

strait

I

1. [streit] *n*

- 1. *обыкн. pl* (узкий) пролив
the Strait of Magellan - Магелланов пролив
the Straits of Dover- Па-де-Кале
- 2. *редк.* перешеек
- 3. *редк.* узкий проход

2. [streit] *a арх., лит.*

тесный
strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life - тесны врата и узок путь, ведущие в жизнь

II

1. [streit] *n обыкн. pl*

затруднительное положение; стеснённые обстоятельства нужда
financial straits - финансовые затруднения
to be in great /dire/ straits - быть в очень трудном (финансовом) положении /в стеснённых обстоятельствах и большой нужде/
to be in desperate strait - быть в отчаянном положении
to keep smb. in great straits for money - стеснять кого-л. в деньгах

2. [streit] *a*

- 1. строгий, требовательный
- 2. нуждающийся, неимущий
- 3. прижимистый, скуповатый

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strait [strait straits] *BrE* [streit] ^u *NAmE* [streit] ^e **noun**

- 1. (*also* **straits plural**) (especially in the names of places) a narrow passage of water that connects two seas or large areas of water
 - the Strait(s) of Gibraltar
- 2. **straits plural** a very difficult situation especially because of lack of money
 - The factory is **in dire straits**.
 - She found herself in desperate financial straits.

Word Origin:

Middle English: shortening of Old French **estreit 'tight, narrow'**, from Latin **strictus 'drawn tight'**, past participle of **stringere 'tighten, draw tight'**.

Example Bank:

- Many hundreds of vessels pass through the straits each year.
- The business is in dire financial straits.
- The oil terminal is in the narrow strait that separates the island from the mainland.
- The town is on the straits between the Black Sea and the Mediterranean.
- a ship anchored in the Straits of Hormuz

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strait /streit/ *BrE* ^u *AmE* ^u **noun** [countable]

[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: strait 'narrow' (13-20 centuries), from Old French estreit, from Latin strictus; ⇨ ¹strict]

- 1. (*also* **straits plural**) a narrow passage of water between two areas of land, usually connecting two seas:
 - the Bering Strait
- 2. **be in dire straits** to be in a very difficult situation, especially a financial one:
 - After the war, the country's economy was in dire straits.
 - The firm is now in dire financial straits.

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