

abstain

[əb'steɪn] *v*

1. воздерживаться
to abstain from force [criticism] - воздерживаться от применения силы [критики]
to abstain from drinking /from alcohol/ - не употреблять спиртных напитков
to abstain from meat - не есть мясного
when the cigars were passed he abstained - когда были предложены сигары, он отказался
2. 1) не голосовать, не принимать участия в голосовании, в выборах *и т. п.*
2) воздержаться (*при голосовании*)
two delegates abstained - два делегата (при голосовании) воздержались

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ab-stain [abstain abstains abstained abstaining] *BrE* [əb'steɪn] ^u *NAmE*

[əb'steɪn] ^u *verb intransitive*

1. ~ (from sth) to choose not to use a vote, either in favour of or against sth
• Ten people voted in favour, five against and two abstained.
2. ~ (from sth) to decide not to do or have sth, especially sth you like or enjoy, because it is bad for your health or considered morally wrong
• to abstain from alcohol/sex/drugs
3. ~ (from sth) (*IndE*) to stay away from sth
• The workers who abstained from work yesterday have been suspended.

see also ↑abstention, ↑abstinence

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	abstain
	<i>BrE</i> /əb'steɪn/
	<i>NAmE</i> /əb'steɪn/
he / she / it	abstains
	<i>BrE</i> /əb'steɪnz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /əb'steɪnz/
past simple, past participle	abstained
	<i>BrE</i> /əb'steɪnd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /əb'steɪnd/
-ing form	abstaining
	<i>BrE</i> /əb'steɪnɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /əb'steɪnɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French *abstenir*, from Latin *abstinere*, from *ab-* 'from' + *tenere* 'hold'.

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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: *abstenir*, from Latin *abstinere*, from *abs-* 'away' + *tenere* 'to hold']

1. to choose not to vote for or against something:
• Six countries voted for the change, five voted against, and two abstained.
2. to not do or have something you enjoy, especially alcohol or sex, usually for reasons of religion or health
abstain from
• Pilots must abstain from alcohol for 24 hours before flying.

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