (to sth)** | ~ **sb/sth to sth** to connect sb/sth to a piece of equipment, especially a ↑tape recorder or computer system
 - He was wired up to a police tape recorder.
 - The microphone was wired to a loudspeaker.
3. ~ **sth (for sth)** to put a special device somewhere in order to listen secretly to other people's conversations

Syn: ↑bug

 - The room had been wired for sound.
4. (especially NAmE) to send sb a message by ↑telegram
 - ~ **sth (to sb)** He wired the news to us.
 - ~ **sb (sth)** He wired us the news.
5. to send money from one bank to another using an electronic system
 - ~ **sth (to sb)** The bank wired the money to her.
 - ~ **sb sth** The bank wired her the money.
6. ~ **sth** to join things together using wire

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	wire
	BrE / 'waɪə(r) /
	NAmE / 'waɪər /
he / she / it	wires
	BrE / 'waɪəz /
	NAmE / 'waɪərz /
past simple, past participle	wired
	BrE / 'waɪəd /
	NAmE / 'waɪərd /
-ing form	wiring
	BrE / 'waɪərɪŋ /
	NAmE / 'waɪərɪŋ /

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Example Bank:

- Many homes were wired for lighting only.
- She was wired up to a heart monitor.
- The Christmas tree lights are all wired to one plug.
- The components have to be wired together in a certain way.
- We're genetically wired to love sugar.
- You should check that the socket is correctly wired.

wire

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1. **wire** ¹ **S2 W3** /waɪə \$ waɪr/ **BrE** ^u **AmE** ^e **noun**

[**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑wire, ↑wireless, ↑wiring; **adjective:** ↑wiry, ↑wired, wireless; **verb:** ↑wire]

[**Language:** Old English; **Origin:** wir]



- [uncountable and countable] thin metal in the form of a thread, or a piece of this:
copper wire
a wire fence ⇒ ↑barbed wire, ↑high wire, ↑tripwire
- [countable] a piece of metal like this, used for carrying electrical currents or signals:
a telephone wire
- get your wires crossed to become confused about what someone is saying because you think they are talking about something else
- go/come/be down to the wire *informal especially American English* to be finished or achieved with very little time left:
The game was very close and went right down to the wire.
- [countable] *American English* a piece of electronic recording equipment, usually worn secretly on someone's clothes
- [countable] *American English* a ↑telegram

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COLLOCATIONS

ADJECTIVES/NOUN + wire

- fine/thin Use a piece of fine wire to clear the obstruction.
- thick Curtains hung from a thick wire.
- copper/steel wire Electrical impulses are sent down the copper wire.
- barbed wire (=wire with a lot of sharp points on it, used for making fences) The prison was surrounded by barbed wire.

wire + NOUN

- a wire fence We drew up outside a compound surrounded by a wire fence.
- a wire rack Bake the biscuits for 10 minutes until golden. Cool on a wire rack.

phrases

- a piece/length/strand of wire The pieces of wire he'd cut were too short.
- a coil of wire The coil of barbed wire will be used for a fence.
- a loop of wire There is no latch or knob – just a loop of wire that goes over a nail.

II. wire² BrE² AmE² verb [transitive]

[Word Family: noun: ↑wire, ↑wireless, ↑wiring; adjective: ↑wiry, ↑wired, wireless; verb: ↑wire]

1. (also wire up)

- to connect wires inside a building or piece of equipment so that electricity can pass through:
Check that the plug has been wired up properly.
- to connect electrical equipment to the electrical system using wires

wire something to something

The CD player had been wired up to the car's cigarette lighter.

2. to send money electronically

3. to attach a piece of recording equipment to a person or room, especially secretly

4. be wired for something to have all the necessary wires and connections for an electrical system to work:

All the rooms have been wired for cable TV.

5. American English to send a ↑telegram to someone

6. to fasten two or more things together using wire

wire something together

The poles had all been wired together.

⇒ ↑wiring

wire

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