

**detain**

[dɪ'teɪn] *v*

1. задерживать  
 he was detained by business - его задержали дела  
 don't let me detain you - не буду вас задерживать  
 something detained him - что-то помешало ему прийти вовремя
2. задерживать, арестовывать; (co)держат под стражей
3. *юр.* незаконно удерживать, присваивать

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**de-tain** [detain detains detained detaining] *BrE* [dɪ'teɪn] <sup>Ⓜ</sup> *NAmE* [dɪ'teɪn] <sup>Ⓜ</sup>

*verb*

1. ~ **sb** to keep sb in an official place, such as a police station, a prison or a hospital, and prevent them from leaving
  - One man has been detained for questioning.
2. ~ **sb** (*formal*) to delay sb or prevent them from going somewhere
  - I'm sorry— he'll be late; he's been detained at a meeting.

**see also** ↑detention

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	detain
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪ'teɪn/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪ'teɪn/
he / she /it	detains
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪ'teɪnz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪ'teɪnz/
past simple, past participle	detained
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪ'teɪnd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪ'teɪnd/
-ing form	detaining
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪ'teɪnɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪ'teɪnɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English (in the sense 'be afflicted with sickness or infirmity'): from Old French *detenir*, from a variant of Latin *detinere*, from *de-* 'away, aside' + *tenere* 'to hold'.

Example Bank:

- I'm sorry— he'll be late; he's been detained at a meeting.
- The minister was unavoidably detained in Lisbon on affairs of state.
- He has been detained without trial for nearly two years now.
- He was kidnapped and briefly detained by a terrorist group.
- Over 60 people have been detained in connection with the coup attempt.
- Prisoners cannot be detained indefinitely without charge.
- She was arrested and detained for distributing pro-democracy leaflets.
- The law allows police to detain suspects for questioning for up to 48 hours.
- Two people were detained in hospital following the crash.
- Two men have been detained in custody.

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**de-tain** /dɪ'teɪn/ *BrE* <sup>Ⓜ</sup> *AmE* <sup>Ⓜ</sup> *verb* [transitive]

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Old French; Origin: *detenir*, from Latin *detinere*, from *tenere* 'to hold']

1. to officially prevent someone from leaving a place:
  - Two suspects have been detained by the police for questioning.
  - She was detained in hospital with a suspected broken leg.
2. [usually passive] *formal* to stop someone from leaving as soon as they expected **SYN delay**:
  - He was detained in Washington on urgent business.

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