

# hostage

## 1. ['hɒstɪdʒ] n

### 1. заложник

he was held (as) hostage - его держали в качестве заложника  
to exchange hostages - обменяться заложниками

### 2. *учм.* залог

in hostage - в залог

◇ hostages to fortune - жена и дети; самые близкие люди

to give hostages to fortune - иметь близких людей (*детей и т. п.*)

## 2. ['hɒstɪdʒ] v

оставлять в качестве заложника

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**hos·ta·ge** [hostage hostages] *BrE* ['hɒstɪdʒ] *AmE* ['hɑːstɑːdʒ] **noun**

a person who is captured and held prisoner by a person or group, and who may be injured or killed if people do not do what the person or group is asking

- Three children were **taken hostage** during the bank robbery.
- He was **held hostage** for almost a year.
- The government is negotiating the release of the hostages.
- The hijackers kept the pilot as a hostage on board the plane.

| idiom ↑ **hostage to fortune**

### Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French, based on late Latin **obsidatus** 'the state of being a hostage' (the earliest sense in English), from Latin **obses**, **obsid-** 'hostage'.

### Thesaurus:

**hostage** **noun** C

• The robbers took the bank manager hostage.

**prisoner** • **detainee** • **prisoner of war** • **POW** • **literary captive** •

a **political** hostage/prisoner/detainee

**take/hold/keep** sb hostage/prisoner/captive

**free/release** a hostage/prisoner/detainee/prisoner of war/POW/captive

### Example Bank:

- The gunmen took 24 hostages.
- diplomatic efforts to get the hostages released

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[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: hoste; ⇨ ↑host]

1. someone who is kept as a prisoner by an enemy so that the other side will do what the enemy demands ⇨ **kidnap**:

• The group are **holding** two tourists **hostage** (=keeping them as hostages).

• a family **taken hostage** at gunpoint

2. **be (a) hostage to something** to be influenced and controlled by something, so that you are not free to do what you want:

• Our country must not be **held hostage to** our past.

3. **a hostage to fortune** something that you have promised to do that may cause you problems in the future

## 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. | its 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 grandad was a prisoner of war in Germany. | They agreed to release two | raniaprisoners 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 achive 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: | 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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