

**chateau** [chateau chateaux] (also **château**) *BrE* ['ʃætəʊ] *AmE* [ʃæ'toʊ]  
*noun* (pl. **chateaux**, **châteaux** or **chateaus**, **châteaux** *BrE* ['ʃætəʊz] *AmE* [ʃæ'toʊz]) (from French)  
 a castle or large country house in France

Word Origin:

mid 18th cent.: French, from Old French **chastel** from Latin **castellum**, diminutive of **castrum** 'fort'.

Example Bank:

- The Loire Valley is home to more than 300 chateaux.

**chateau** Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)  
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 [countable]



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**chateau** Freakuency Pack  
 12500 **9537**<sup>MCW</sup>  
 15000 **11567**<sup>COCA</sup>  
 RANGE: **8k** CHATEAU 457  
 chateau 400  
 chateaus 17  
 chateaux 40  
 COCA 500k Unlemmatized  
 252 **36262**<sup>400</sup> *nn1*