

defence[di'fens] *n*

1. 1) защита

missile [nuclear] defence - противоракетная[противоатомная] защита

defence mechanism [reaction] - защитный механизм [-ая реакция]

a thick overcoat is a good defence against cold - тёплое пальто хорошо предохраняет от холода

in defence of peace - в защиту мира [*ср. тж.* 1, 3)]

to die in defence of liberty - пасть в борьбе за свободу

2) оборона

national defence - национальная оборона; оборона страны

last-ditch defence - последнее отчаянное сопротивление

all-round defence - круговая оборона

active defence - активная оборона

civil defence - гражданская оборона

air defence - противовоздушная оборона

heavy [thin] defence - плотная [неплотная] оборона

territorial defence - территориальная оборона

defence tactics - оборонительная тактика

defence expenditure - расходы на оборону

Defence Board - совет обороны

the Ministry of Defence - министерство обороны

line of defence - полоса обороны; оборонительный рубеж

first line of defence - *образн.* «первая линия обороны», военно-морской флот (*Великобритании*)second line of defence - *образн.* «вторая линия обороны», армия (*Великобритании*)

to fix /to establish/ a line of defence - построить линию обороны

weapons of defence - оборонительное оружие

the system of collective defence - система коллективной безопасности

defence in depth - *воен.* эшелонированная оборонаdefence in place - *воен.* стабильная оборона

to rise to the defence of one's nation - подняться на защиту своего народа

to make a good defence against the enemy - успешно отбивать атаки противника

best defence is offence - нападение - лучшая защита

3) оправдание, защита

in defence - в защиту, в оправдание [*ср. тж.* 1, 1)]

in one's defence - в свою защиту

to speak in defence of smb. - выступать в чью-л. защиту, заступаться за кого-л.

it may be said in his defence that ... - в его оправдание можно сказать, что ...

to make no defence against accusations - ничего не сказать в свою защиту

2. *pl воен.* укрепления, оборонительные сооружения; система, средства обороны

coast defences - береговые укрепления

to set up defences - организовывать оборону, строить оборонительные сооружения

3. *юр.*1) защита (*тж. как сторона на процессе*)

the case for the defence - защита

the counsel [witnesses] for the defence - защитник [свидетели] обвиняемого

to conduct one's own defence - отказаться от защитника, взять на себя защиту, защищаться самому

2) речь защитника

3) письменное возражение ответчика против иска

4. *спорт.* защитаIndian defence - *шахм.* индийская защита

man-to-man defence - защита «игрок против игрока»

team defence - командная защита

◇ the science /art/ of defence - бокс

defence**de-fence** [defence defences] (especially US de-fense) *BrE* [di'fens] ^m *NAmE*[di'fens] ^m noun

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PROTECTION AGAINST ATTACK1. **uncountable** the act of protecting sb/sth from attack, criticism, etc

- soldiers who died **in defence of** their country
- When her brother was criticized she **leapt to his defence** .
- What points can be raised in defence of this argument?
- I have to say **in her defence** that she knew nothing about it beforehand

see also ↑self-defence2. **countable, uncountable** ~ (**against sth**) something that provides protection against attack from enemies, the weather, illness, etc

- The town walls were built as a defence against enemy attacks .
- The harbour's sea defences are in poor condition.

- The body has natural **defence mechanisms** to protect it from disease.

- Humour is a more effective defence than violence.

3. **uncountable** the organization of the people and systems that are used by a government to protect a country from attack: (BrE) the Ministry of Defence

- (NAme) the Department of Defense

- Further cuts in defence spending are being considered.

SUPPORT

4. **countable** something that is said or written in order to support sth

- a defence of Marxism

LAW

5. **countable** what is said in court to prove that a person did not commit a crime; the act of presenting this argument in court

- Her defence was that she was somewhere completely different at the time of the crime.

- He wanted to conduct his own defence.

6. **the defence** **singular + singular or plural verb** the lawyer or lawyers whose job is to prove in court that a person did not commit a crime

compare ↑prosecution

IN SPORT

7. **singular, uncountable** the players who must prevent the other team from scoring; the position of these players on the sports field

- Welford cut through the defence to score the winning goal.

- (BrE) She plays **in defence**.

- (NAme) He plays **on defense**.

compare ↑attack, ↑offense

8. **countable** a contest, game, etc. in which the previous winner or winners compete in order to try to win again

- Barcelona's defence of the Champions League title

See also: ↑defense

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **defens**, from late Latin **defensum** (neuter), **defensa** (feminine), past participles of **defendere** 'defend'.

Thesaurus:

defence (BrE) (AmE defense) **noun C, U**

- The body has natural defence mechanisms.

protection • • **shield** • • **safeguard** • • **cover** • • **screen** • • **precaution** • • **security** • • **buffer** •

(a) defence/protection/shield/safeguard/precaution/buffer **against** sth

as (a) defence/protection/shield/safeguard/cover/screen/precaution/buffer

(an) **adequate** defence/protection/safeguard/precaution/security

provide (a) defence/protection/shield/safeguard/cover/screen/precaution/security/buffer

Example Bank:

- He plays on defence.

- She spoke in his defence.

- The judge rejected her insanity defence.

- The sea breached the coastal defences in a number of spots.

- They are building up defences along the river.

- They put up an effective defence against the guerrilla forces.

- With her tears and angry accusations she completely overwhelmed his defences.

- With her tears she completely overwhelmed his defences.

- a defence to murder

- defence against attacks from the north

- the body's natural defence against viruses

- to fight in defence of your country

- to plan the defence of harbour

- to play in defence

- He always sprang to Rose's defence when Ed tried to criticize her.

- He has shown courage in coming to the defence of the embattled president.

- He paid tribute to all those who had died in defence of their country.

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- The harbour's sea defences are in poor condition.

- The man later told police that he was acting in self-defence.

- When her brother was criticized she leapt to his defence.

defencede **fence** **S2 W1 BrE** ^{AmE} *British English*, **defense** *American English* /dɪ'fens/ *noun*[**Word Family**: **noun**: DEFENCE/DEFENSE, ↑defendant, ↑defender, ↑defensiveness; **adjective**: DEFENCELESS/DEFENSELESS, ↑defensible ≠ ↑indefensible, ↑defensive; **adverb**: ↑defensibly ≠ ↑indefensibly, ↑defensively; **verb**: ↑defend]**1. PROTECTION****a) [uncountable]** the act of protecting something or someone from attack**defence of**

- " In Britain, the defence of the country has historically been left to the navy.
- " a firm commitment to the defense of human rights
- " The first line of defence is a smoke detector.

b) [countable] something that can be used to protect something or someone from attack:

The area's flood defences need repair.

defence against

- " The immune system is the body's defence against infection. ⇒ ↑self-defence

2. MILITARY**a) [uncountable]** all the systems, people, materials etc that a country uses to protect itself from attack:

- " calls for a national debate on defence
- " the Defense Department

b) defences *British English*, **defenses** *American English* [**plural**] all the armies, weapons, structures etc that are available to defend a place:

The invading army easily overcame the town's defences.

3. AGAINST CRITICISM [**uncountable and countable**] something that you say or do in order to support someone or something that is being criticized**in sb's/sth's defence**

- " Jean wrote a letter to the paper in Angela's defense.

defence of

- " a philosophical defence of nationalism

come/leap to sb's defence

- " Evelyn Waugh came to Wilson's defence and acknowledged the brilliance of the book's themes.

4. IN A LAW COURT**a) [countable]** the things that are said in a court of law to prove that someone is not guilty of a crime:

- " Major has a good defence and believes he will win the case.
- " a defence lawyer

b) the defence all the lawyers who try to prove in a court of law that someone is not guilty of a crime:

- " The defense called only one witness. ⇒ ↑prosecution(2)

5. EMOTIONS [**countable**] something you do or a way of behaving that prevents you from seeming weak or being hurt by others:

- " Liz dropped her defences and began to relax.

6. SPORT [**countable**] *British English* the players in a game whose main job is to try to prevent the other team from getting points**OPP offense**

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)■ **defence + NOUN**

- **a defence force** (=group of soldiers, pilots etc trained to defend a country) The country's defence forces are on standby in case of an attack.
- **a defence system** (=a system of people, organizations etc to defend a country) Is the national defence system adequate?
- **a defence policy** Ministers in Brussels have been discussing a possible European defence policy.
- **defence spending/expenditure** There were plans to cut defence spending by one billion pounds.
- **the defence budget** (=amount of money a government makes available for defence) They have called for the defence budget to be increased.
- **the Defence Department** (=part of the government dealing with defence) This is secret information, known only to the Defence Department.
- **the Defence Secretary** (=person in a government in charge of defence) The Defence Secretary is under pressure to resign.

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