

tighten['taɪtn] *v*1. 1) **сжимать**

to tighten one's grip - сжимать крепче
with tightened lips - с плотно сжатыми губами

2) **сжиматься**

his hand tightened on mine - его рука сжала мою
his hands tightened on the parapet of stone - он судорожно вцепился в каменный парапет

2. 1) **натягивать, напрягать; затягивать, подтягивать**

to tighten the reins - натягивать вожжи
to tighten stitches - затягивать петли (в *вязанье*), стежки (в *шитье*)
to tighten screws - а) затянуть болты; б) *образн.* завинчивать гайки
to tighten a nut hard - затянуть гайку до упора
to tighten a violin string - подтянуть струну на скрипке

2) **натягиваться, напрягаться**

the rope tightened - верёвка натянулась
his muscles tightened into steel bands - его мускулы напряглись и сделались твёрдыми как сталь
the market tightened day by day - *образн.* напряжение на рынке росло изо дня в день

3. 1) **усиливать, укреплять**

to tighten the bonds of friendship [economic links] - крепить узы дружбы [экономические связи]
to tighten (up) the blockade - туже затянуть кольцо блокады
to tighten (up) restrictions - усилить /умножить/ ограничения
to tighten one's grip over the economy of the country - ещё туже затянуть петлю контроля на экономике страны; ещё больше подчинить себе экономику страны

2) **усиливаться**

repressive measures tightened - репрессии стали более суровыми
◇ to tighten one's belt - потуже затянуть пояс, идти на лишения
to tighten the noose around the neck of smb. - потуже затянуть петлю на чьей-л. шее

tighten**tight-en** [tighten tightens tightened tightening] *BrE* ['taɪtn] ^m *NAmE* ['taɪtn] ^m

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*verb*1. **intransitive, transitive** to become or make sth become tight or tighter

- ~ **(up)** The rope holding the boat suddenly tightened and broke.
- His mouth tightened into a thin line.
- ~ **sth (up)** to tighten a lid/screw/rope/knot
- The nuts weren't properly tightened and the wheel came off.
- She tightened her grip on his arm.
- The brake cable needs tightening up.

2. **transitive** ~ **sth** to make sth become stricter

- to tighten security
- The government is to tighten controls on the sale of alcohol.

Opp: ↑loosen**Idiom:** ↑tighten your belt**Derived** ↑tighten up**Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	tighten
	<i>BrE</i> / 'taɪtn/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'taɪtn/
he / she / it	tightens
	<i>BrE</i> / 'taɪtnz/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'taɪtnz/
past simple, past participle	tightened
	<i>BrE</i> / 'taɪtnd/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'taɪtnd/
-ing form	tightening
	<i>BrE</i> / 'taɪtnɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'taɪtnɪŋ/

Synonyms:**save**

budget • economize • tighten your belt

These words all mean to spend less money.

save • to keep money instead of spending it, often in order to buy a particular thing: ▫ I'm saving for a new car.**budget** • to be careful about the amount of money you spend; to plan to spend an amount of money for a particular purpose: ▫ If we budget carefully we'll be able to afford the trip.**economize** • to use less money, time, etc. than you normally use**tighten your belt** • (*rather informal*) to spend less money because there is less available ▫ With the price increases, we are all having to tighten our belts.

to save up/budget for sth
to **have to** save/budget/economize/tighten our belts
to **try to/manage to** save/budget/economize

Example Bank:

- He felt his stomach tighten.
- He saw his father's jaw tighten in irritation.
- He tightened his grip on my hand.
- Her face tightened with pain.
- Her fingers tightened convulsively with every jolt she received.
- Her grip seemed to tighten on the door handle.
- His hand tightened painfully around her wrist.
- His mouth tightened into a thin hard line.
- His words made her throat tighten.
- Steps were taken to tighten discipline in the school.
- The law in this area has been tightened up considerably.
- The nuts weren't properly tightened and the wheel came off.
- This tool is for tightening screws.

tighten

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tighten /'taɪtn/ *BrE* " *AmE* " (also **tighten up**) *verb*

[Word Family: *adverb* ↑tight, ↑tightly; *verb* ↑tighten; *noun*: ↑tightness; *adjective*: ↑tight]

1. **[transitive]** to close or fasten something firmly by turning it **OPP loosen**:

- Tighten the screws firmly.
- I'd put the new tyre on, but I hadn't tightened up the wheel.

2. **[intransitive and transitive]** if you tighten a rope, wire etc, or if it tightens, it is stretched or pulled so that it becomes tight:

- When you tighten guitar strings, the note gets higher.
- The rope tightened around his body.

3. **[intransitive and transitive]** to become stiff or make a part of your body become stiff **OPP relax** :

- His mouth tightened into a thin, angry line.
- Tighten up the muscles of both arms.

4. **tighten your grip/hold on something**

a) to control a place or situation more strictly:

- Rebel forces have tightened their hold on the capital.

b) to hold someone or something more firmly:

- Sarah tightened her grip on my arm.

5. **[transitive]** to make a rule, law, or system more strict **OPP relax** :

- Efforts to tighten the rules have failed.

tighten up on something

- a range of measures to tighten up on illegal share dealing

6. **tighten your belt** *informal* to try to spend less money than you used to:

- Businesses were tightening their belts and cutting jobs.

7. **tighten the screws (on somebody)** *informal* to try to force someone to do something, by threatening them or making things difficult for them – used in news reports:

- Closing the border would tighten the screws on the terrorists.

8. **[intransitive]** *American English* if a race or competition tightens, the distance between the competitors becomes smaller:

- He expects the presidential race to tighten.

tighten up *phrasal verb*

if a team or group tightens up, they start working together more effectively

tighten something ↔ up

- We have tightened up the defence and are winning matches as a result.

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