

continuum[kən'tɪnjuəm] *n* (*pl* *мж.* *-nuā*)

- 1) *мат.* континуум
- 2) *физ.* сплошная среда
- 3) *физ.* непрерывный спектр
- 4) *лингв.* (временной) континуум

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con·tinuum [continuum continua] *BrE* [kən'tɪnjuəm] [ⓘ] *NAmE* [kən'tɪnjuəm] [ⓘ]**noun** (*pl.* **con·tinua** *BrE* [kən'tɪnjuə] [ⓘ] ; *NAmE* [kən'tɪnjuə] [ⓘ])

a series of similar items in which each is almost the same as the ones next to it but the last is very different from the first

Syn: ↑*cline*

- It is impossible to say at what point along the continuum a dialect becomes a separate language.

Word Origin:mid 17th cent.: from Latin, neuter of **continuus** 'uninterrupted', from **continere** 'hang together' (from **con-** 'together with' + **tenere** 'hold').**continuum**

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

con·tin·u·um /kən'tɪnjuəm/ *BrE* [ⓘ] *AmE* [ⓘ] **noun** (*plural* **continuums** or **continua** /-njuə/)**[countable] formal**[**Date:** 1600-1700; **Language:** Latin; **Origin:** *continuus*; ⇔ ↑*continuous*]

a scale of related things on which each one is only slightly different from the one before:

- The Creole language is really various dialects arranged on a continuum.
- All the organisms in an ecosystem are part of an evolutionary continuum.

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