

caste[kɑːst] *n*

1. (в Индии)
 - 1) каста
 - 2) кастовая система
2. 1) каста, замкнутая группа (*профессиональная, социальная и т. п.*)
 - 2) кастовость
 - to renounce caste - отказаться от кастовых *или* классовых привилегий
- 3) привилегированное общественное положение
 - to lose caste - потерять положение в обществе

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

caste [caste castes] *BrE* [kɑːst] ^ˈ *NAmE* [kæst] ^ˈ *noun*

1. **countable** any of the four main divisions of Hindu society, originally those made according to functions in society
 - the caste system
 - high-caste Brahmins
2. **countable** a social class, especially one whose members do not allow others to join it
 - the ruling caste
3. **uncountable** the system of dividing society into classes based on differences in family origin, rank or wealth

Word Origin:

mid 16th cent. (in the general sense 'race, breed'): from Spanish and Portuguese *casta* 'lineage, race, breed', feminine of *casto* 'pure, unmixed', from Latin *castus* 'chaste'.

Example Bank:

- He belongs to one of the highest castes.
- low-caste families
- the Hindu caste system

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[**Date:** 1500-1600; **Language:** Portuguese; **Origin:** *casta* 'race', from *casto* 'pure'; from Latin *castus*; ⇨ ↑ **chaste**]

1. one of the fixed social classes, which cannot be changed, into which people are born in India:
 - ˈ the caste system
2. a group of people who have the same position in society

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