

**staple**

I

1. ['steɪp(ə)] *n*
  1. *тех.*
  - 1) скоба; крюк
  - 2) колено
  2. (проволочная) скобка (для сшивания бумаг)
2. ['steɪp(ə)] *v*
  1. *тех.* скреплять скобками
  2. сшивать скобками (бумаги)  
to staple three sheets together - скрепить скобкой три страницы
  3. *горн.* гезенк, слепой ствол

II

1. ['steɪp(ə)] *n*
  1. 1) главный продукт, производимый в данном районе  
the staples of that country [of British industry] - основные предметы производства данной страны [английской промышленности]
  - 2) основной товар, предмет торговли
  - 3) *pl* массовые товары; основные продукты питания
  2. (*обыкн.* the staple) главный элемент (*чего-л.*); основная часть (*чего-л.*); суть, основа (*чего-л.*)  
the staple of a diet - основной продукт питания  
politics is the staple of his conversation - его излюбленная тема - политика  
current words forming the staple of our language - повседневные слова, составляющие основу нашего языка  
the newspaper is for many people a staple of daily reading - многие читают, как правило, только газеты  
cowboy dramas are a staple on television - ковбойские фильмы не сходят с экранов телевизоров  
his blue suit was a staple in his wardrobe - он почти всегда был одет в синий костюм
  3. *учт.* рынок, где заключались сделки на оптовую продажу и на экспорт
2. ['steɪp(ə)] *a*
  - 1) основной, составляющий важнейшую статью (*часто для характеристики предметов торговли и производства данной местности*)  
staple crops - *с.-х.* основные /ведущие / культуры  
staple exports - основные статьи экспорта  
staple industries - основные отрасли промышленности, *особ.* тяжёлой
  - 2) главный, основной  
staple ration - *воен.* основной паёк  
staple topic for gossip - основная тема сплетен  
staple foodstuffs - основные продукты питания
3. ['steɪp(ə)] *v*
  1. *учт.* принимать товары на рынок, где заключались сделки на оптовую продажу и на экспорт
  2. подвергать проверке товары, подлежащие экспорту

III

- ['steɪp(ə)] *n* *текст.*
1. сырьё, материал
  2. волокно
  3. 1) пучок шерсти
  - 2) невыделанная шерсть
  4. 1) штапель (*волокна*)  
cotton staple - штапель хлопка
  - 2) штапельная длина (*волокна*)
  5. 1) штапельное волокно
  - 2) штапельная ткань

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**staple** [staple staples stapled stapling] *adjective, noun, verb* BrE ['steɪpl]

*NAmE* ['steɪpl]

*adjective* only before noun



- forming a basic, large or important part of sth
- The staple crop is rice.
  - Jeans are a staple part of everyone's wardrobe.

Word Origin:

n. senses 1 to 2 and v. Old English stapol Germanic Dutch stapel 'pillar'  
 n. senses 3 to 5 and adj. Middle English Old French estaple 'market' Middle Low German Middle Dutch stapel 'pillar, emporium'  
 †staple

**noun**

1. a small piece of wire that is used in a device called a †stapler and is pushed through pieces of paper and bent over at the ends in order to fasten the pieces of paper together
2. a small piece of metal in the shape of a U that is hit into wooden surfaces using a †hammer, used especially for holding electrical wires in place
3. a basic type of food that is used a lot
  - Aid workers helped distribute corn, milk and other staples.
4. something that is produced by a country and is important for its economy
  - Rubber became the staple of the Malayan economy.
5. ~ (of sth) a large or important part of sth
  - Royal gossip is a staple of the tabloid press.

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**verb ~ sth + adv./prep.**

to attach one thing to another using a †staple or †staples

- Staple the invoice to the receipt.
- Staple the invoice and the receipt together.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	staple
	BrE / 'stæpl/
	NAme / 'stæpl/
he / she / it	staples
	BrE / 'stæplz/
	NAme / 'stæplz/
past simple, past participle	stapled
	BrE / 'stæpld/
	NAme / 'stæpld/
-ing form	stapling
	BrE / 'stæplɪŋ/
	NAme / 'stæplɪŋ/

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I. **staple**<sup>1</sup> /'stæpl/ BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup> noun [countable]

[Sense 1-2: Language: Old English; Origin: stapol 'post']

[Sense 3-4: Origin: . 1300-1400 Middle Dutch stapel 'place of trade']

1. a small piece of thin wire that is pushed into sheets of paper and bent over to hold them together
2. a small U-shaped piece of metal with pointed ends, used to hold something in place
3. a food that is needed and used all the time:
  - staples like flour and rice
4. the main product that is produced in a country:
  - Bananas and sugar are the staples of Jamaica.

II. **staple**<sup>2</sup> BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup> verb [transitive]

to fasten two or more things together with a staple

**staple something together**

• The handouts are all stapled together.

**staple something to something**

• I stapled the order form to the invoice.

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**THESAURUS**

- **fasten** to join together the two sides of a piece of clothing, bag, belt etc: He fastened the necklace behind her neck.
- **attach** to fasten something firmly to another object or surface, using screws, nails, tape, glue etc: The boards were attached with screws. | The prisoner was attached to the wall with chains.
- **join** to connect or fasten things together: Join the pieces using a strong glue
- **glue** to join things together using glue: Glue the fabric to the white card.
- **tape** to fasten something using tape: The students' name cards were taped to the table.

- **staple** to fasten something using ↑**staples** (=a small piece of wire that is pressed through paper using a special machine): Don't staple your resumé to your cover letter.
- **clip** to fasten things together using a ↑**clip** (=a small metal object): A photo was clipped to the letter.
- **tie** to fasten a tie, shoelaces etc by making a knot: Don't forget to tie your shoelaces!
- **do something up especially British English** to fasten a piece of clothing or the buttons etc on it: The teacher doesn't have time to do up every child's coat. | Let me do it up for you.
- **button (up)** to fasten a shirt, coat etc with buttons: His shirt was buttoned right to the top.
- **zip (up)** to fasten a piece of clothing, a bag etc with a ↑**zip**: Zip up your jacket, it's cold.
- **buckle (up)** to fasten a seat belt, belt, shoe etc that has a ↑**buckle** (=small metal object that fits through a hole in a strap): The little girl struggled to buckle her shoes.
- **unfasten/untie/undo/unbutton/unzip** to open something that is fastened: Do not unfasten your seatbelt until the car has stopped completely.

### III. **staple**<sup>3</sup> *BrE* <sup>\*</sup> *AmE* <sup>\*</sup> *adjective* [only before noun]

#### 1. forming the greatest or most important part of something:

- \* Oil is Nigeria's staple export.
- \* a staple ingredient of comedy

#### 2. **staple diet**

##### a) the food that you normally eat

##### staple diet of

- \* They live on a staple diet of rice and vegetables.

##### b) something that is always being produced, seen, bought etc

##### staple diet of

- \* television's staple diet of soap operas and quiz shows

#### 3. used all the time:

- \* Marty's staple excuses

## staple

Freakuency Pack

12500 **4732**<sup>MCW</sup>  
 15000 **4983**<sup>COCA</sup>  
 RANGE: **4k** **STAPLE** <sup>3746</sup>  
 staple <sup>1967</sup>  
 staples <sup>1779</sup>  
 COCA 500k Unlemmatized  
 1571 **14588**<sup>1771</sup> *nn1*  
 120 **62471**<sup>146</sup> *vv0*  
 27 **144837**<sup>29</sup> *vvi*  
 13 **215535**<sup>14</sup> *np1*  
 7 **317883**<sup>7</sup> *nnu*