

seize[si:z] *v*

1. 1) хватать, схватить (*мж.* to seize hold of)
to seize a rope [a stick] - схватить /ухватиться за/ верёвку [палку]
to seize smb. by the arm [by the throat, by the collar] - схватить кого-л. за руку [за горло, за шиворот]
to seize with both hands - схватить двумя руками
he seized the package from my hand - он вырвал у меня свёрток из рук
- 2) поймать, арестовать
to seize a thief - поймать вора
to seize a criminal - схватить преступника
2. захватывать, завладевать (*мж.* seize on)
to seize the throne - завладеть тронem
to seize the reins of power - захватить бразды правления
they seized all they could - они захватили всё, что могли
to seize an idea - присвоить себе чужую мысль
3. конфисковать, наложить арест
to seize documents [contraband goods] - конфисковать документы [контрабанду]
your property will be seized - ваше имущество будет конфисковано
4. (*мж.* on, upon) ухватиться, воспользоваться
to seize an opportunity /the occasion/ - воспользоваться удобным случаем
to seize a suggestion [a chance] - ухватиться за предложение [за возможность]
to seize on /upon/ a pretext for departing - ухватиться /уцепиться/ за (*какой-л.*) предлог, чтобы уехать
the offer was seized by Jack with both hands - за это предложение Джек ухватился обеими руками /руками и ногами/
5. понимать
to seize the point /the essence of the matter/ - понять /уловить/ самую суть вопроса
I can't quite seize your meaning - я не совсем понимаю, что вы имеете в виду /вашу мысль/
he quickly seized on a basic flaw in our argumentation - он быстро нащупал основное слабое место в нашей аргументации
6. *преим. pass* охватить, обуть
he was seized with terror [with fear, with panic] - его охватил /на него напал/ ужас [страх, -а паника]
he was seized with a fit of coughing - у него начался приступ кашля
he was seized with apoplexy - его хватил удар
amazement seizes me - я поражён
7. *юр.* вводить во владение (*имуществом*)
to be /to stand/ seized of /with/ - владеть (*чем-л.*)
8. *тех.* заедать (*о трущихся деталях*); застревать (*мж.* seize up)

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seize [seize seizes seized seizing] *BrE* [siːz] *NAme* [siːz] *verb*

1. to take sb/sth in your hand suddenly and using force
Syn: ↑grab
• ~ **sth from sb** She tried to seize the gun from him.
• ~ **sb/sth** He seized her by the arm.
• She **seized hold of** my hand.
2. ~ **sth (from sb)** to take control of a place or situation, often suddenly and violently
• They seized the airport in a surprise attack.
• The army has **seized control of** the country.
• He **seized power** in a military coup.
3. ~ **sb** to arrest or capture sb
• The men were seized as they left the building.
4. ~ **sth** to take illegal or stolen goods away from sb
• A large quantity of drugs was seized during the raid.
5. ~ a chance, an opportunity, the initiative, etc. to be quick to make use of a chance, an opportunity, etc.
Syn: ↑grab
• The party **seized** the initiative **with both hands** (= quickly and with enthusiasm).
6. ~ **sb** (*of an emotion*) to affect sb suddenly and deeply
• Panic seized her.
• He **was seized by** curiosity.
7. = ↑seize up
Derived ↑seize on something ▪ ↑seize up

Verb forms:

| verb forms | |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| present simple | |
| I / you / we / they | seize |
| | BrE /si:z/ |
| | NAme /si:z/ |
| he / she / it | seizes |
| | BrE /si:zɪz/ |
| | NAme /si:zɪz/ |
| past simple, past participle | seized |
| | BrE /si:zɪd/ |
| | NAme /si:zɪd/ |
| -ing form | seizing |
| | BrE /si:zɪŋ/ |
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Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **seizir** 'give **seisin** (possession of land)', from medieval Latin **sacire**, in the phrase **ad proprium sacire** 'claim as one's own', from a Germanic base meaning 'procedure'.

Thesaurus:

seize verb often passive (especially journalism)

- Officers seized a large quantity of drugs.

confiscate • **commandeer** • **impound** • formal **appropriate** • **requisition** •

seize/confiscate/appropriate/requisition **land**

seize/confiscate/appropriate **assets/funds/property**

the **government** seizes/confiscates/commandeers/requisitions sth

the **authorities** seize/commandeer/requisition/impound sth

Example Bank:

- He seized the book from her hand.
- He was immediately seized and thrown into prison.
- He was quick to seize on this idea.
- She promptly seized the opportunity his absence gave her.
- She seized him by the arm.
- The rumours were eagerly seized on by the local press.
- The wrestlers try to seize hold of each other.
- We have the legal right to seize his property.
- A Briton has been seized by border guards and jailed for eight years.
- Terrorists have seized his wife and children.
- The party seized the initiative with both hands.

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seize W3 /siːz BrE ˈ AmE ˈ verb [transitive]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: **saisir** 'to take possession of', from Medieval Latin **sacire**]

1. to take hold of something suddenly and violently **SYN grab**:

▪ Suddenly, he seized my hand.

seize something from somebody

▪ Maggie seized the letter from her.

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In everyday English, people usually say **grab** or **grab hold of** rather than **seize**:

▪ She **grabbed hold of** his hand.

2. to take control of a place suddenly and quickly, using military force

seize power/control (of something)

▪ The rebels have seized power.

▪ A group of soldiers seized the airport.

3. if the police or government officers seize something, for example illegal drugs, they take legal possession of it:

▪ 160,000 CDs were seized from illegal factories.

▪ All of my **assets** were **seized**, including my home.

4. to suddenly catch someone and make sure they cannot get away:

▪ The gunmen were seized at 1 am.

5. **seize a chance/an opportunity/the initiative** to quickly and eagerly do something when you have the chance to

6. **be seized with/by terror/desire etc** to suddenly be affected by an extremely strong feeling:

▪ When she saw his face, she was seized by fear.

seize on/upon something phrasal verb

to suddenly become very interested in an idea, excuse, what someone says etc:

▪ His every remark is seized upon by the press.

seize up phrasal verb

a) if an engine or part of a machine seizes up, its moving parts stop working and can no longer move, for example because of lack of oil:

▪ The mechanism had seized up.

b) if a part of your body, such as your back, seizes up, you suddenly cannot move it and it is very painful

THESAURUS

- **hold** to have something in your hand, hands, or arms: Maria came in holding a letter. | Can I hold the baby?
- **grip** to hold something very tightly and not let it go: He gripped her arm so she couldn't walk away. | Jenny gripped the side of the boat to steady herself.
- **clutch** to hold something tightly, especially because you do not want to drop or lose it: A businessman hurried past, clutching his briefcase. | The little girl clutched onto his hand.
- **clasp** *written* to hold someone or something tightly, closing your fingers or arms around them: She was clasping a bunch of small summer flowers. | He clasped her in his arms and kissed her.
- **get/take hold of something** to take something in your hand or hands and hold it: I took hold of the handle and pulled as hard as I could. | Quickly – try and get hold of that frog!
- **grasp** *written* to take hold of something firmly, especially in a determined way: She grasped the lowest branch and pulled herself up into the tree.
- **grab** to take hold of something suddenly and often violently: He grabbed my bag and ran off with it. | The other man grabbed hold of (=suddenly took hold of) my arms and threatened me with a knife.
- **seize** /siːz *written* to take hold of something suddenly and often violently: A police officer ran after him and seized the gun.
- **hang on (to something)** to hold on to something or someone tightly to support yourself: He hung on to the rail at the back of the motorbike. | Hang on tight!
- **keep hold of something** to continue to hold something: Greg was struggling to keep hold of the dog. | She tried to take her hand away but he kept hold of it.

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