

**imprison**[ɪmˈprɪz(ə)n] *v*

заключать в тюрьму; лишать свободы; запереть

a bird imprisoned in a cage - птица, запертая в клетке

**imprison****im·prison** [imprison imprisons imprisoned imprisoning] *BrE* [ɪmˈprɪzn] <sup>4</sup>*NAmE* [ɪmˈprɪzn] <sup>4</sup> **verb often passive ~ sb**

to put sb in a prison or another place from which they cannot escape

**Syn:** †jail

- They were imprisoned for possession of drugs.
- (*figurative*) Some young mothers feel imprisoned in their own homes.

**Derived Word** †imprisonment**Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	imprison
	<i>BrE</i> /ɪmˈprɪzn/
	<i>NAmE</i> /ɪmˈprɪzn/
he / she /it	imprisons
	<i>BrE</i> /ɪmˈprɪznz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /ɪmˈprɪznz/
past simple, past participle	imprisoned
	<i>BrE</i> /ɪmˈprɪznd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /ɪmˈprɪznd/
-ing form	imprisoning
	<i>BrE</i> /ɪmˈprɪznɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /ɪmˈprɪznɪŋ/

**Word Origin:**Middle English *emprison*, from Old French *emprisoner*, from *em-* 'in' + *prison*.**Collocations:****Criminal justice***Breaking the law*

break/violate/obey/uphold the law

be investigated/arrested/tried for a crime/a robbery/fraud

be arrested/ (*especially NAmE*) indicted/convicted on charges of rape/fraud/ (*especially US*) felony charges

be arrested on suspicion of arson/robbery/shoplifting

be accused of/be charged with murder/ (*especially NAmE*) homicide/four counts of fraud

face two charges of indecent assault

admit your guilt/liability/responsibility (for sth)

deny the allegations/claims/charges

confess to a crime

grant/be refused/be released on/skip/jump bail

*The legal process*

stand/await /bring sb to/come to/be on trial

take sb to/come to/settle sth out of court

face/avoid/escape prosecution

seek/retain/have the right to/be denied access to legal counsel

hold/conduct/attend/adjourn a hearing/trial

sit on/influence /persuade/convince the jury

sit/stand/appear /be put/place sb in the dock

plead guilty/not guilty to a crime

be called to/enter (*BrE*) the witness boxtake/put sb on the stand/ (*NAmE*) the witness stand

call/subpoena/question/cross-examine a witness

give/hear the evidence against/on behalf of sb

raise/withdraw /overrule an objection

reach a unanimous/majority verdict

return/deliver /record a verdict of not guilty/unlawful killing/accidental death

convict/acquit the defendant of the crime

secure a conviction/your acquittal

lodge/file an appeal

appeal (against)/challenge /uphold/overturn a conviction/verdict

*Sentencing and punishment*

pass sentence on sb

carry/face/serve a seven-year/life sentence

receive/be given the death penalty

be sentenced to ten years (in prison/jail)

carry/impose/pay a fine (of \$3 000)/a penalty (of 14 years imprisonment)

be imprisoned/jailed for drug possession/fraud/murder

do/serve time/ten years

be sent to/put sb in/be released from jail/prison

be/put sb/spend X years on death row

be granted/be denied /break (your) parole

more collocations at ↑crime

Example Bank:

- He was imprisoned in a dungeon.
- Her fear virtually imprisoned her in her home.
- We work on behalf of people who have been wrongly imprisoned.

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**im** **prison** /ɪmˈprɪzən/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *verb* [transitive]

[Word Family: noun: ↑prison, ↑prisoner, ↑imprisonment; verb: ↑imprison; adjective: imprisonable]

1. to put someone in prison or to keep them somewhere and prevent them from leaving:

- The government imprisoned all opposition leaders.
- She was imprisoned within his strong arms.

2. if a situation or feeling imprisons people, it restricts what they can do:

- Many elderly people feel imprisoned in their own homes.

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Frequency Pack

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15000 **930**<sup>COCA</sup>

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prisons <sup>3737</sup>

prisoners <sup>9515</sup>

prisoner <sup>5013</sup>

imprison <sup>184</sup>

imprisoning <sup>132</sup>

imprisons <sup>61</sup>

imprisoned <sup>2121</sup>

imprisonment <sup>1550</sup>

imprisonments <sup>24</sup>

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