

captive

1. ['kæptɪv] *n*
 пленник, пленный
2. ['kæptɪv] *a*
 1. пленный, взятый в плен
 to hold captive - держать в плену
 2. содержащийся в неволе или в заключении; лишённый свободы; порабощённый
 captive bird - птица в клетке
 captive nations - порабощённые народы
 3. пленённый, очарованный; захваченный (*обаянием и т. п.*)
 to be taken captive - а) попасть в плен, стать пленником; б) быть пленённым (*красотой и т. п.*)
 4. *КОМ.* несамостоятельный не имеющий выхода на рынок; внутрифирменный

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

cap-tive [captive captives] **adjective, noun** *BrE* ['kæptɪv] ^u *NAmE* ['kæptɪv] ^u

adjective

1. kept as a prisoner or in a confined space; unable to escape
 - captive animals
 - They were **taken captive** by masked gunmen.
 - captive breeding (= the catching and breeding of wild animals)
2. **only before noun** not free to leave a particular place or to choose what you want do to
 - A salesman loves to have a **captive audience** (= listening because they have no choice) .

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Latin *captivus*, from *capere* 'seize, take' .

Example Bank:

- She was held captive in a castle.

noun

- a person who is kept as a prisoner, especially in a war
- Talks have persuaded the terrorists to set the captives free.

Word Origin:

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Example Bank:

- The terrorists will only release their captives if they get what they want.
- Their king was now a captive in Talleyrand's chateau.

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I. **cap-tive** ¹ /'kæptɪv/ *BrE* ^u *AmE* ^u **adjective**

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Latin; Origin: *captivus*, from *captus*, past participle of *capere* 'to take']

1. kept in prison or in a place that you are not allowed to leave:
 - captive soldiers
 - captive animals
 - His son had been taken captive (=became a prisoner) during the raid.
 - a pilot who was held captive (=kept as a prisoner) for six years
2. **captive audience** people who listen or watch someone or something because they have to, not because they are interested
3. **captive market** the people who must buy a particular product or service, because they need it and there is only one company selling it
4. **be captive to something** to be unable to think or speak freely, because of being influenced too much by something:
 - Our communities should not be captive to the mistakes of the past.

II. **captive** ² *BrE* ^u *AmE* ^u **noun** [countable]

someone who is kept as a prisoner, especially in a war

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THESAURUS

- **prisoner** someone who is kept in a prison as a punishment for a crime, or while they are waiting for their [↑]**trial**: Prisoners may be locked in their cells for twenty-two hours a day. | a prisoner serving a life sentence for murder
- **convict** *especially written* someone who has been found guilty of a crime and sent to a prison. **Convict** is used especially about someone who is sent to prison for a long time. It is more commonly used in historical descriptions, or in the phrase **an escaped convict**: The convicts were sent from England to Australia. | Police were hunting for an escaped convict. | Low-risk convicts help to fight forest fires and clean up public lands.
- **inmate** someone who is kept in a prison or a mental hospital: Some inmates are allowed to have special privileges. | He was described by a fellow inmate as a quiet man.
- **captive** *especially literary* someone who is kept somewhere and not allowed to go free, especially in a war or fighting. **Captive** is a rather formal word which is used especially in literature: Their objective was to disarm the enemy and release the captives. | She was held captive (=kept as a prisoner) in the jungle for over three years.

- **prisoner of war** a soldier, member of the navy etc who is caught by the enemy during a war and kept in the enemy's country: My granddad was a prisoner of war in Germany. | They agreed to release two Iranian prisoners of war.
- **hostage** someone who is kept somewhere as a prisoner, in order to force people to agree to do something, for example in order to get money or to achieve a political aim: Diplomats are continuing their efforts to secure the release of the hostages. | The US hostages were held in Tehran for over a year.
- **detainee /internee** someone who is kept in a prison, usually because of their political views and often without a trial: In some cases, political detainees have been beaten or mistreated. | 23,531 people passed through the camps between 1944 and 1962, including 14,647 political internees. | the detainees at Guantanamo Bay

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