

**fasten** [ˈfɑːs(ə)n] *v*

1. 1) **связывать, скреплять; завязывать**  
to fasten shoe-laces - завязать шнурки (на обуви)  
to fasten one's hair - завязать *или* заколоть волосы  
to fasten two parcels together - связать два свёртка вместе
- 2) **прикреплять, привязывать**  
to fasten a boat to a tree - привязать лодку к дереву  
to fasten a nickname - давать /приклеивать/ прозвище  
to fasten off a thread - закрепить нитку
- 3) (on, upon) **навязать**  
to fasten a quarrel upon smb. - втянуть кого-л. в ссору; затеять ссору с кем-л.  
they fastened themselves on him and spoiled his holiday - они навязались ему в компанию и испортили ему отдых
2. **укреплять; свинчивать, завинчивать; зажимать**  
to fasten by cotter - *тех.* зашплинтовать  
to fasten an idea in smb.'s mind - укрепить кого-л. в мысли /в убеждении/
3. 1) **запирать**  
fasten the window - закройте окно (*на шпингалет*)
- 2) **запираться**  
the lock would not fasten - замок не запирался
- 3) **застёгивать (мж. fasten on)**  
she fastened her gloves - она застегнула перчатки  
fasten your seat belts, please! - просьба пристегнуть ремни! (*в самолёте*)
- 4) **застёгиваться**  
her skirt wouldn't fasten - у неё юбка не застёгивалась  
the dress fastens down the back - у этого платья застёжка на спине
4. **затвердевать, застывать; схватываться**  
the plaster fastens slowly - штукатурка твердеет медленно
5. (on, upon) **приписывать, сваливать**  
to fasten the blame upon smb. - возлагать вину на кого-л.  
someone must have broken the plate, but why fasten it on me? - кто-то, очевидно, разбил тарелку, но зачем сваливать это на меня?
6. **устремлять, сосредоточивать (взгляд, внимание и т. п.)**  
he fastened his eyes on the picture - он не сводил глаз с картины  
she fastened all her hopes on his arrival - все свои надежды она возлагала на его приезд
7. (on, upon)
- 1) **зацепиться, ухватиться**  
the director fastened on the idea at once - директор сразу же ухватился за эту мысль
- 2) **прицепиться, придраться**  
the defence counsel fastened on this discrepancy in her testimony - защитник прицепился к этому противоречию в его показаниях  
one of his points was fastened upon by the treasurer - к одному из его аргументов придрался казначей

**fasten**

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**fas·ten** [**fasten fastens fastened fastening**] *BrE* [ˈfɑːsɪn] *NAmE* [ˈfæsn] *verb*

1. **transitive, intransitive** to close or join together the two parts of sth; to become closed or joined together

**Syn:** ↑do up

- ~ **sth** Fasten your seatbelts, please.
- ~ **sth up** He fastened up his coat and hurried out.
- ~ (**up**) The dress fastens at the back.

**Opp:** ↑unfasten

2. **transitive, intransitive** ~ (**sth**) to close sth firmly so that it will not open; to be closed in this way

- Fasten the gates securely so that they do not blow open.
- The window wouldn't fasten.

**Opp:** ↑unfasten

3. **transitive** ~ **sth + adv./prep.** to fix or place sth in a particular position, so that it will not move

- He fastened back the shutters.

4. **transitive** ~ **A to B** | ~ **A and B (together)** to attach or tie one thing to another thing

- He fastened the papers together with a paper clip.

5. **transitive, intransitive** if you fasten your arms around sb, your teeth into sth, etc, or if your arms, teeth, etc. fasten around, into, etc. sb/sth, you hold the person/thing firmly with your arms, etc

- ~ **sth + adv./prep.** The dog fastened its teeth in his leg.
- + **adv./prep.** His hand fastened on her arm.

6. **transitive, intransitive** ~ (**sth**) (**on sb/sth**) if you fasten your eyes on sb/sth or your eyes fasten on sb/sth, you look at them for a long time

- He fastened his gaze on her face.

**Derived** ↑fasten on somebody

## Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	fasten
	BrE / 'fɑːsn/
	NAme / 'fæsn/
he / she / it	fastens
	BrE / 'fɑːsnz/
	NAme / 'fæsnz/
past simple, past participle	fastened
	BrE / 'fɑːsnd/
	NAme / 'fæsnd/
-ing form	fastening
	BrE / 'fɑːsnɪŋ/
	NAme / 'fæsnɪŋ/

## Word Origin:

Old English *fæstnian* 'make sure', also 'immobilize', of West Germanic origin; related to *†fast* 'quick'.

## Thesaurus:

### fasten verb

#### 1. T

- Fasten your seat belts please!

**do sth up** • • **tie** • • **button** • • **zip** •

**Opp:** unfasten

sth fastens/does/buttons/zips **up**

fasten/do/tie/button/zip **sth up**

fasten/do up/tie/button/zip **at** the neck, waist, etc.

#### 2. T (usually used with an adverb or a preposition)

- Fasten the papers together with a paper clip.

**attach** • • **tie** • • **stick** • • **tape** • • **chain** • |especially BrE **fix** • |formal **secure** •

fasten/attach/tie/stick/tape/chain/fix/secure sth **to** sth

fasten/tie/stick/tape/fix sth **on** sth

fasten/tie/stick/tape/fix sth **together**

## Example Bank:

- She fastened the rope to a tree.
- We fastened all the windows securely.
- Fasten your seat belts please!
- He fastened up his coat.
- She opened the window and fastened back the shutters.
- Use the special kit provided to fasten the child seat in the car.

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**fas|ten** /'fɑːsn \$ 'fæ-/ BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup> verb

[Word Family: verb: *†fasten* ≠ *†unfasten*; noun: *†fastener*]

[Language: Old English; Origin: *fæstnian*; related to ⇒ *†fast*<sup>2</sup>]

### 1. CLOTHES/BAG ETC (also **fasten up**)

**a) [transitive]** to join together the two sides of a coat, shirt, bag etc so that it is closed **SYN do up** **OPP unfasten**:

▪ 'I'm going now,' she said, fastening her coat.

▪ Fasten your seat belt.

**b) [intransitive]** to become joined together with buttons, hooks etc **SYN do up**:

▪ I was so fat that my skirt wouldn't fasten.

### REGISTER

In everyday British English, people usually say **do up** rather than **fasten**:

▪ **Do up** your jacket – it's cold.

**2. WINDOW/GATE ETC [intransitive and transitive]** to firmly close a window, gate etc so that it will not open, or to become firmly closed **OPP unfasten**:

▪ Make sure all the windows are securely fastened before you leave.

**3. ATTACH SOMETHING TO SOMETHING [transitive]** to attach something firmly to another object or surface

**fasten something with something**

▪ Fasten the edges of the cloth together with pins.

**fasten something to something**

▪ They fastened the rope to a tree.

**4. HOLD SOMETHING TIGHTLY [intransitive and transitive]** to hold something firmly with your hands, legs, arms, or teeth

**fasten something around/round something**

▪ She fastened her arms around his neck.

**fasten around/round**

▪ A strong hand fastened round her wrist.

**fasten on/onto**

▪ Their long claws allow them to fasten onto the rocks and hold firm.

**5. fasten your eyes/gaze on somebody/something** to look at someone or something for a long time:

He rose, his eyes still fastened on the piece of paper.

6. **fasten your attention on somebody/something** to think a lot about one particular thing or person:

He was working quietly, all his attention fastened on the task.

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### THESAURUS

- **fasten** to join together the two sides of a piece of clothing, bag, belt etc: He fastened the necklace behind her neck.
- **attach** to fasten something firmly to another object or surface, using screws, nails, tape, glue etc: The boards were attached with screws. | The prisoner was attached to the wall with chains.
- **join** to connect or fasten things together: Join the pieces using a strong glue
- **glue** to join things together using glue: Glue the fabric to the white card.
- **tape** to fasten something using tape: The students' name cards were taped to the table.
- **staple** to fasten something using **↑staples** (=a small piece of wire that is pressed through paper using a special machine): Don't staple your resumé to your cover letter.
- **clip** to fasten things together using a **↑clip** (=a small metal object): A photo was clipped to the letter.
- **tie** to fasten a tie, shoelaces etc by making a knot: Don't forget to tie your shoelaces!
- **do something up** *especially British English* to fasten a piece of clothing or the buttons etc on it: The teacher doesn't have time to do up every child's coat. | Let me do it up for you.
- **button (up)** to fasten a shirt, coat etc with buttons: His shirt was buttoned right to the top.
- **zip (up)** to fasten a piece of clothing, a bag etc with a **↑zip**: Zip up your jacket, it's cold.
- **buckle (up)** to fasten a seat belt, belt, shoe etc that has a **↑buckle** (=small metal object that fits through a hole in a strap): The little girl struggled to buckle her shoes.
- **unfasten/untie/undo/unbutton/unzip** to open something that is fastened: Do not unfasten your seatbelt until the car has stopped completely.

### fasten on/upon something *phrasal verb*

to give particular attention to something because you think it is important or interesting:

My mother fastened on the word 'unsafe'.

### fasten onto somebody/something (also **fasten on to somebody/something**) *phrasal verb*

1. to give particular attention to something because you think it is important or interesting
2. to follow someone and stay with them, especially when they do not want you to **SYN latch onto somebody**:  
The dog seemed lost and fastened onto us.

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