

span

I

1. [spæn] *n*

1. пядь, спен (22,8 см)
2. интервал промежуток времени
man's life is but a span - жизнь человеческая коротка
in a span of twenty years - за двадцатилетний период
the whole span of Roman history - история Рима с начала и до конца
3. 1) расстояние от одного конца до другого; размах рук; ширина (*реки и т. п.*)
- 2) *стр.* расстояние между опорами
- 3) *спец.* пролёт (*мостового крана, арки и т. п.*)
4. 1) охват, объём
a long span of memory - воспоминания, охватывающие много лет
a span of attention - *психол.* объём внимания
a short span of attention - *психол.* неустойчивость внимания, рассеянность
- 2) *вчт.* объём машинной памяти
a span of immediate memory - объём быстродействующей памяти
5. *стр.* пролётное строение
6. *ж.-д.* перегон
7. *ав.* размах (*лопастей, крыльев*)
8. *тех.* зев (*гаечного ключа*); раствор (*губок тисков*)
9. *мат.* хорда (*дуги*)
10. *физ.* размах, двойная амплитуда (*колебаний*)

2. [spæn] *v*

1. 1) перекрывать (*об арке, крыше и т. п.*)
- 2) наводить мост или переправу
- 3) соединять берега (*о мосте*)
- 4) заполнять (*пробел, промежуток*)
imagination will span the gap in our knowledge - воображение поможет заполнить пробел в наших знаниях
2. охватывать, включать
his career spanned four decades - его деятельность продолжалась четыре десятилетия
a memory that spans half a century - память, охватывающая полстолетия
3. переправляться
to span a river - переправляться через реку; форсировать реку
4. *эл.* натягивать (*провод*)
5. *муз.* брать октаву или большой интервал (*одной рукой*)
6. 1) измерять пядью
- 2) мерить
his eyes spanned the space - он смерил расстояние глазами, он на глаз прикинул расстояние

II

1. [spæn] *n амер.*

парная упряжка (*лошадей, мулов, волов*)

2. [spæn] *v*

1. 1) запрягать лошадей, мулов, волов
- 2) *амер.* составлять парную упряжку (*по масти, росту*)
2. *мор.*
- 1) стягивать верёвками
- 2) крепить, затягивать

III

[spæn] *past om spin* ¹

IV

[spæn] *past om spin* ² II

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[spæn] *past om spin* ³ II

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span [span spans spanned spanning] *noun, verb, adjective BrE* [spæn] ^uNAme [spæn] ^u*noun*

1. the length of time that sth lasts or is able to continue

- I worked with him over a span of six years.
- The project must be completed within a specific **time span**.
- Small children have a short **attention span**.
- a study of the entire span of Arab history

see also ↑lifespan

2. ~ (of sth) a range or variety of sth

- Managers have a **wide span of** control.
- These forests cover a broad span of latitudes.

3. the part of a bridge or an ↑arch between one vertical support and another

- The bridge crosses the river in a single span.

4. the width of sth from one side to the other

- The kite has a span of 1.5 metres.

see also ↑wingspan

Word Origin:

Old English, 'distance between the tips of the thumb and little finger', of Germanic origin; reinforced in Middle English by Old French *espan*.

Example Bank:

- He has a short attention span.
- The book covers the entire span of Arab history.
- The bridge has a clear span of 120 feet.
- The speech continued well beyond its allotted span.
- a broad span of interests
- to prolong life beyond its natural span
- I worked with him several times over a span of six years.
- Managers have a wide span of responsibilities.
- Small children have a short attention span.
- The bridge has 10 arches, each of a 30-foot span.
- The project must be completed within a specific time span.

verb (-nn-)

1. ~ sth to last all through a period of time or to cover the whole of it

- His acting career spanned 55 years.
- Family photos spanning five generations were stolen.

2. ~ sth to include a large area or a lot of things

- The operation, which spanned nine countries, resulted in 200 arrests.
- His experience spanned not merely politics, but also business and journalism.

3. ~ sth to stretch right across sth, from one side to the other

Syn: ↑cross

- a series of bridges spanning the river
- The roof was spanned by curved ribs of steel.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	span
	BrE /spæn/
	NAmE /spæn/
he / she / it	spans
	BrE /spænz/
	NAmE /spænz/
past simple, past participle	spanned
	BrE /spænd/
	NAmE /spænd/
-ing form	spanning
	BrE /spæniŋ/
	NAmE /spæniŋ/

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Example Bank:

- A series of bridges span the river.

adjective

see spick and span **at** ↑spick

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I. span¹ /spæn/ BrE " AmE "

a past tense of ↑spin¹

II. span² BrE " AmE " noun [countable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: spann]

1. a period of time between two dates or events

over/within/in a span of something

- Over a span of ten years, the company has made great progress.

It'll be difficult to hire that many new staff in such a short time span.

2. the length of time over which someone's life, ability to pay attention to something etc continues

attention/concentration span

" Most two-year-olds have a very short attention span.

" Captivity vastly reduces the life span of whales.

3. the part of a bridge, ↑ **arch** etc that goes across from one support to another

4. the distance from one side of something to the other:

" a bird with a large wing span

III. **span**³ *BrE* ² *AmE* ² *verb* (past tense and past participle **spanned**, present participle **spanning**) [transitive]

1. to include all of a period of time:

" a career which spanned nearly 60 years

2. to include all of a particular space or area:

" The Mongol Empire spanned much of Central Asia.

3. if a bridge spans an area of water, especially a river, it goes from one side to the other

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