

**brace**1. [breɪs] *n*

1. 1) связь; подкос; скоба; скрепа
- 2) подтяжка, скреп (*для деревьев*)
2. (*pl без измен.*) пара (*особ. о дичи*)  
a brace of pheasants - пара фазанов  
twenty brace of hares - двадцать пар зайцев
3. *pl* подтяжки
4. свора (*ремень*)
5. *pl*
- 1) фигурные скобки
- 2) *муз.* акколада
6. коловорот
7. *мор.* брас
8. *горн.* выход из шахты
9. *pl* ортодонтические скобы, пластинки (*для исправления зубов*)  
◇ in a brace of shakes - моментально, в мгновение ока

2. [breɪs] *v*

1. 1) связывать, привязывать; скреплять; прикреплять
- 2) подпирать; обхватывать
2. натягивать  
to brace a bow - натянуть лук
3. напрячь (*силы, волю и т. п.*; *тж.* brace up)  
to brace one's energies /heart/ - собраться с духом, взять себя в руки  
to brace (oneself) up - напрячь все силы; собраться с силами /с духом/  
to brace oneself for a task - приготовиться к выполнению задания
4. поддерживать брюки помощами (*часто* brace up)
5. *мор.* брасопить (*тж.* brace up)
6. заключать в фигурные скобки

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**brace** [brace braces braced bracing] **noun, verb** BrE [breɪs] <sup>ˈ</sup> NAmE [breɪs] <sup>ˈ</sup>**noun**

1. **countable** a device that holds things firmly together or holds and supports them in position  
• a neck brace (= worn to support the neck after an injury)
2. **countable** (NAmE **braces plural**) a metal device that children wear inside the mouth to help their teeth grow straight  
• My daughter has to wear a brace on her teeth.
3. **braces** (BrE) (NAmE **sus·pend·ers**) **plural** long narrow pieces of cloth, leather, etc. for holding trousers/pants up. They are fastened to the top of the trousers/pants at the front and back and passed over the shoulders  
• a pair of braces
4. (NAmE) (BrE **cal·li·per**) **countable, usually plural** a metal support for weak or injured legs
5. **countable** either of the two marks, {}, used to show that the words, etc. between them are connected  
**compare** ↑**bracket**
6. **countable** (pl. **brace**) a pair of birds or animals that have been killed in hunting  
• two brace of partridge(s)  
• He scored a brace of goals.  
**see** belt and braces **at** ↑**belt** <sub>n.</sub>

Word Origin:

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Example Bank:

- He had braces on his teeth.
- I used to wear a brace.
- The braces held up his trousers.

**verb**

1. ~ **sb/yourself (for sth)** | ~ **sb/yourself (to do sth)** to prepare sb/yourself for sth difficult or unpleasant that is going to happen  
• UN troops are braced for more violence.  
• They are bracing themselves for a long legal battle.
2. ~ **sth/yourself (against sth)** to press your body or part of your body firmly against sth in order to stop yourself from falling  
• They braced themselves against the wind.
3. ~ **sth** to contract the muscles in your body or part of your body before doing sth that is physically difficult  
• He stood with his legs and shoulders braced, ready to lift the weights.
4. ~ **sth (technical)** to make sth stronger or more solid by supporting it with sth  
• The roof was braced by lengths of timber.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	brace
	BrE /breɪs/
	NAmE /breɪs/
he / she / it	braces
	BrE /breɪsɪz/
	NAmE /breɪsɪz/
past simple, past participle	braced
	BrE /breɪst/
	NAmE /breɪst/
-ing form	bracing
	BrE /breɪsɪŋ/
	NAmE /breɪsɪŋ/

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See also: ↑braces ▪ ↑calliper

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I. **brace**<sup>1</sup> /breɪs/ BrE <sup>AmE</sup> verb

1. [transitive] to mentally or physically prepare yourself or someone else for something unpleasant that is going to happen

**brace yourself (for something)**

- \* Nancy braced herself for the inevitable arguments.
- \* The military needs to brace itself for further spending cuts, says McCoy.

**brace yourself to do something**

- \* Cathy braced herself to see Matthew, who she expected to arrive at any minute.

**be braced for something**

- \* The base was braced for an attack.

2. [transitive] to push part of your body against something solid in order to make yourself more steady

**brace something against something**

- \* Gina braced her back against the wall and pushed as hard as she could.

**brace yourself (for something)**

- \* The pilot told passengers and crew to brace themselves for a rough landing.

3. [transitive] to make something stronger by supporting it:

- \* Wait until we've braced the ladder.
- \* Workers used steel beams to brace the roof.

4. [intransitive and transitive] to make your body or part of your body stiff in order to prepare to do something difficult

II. **brace**<sup>2</sup> BrE <sup>AmE</sup> noun

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: 'two arms'; from Latin **bracchia**, from **bracchium** 'arm']

1. [countable] something that is used to strengthen or support something, or to make it stiff:

- \* The miners used special braces to keep the walls from collapsing.

**neck/back/knee brace** (=a brace that supports the neck etc)

- \* He was being fitted for a back brace.
- \* She had to wear a brace after the accident.

2. [countable] (also **braces** [plural]) a system of metal wires that people, usually children, wear on their teeth to make them grow straight

3. [countable usually plural] **American English** a metal support that someone with weak legs wears to help them walk **SYN callipers** **British English**

4. **braces** [plural] **British English** two long pieces of material that stretch over someone's shoulders and fasten to their trousers at the front and the back to stop them falling down **SYN suspenders** **American English**

5. [countable] one of a pair of signs { } used to show that information written between them should be considered together ⇒ **bracket**

6. **a brace of something** especially **British English** two things of the same type, especially two birds or animals that have been killed for food or sport:

- \* a brace of partridge

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bracing 1168

braced 1244

braces 1202

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