

shelf

I
 [ʃelf] *n* (*pl shelves*)

1. полка
 shelf stand - стеллаж
 a whole shelf of classics - целая полка классиков
 to put /to place, to set/ books on the shelf - ставить книги на полку
 to place on the same shelf - а) ставить на ту же полку; б) приравнивать; ≅ ставить на одну доску
 to lay /to put/ on /upon/ a shelf - а) класть /ставит/ на полку; б) ≅ откладывать в долгий ящик, класть под сукно; сдавать в архив; [*ср. тж.* ◇]
 to keep on /upon/ the shelf - а) держать на полке; б) ≅ держать под сукном
2. *мор.* внутренний привальный брус, клямс
 ◇ off the shelf - а) из наличного запаса (*товаров*); не по предварительному заказу; to sell [to buy] smth. off the shelf - продать [купить] что-л. в магазине; б) готовый (*о продукции*); off the shelf equipment - готовое оборудование (*не специально изготовленное*)
 shelf warmer - залежавшийся товар
 to be on the shelf - а) быть отложенным, лежать без дела; б) быть не у дел; быть отстранённым от дел; в) остаться в девицах, не выйти замуж; г) быть /находиться/ в закладе; д) находиться под арестом, сидеть на гауптвахте; е) угодить в ссылку; ж) протянуть ноги, умереть
 to put smb. upon the shelf - а) увольнять кого-л.; б) отправлять кого-л. на покой; [*ср. тж.* 1]

II
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1. шельф, отмель
 continental shelf - континентальный/материковый шельф
 shelf ice - шельфовый лёд, плавающие глыбы прибрежного льда
2. уступ, выступ
 shelf rock - выступ скалы
3. *геол.* бедрок, коренная порода

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shelf [shelf shelves] *BrE* [ʃelf] ^ˈ *NAmE* [ʃelf] ^ˈ **noun** (*pl. shelves* *BrE* [ʃelvz] ^ˈ ; *NAmE* [ʃelvz] ^ˈ)

1. a flat board, made of wood, metal, glass, etc, fixed to the wall or forming part of a cupboard/closet, ↑**bookcase**, etc, for things to be placed on
 - I helped him put up some shelves in his bedroom.
 - The book I wanted was on the top shelf.
 - **supermarket/library shelves**
 - empty shelves



2. (*geology*) a thing shaped like a shelf, especially a piece of rock sticking out from a ↑**cliff** or from the edge of a mass of land under the sea
 - the continental shelf

see also ↑shelve

Idioms: ↑off the shelf ▪ ↑on the shelf

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Middle Low German *schelf*; related to Old English *scylfe* 'partition', *scylf* 'crag'.

Collocations:

Decorating and home improvement*Houses*

- refurbish/renovate / (*BrE*) do up a building/a house
- convert a building/house/room into homes/offices/(*especially NAmE*) apartments/(*BrE*) flats
- extend/enlarge a house/building/room/kitchen
- build (*BrE*) an extension (to the back/rear of a house)/(*NAmE*) an addition (on/to sth)/(*BrE*) a conservatory
- knock down/demolish a house/home/building/wall
- knock out/through the wall separating two rooms

Decoration

- furnish/paint/ (*especially BrE*) decorate a home/house/apartment/flat/room
- be decorated in bright colours/(*especially US*) colors/in a traditional style/with flowers/with paintings
- paint/plaster the walls/ceiling

hang/put up/strip off/remove the wallpaper
install/replace/remove the bathroom fixtures/(BrE) fittings
build/put up shelves
lay wooden flooring/timber decking/floor tiles/a carpet/a patio
put up/hang/take down a picture/painting/poster/curtain
DIY/home improvement
do (BrE) DIY/carpentry/the plumbing/the wiring
make home improvements
add/install central heating/underfloor heating/insulation
fit/install double-glazing/a smoke alarm
insulate your house/your home/the walls/the pipes/the tanks/(especially BrE) the loft
fix/repair a roof/a leak/a pipe/the plumbing/a leaking (especially BrE) tap/(NAme usually) faucet
block/clog (up)/unblock/unclog a pipe/sink
make/drill/fill a hole
hammer (in)/pull out/remove a nail
tighten/untighten/loosen/remove a screw
saw/cut/treat/stain/varnish/paint wood

Collocations:

Shopping

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go/go out/be out shopping
go to (especially BrE) the shops/(especially NAme) a store/(especially NAme) the mall
do (BrE) the shopping/(especially NAme) the grocery shopping/a bit of window-shopping
(NAme, informal) hit/hang out at the mall
try on clothes/shoes
indulge in some retail therapy
go on a spending spree
cut/cut back on/reduce your spending
be/get caught shoplifting
donate sth to/take sth to/find sth in (BrE) a charity shop/(NAme) a thrift store
buy/sell/find sth at (BrE) a car boot sale/(BrE) a jumble sale/a garage sale/(NAme) a yard sale
find/get/pick up a bargain

At the shop/store

load/push/wheel (BrE) a trolley/(NAme) a cart
stand in/wait in (BrE) the checkout queue/(NAme) the checkout line
(NAme) stand in line/ (BrE) queue at the checkout
bag (especially NAme) (your) groceries
pack (away) (especially BrE) your shopping
stack/stock/restock the shelves at a store (with sth)
be (found) on/appear on supermarket/shop/store shelves
be in/have in/be out of/run out of stock
deal with/help/serve customers
run a special promotion
be on special offer

Buying goods

make/complete a purchase
buy/purchase sth online/by mail order
make/place/take an order for sth
buy/order sth in bulk/in advance
accept/take credit cards
pay (in) cash/by (credit/debit) card/(BrE) with a gift voucher/(NAme) with a gift certificate
enter your PIN number
ask for/get/obtain a receipt
return/exchange an item/a product
be entitled to/ask for/demand a refund
compare prices
offer (sb)/give (sb)/get/receive a 30% discount

Example Bank:

- He took a book down from the top shelf.
- He's got a job stocking shelves in a supermarket.
- Her diaries just sat on the shelf for years.
- Hundreds of books lined the shelves.
- I can't reach the top shelf.
- I knocked it off the shelf by accident.
- I put the box back on the shelf.
- I've cleared a shelf in the bedroom for you.
- She reached for the shelf next to the bed.
- She scanned the shelves of the library for new books.

- She soon learned how to put up her own shelves.
- Shelves lined the walls behind the long counter.
- Souvenirs filled the shelves.
- The DVD is flying off the shelves.
- The book deserves a place on everyone's shelves.
- The cabinet has three shelves.
- The fridge had three shelves.
- The medicine has a shelf life of six months.
- The shelves were packed with dolls of every shape and size.
- The supermarket immediately removed the product from its shelves.
- The supermarket shelves were bare.
- The walls of her study were lined with shelves.
- Their new CD hits the shelves in May.
- a shelf of books on economics

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shelf **S3 W3** /ʃelf/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun* (plural **shelves** /ʃelvz/)

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Middle Low German; Origin: schelf]

1. **[countable]** a long flat narrow board attached to a wall or in a frame or cupboard, used for putting things on **top/bottom/next etc shelf**

- ˈ Put it back on the top shelf.
- ˈ shelves of books
- ˈ supermarket shelves
- ˈ the amount of shelf space available

2. **[countable]** a narrow surface of rock shaped like a shelf, especially under water ⇒ **↑continental shelf**

3. **off-the-shelf** available to be bought immediately, without having to be specially designed or ordered:

- ˈ off-the-shelf software packages ⇒ **↑off-the-peg**

4. **on the shelf**

a) if something is left on the shelf, it is not used or considered:

- ˈ The album stayed on the shelf for several years, until it was finally released.

b) **British English old-fashioned** too old to get married – used especially of women

⇒ **↑shelve(3)**

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