

continuous[kən'tɪnjuəs] *a*

1. 1) непрерывный, непрекращающийся, длительный

continuous laughter [coughing] - непрерывный смех [кашель]

continuous show - показ кинофильма без перерыва между сеансами

continuous line of cars - нескончаемая вереница автомобилей

continuous cropping - *с.-х.* бессменная культура; монокультураcontinuous function - *мат.* непрерывная функцияcontinuous working - *тех.* поточное производствоcontinuous running - *тех.* а) режим длительной нагрузки; б) длительный пробегcontinuous fire - *воен.* методический огоньcontinuous service - *воен.* сверхсрочная служба

2) непрерывного действия

continuous performance theatre - кинотеатр работающий без перерывов между сеансами

continuous film printer - кинокопировальный аппарат с непрерывным движением плёнки

continuous information - регулярная информация

continuous flow irrigation - непрерывная система орошения

continuous load - *тех.* сплошная или непрерывно действующая нагрузкаcontinuous kiln - *метал.* методическая печь, печь непрерывного действия2. *спец.* сплошнойcontinuous spectrum - *физ.* сплошной спектрcontinuous felling - сплошная сводка (*леса*)continuous suture - *мед.* непрерывный шовcontinuous beam - *стр.* неразрезная балка3. *эл.* постоянный (о токе)continuous waves - *радио* незатухающие колебания4. *грам.* длительныйcontinuous form - длительная форма (*глагола*)**continuous**

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con-tinu-ous *BrE* [kən'tɪnjuəs] ^ˈ *NAmE* [kən'tɪnjuəs] ^ˈ **adjective**

1. happening or existing for a period of time without interruption

- Recovery after the accident will be a continuous process that may take several months.
- Stop smoking and you will see a continuous improvement in your health.
- She was in continuous employment until the age of sixty-five.
- The rain has been continuous since this morning.

2. spreading in a line or over an area without any spaces

- a continuous line of traffic
- Rain was falling outside in a continuous silver curtain.

3. (*informal*) repeated many times**Syn:** ↑continual

- For four days the town suffered continuous attacks. **Continual** is much more frequent in this meaning.

4. (*grammar*) = ↑progressive

- the continuous tenses

Derived Word ↑continuously**Word Origin:**mid 17th cent.: from Latin **continuus** 'uninterrupted', from **continere** 'hang together' (from **con-** 'together with' + **tenere** 'hold') + ↑-ous.**Thesaurus:****continuous** [**continuous continuously**] **adj.**

1.

- It was a week of almost continuous sunshine.

continual • • **unbroken** • • **uninterrupted** • • **endless** • • **perpetual** • • **never-ending** • • **persistent** • • **round-the-clock** • • **non-stop** • |disapproving **relentless** • • **incessant** •**Opp:** **intermittent**a/an continuous/uninterrupted/endless/never-endingrelentless/incessant **flow** of sth

a/an continuous/unbroken/uninterrupted/endless/never-endingsuccession/series

(a/an) continuous/continual/relentless/endless/never-endingstruggle

Continuous or continual? **Continuous** is more frequent and has a wider range of uses than **continual**. **Continual** is used especially to describe states of mind or body; collocates include **state**, **fear**, **pain** and **delight**.

2.

- The soldiers suffered continuous attacks.

continual • • **constant** • • **persistent** • • **frequent** • • **regular** • • **habitual** • |especially written **perpetual** •continuous/continual/constant/persistent/frequent/regular/habitual **use/attacks**a continuous/continual/constant/persistent/frequent/perpetual **problem**a continuous/continual/constant/frequent/perpetual **source** of sth**Which word?** **Persistent** is often used to talk about medical problems or problems in society; **perpetual** is used to talk about

annoying personal habits. **Continuous** and **continual** are used more in spoken English and less formal contexts.

Synonyms:

continuous / continual

These adjectives are frequently used with the following nouns:

continuous ~	continual ~
process	change
employment	problems
flow	updating
line	questions
speech	pain
supply	fear

Continuous describes something that continues without stopping.

Continual usually describes an action that is repeated again and again.

The difference between these two words is now disappearing. In particular, **continual** can also mean the same as **continuous** and is used especially about undesirable things: ▪ Life was a continual struggle for them. However, **continuous** is much more frequent in this sense.

Example Bank:

- Awards are based on continuous assessment of course work as well as a final examination.
- Do the exercise in one continuous flowing motion.
- Experiments were conducted in the continuous daylight of the Arctic summer.
- He watched television as if it was one continuous programme.
- I could hear a faint continuous noise.
- It was a week of almost continuous sunshine.
- It was the longest period of continuous growth in the company's history.
- Progress in learning a language is continuous but uneven
- She retired after 25 years' continuous service with the company.
- The company said the reasons for closure were poor margins and continuous losses.
- The soldiers suffered continuous attacks for four days.
- The woollen mill has been in continuous production since the 18th century.
- These policies are vital for continuous improvement in economic performance.
- You need to have been in continuous employment for at least two years.
- a persistent/perpetual/continual/continuous problem

continuous

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con'tinjuəs S3 W3 /kən'tɪnjuəs/ BrE AmE adjective

[Word Family: adjective: ↑continual, ↑continued ≠DISCONTINUED, ↑continuous ≠↑discontinuous; noun: ↑continuation ≠↑discontinuation, ↑continuity ≠↑discontinuity; adverb: ↑continually, ↑continuously; verb: ↑continue ≠↑discontinue]

[Date: 1600-1700; Language: Latin; Origin: continuus, from continere; ⇒ ↑contain]

1. continuing to happen or exist without stopping ⇒ **continue**:

- continuous economic growth
- a continuous flow of information

2. something such as a line that is continuous does not have any spaces or holes in it **OPP broken**

3. **continuous assessment** *British English* a way of judging a student's ability by looking at the work they have done during the year rather than by an examination

4. **technical** the continuous form of a verb shows that an action is continuing. In English, this is formed by the verb 'be', followed by a ↑present participle, as in 'I was waiting for the bus.' ⇒ **simple**

—**continuously** *adverb*:

- UMNO had ruled Malaysia continuously since independence.

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▪ **continual** continuing for a long time without stopping, or happening many times in a way that is annoying or causes problems: There has been a continual improvement in standards. | There were continual interruptions all day. | The couple were having continual arguments and they decided that the best thing to do was to split up.

▪ **continuous** continuing without stopping: a continuous process of change | I've had six continuous hours of meetings. | The machines have remained in continuous service over the last six years without any problem.

▪ **constant** used when saying that something does not stop or always stays the same, or that something keeps happening.

Constant is often used about things that are worrying, frightening, or difficult: There is a constant stream of water coming out of the ground. | The plane was traveling at a constant speed of 650 kilometres an hour. | The refugees live in constant fear of attack. | There is always the constant threat of war. | His illness makes life a constant struggle for him and his parents. | The photographs are a constant reminder (=something that makes you keep remembering something) of what happened in Bosnia.

▪ **uninterrupted** [only before noun] continuing for a long time without anything stopping it - used especially when it is important for something to continue: Women with small babies seldom get more than two or three hours of uninterrupted sleep. | The nation has enjoyed nine years of uninterrupted economic growth. | The system helps to maintain an uninterrupted flow of traffic. | an uninterrupted view of the mountains

▪ **non-stop** *adjective, adverb* continuing for a long time without stopping – used especially about rain, journeys, work, or

entertainment: two days of nonstop rain | a nonstop flight to Tokyo | The concert will be seven hours of non-stop entertainment. | They worked non-stop.

- **on-going** if work or a situation is on-going, it will continue into the future, though there will be pauses in it: The police said the investigation is on-going. | ongoing negotiations
- **solid** [only before noun] used when emphasizing that you do something all through a period of time, with no breaks at all: After eight solid hours of driving, I was exhausted. | It took two solid weeks of work to fix the tunnel.

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