

# limbo

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[ˈlɪmbəʊ] *n* (*pl* -os [-{ˈlɪmb}əʊz])

1. *рел. (мж. Limbo)* чистилище, место между раем и адом  
 limbo of children - чистилище младенцев (*умерших до крещения*)  
 limbo of the fathers /of the patriarchs/ - чистилище (праведных) отцов (*живших до Христа*)
2. заточение, заключение
3. 1) заброшенность; отсутствие внимания  
 proposals kept in limbo - предложения, положенные под сукно
- 2) неопределённость; переходное состояние  
 I am in a limbo waiting for something to happen - я нахожусь в самом неопределённом положении /в полной неизвестности/ и жду, что случится  
 the idea of forming a trade union is in limbo - мысль о создании профсоюза повисла в воздухе
4. 1) место для ненужных вещей; забытое, брошенное место
- 2) *сл.* ломбард; контора ростовщика

II

[ˈlɪmbəʊ] *n*

лимбо, вест-индский танец с элементами акробатики

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**limbo** [limbo limbos] *BrE* [ˈlɪmbəʊ] <sup>1</sup> *NAmE* [ˈlɪmbou] <sup>2</sup> *noun*

1. **countable** a West Indian dance in which you lean backwards and go under a bar which is made lower each time you go under it
2. **uncountable, singular** a situation in which you are not certain what to do next, cannot take action, etc, especially because you are waiting for sb else to make a decision
  - the limbo of the stateless person
  - His life seemed stuck **in limbo** ; he could not go forward and he could not go back.

Word Origin:

**sense 2** late Middle English medieval Latin **in limbo** *limbus* ‘hem, border, limbo’

**sense 1** 1950s ↑limber

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[**Sense 1:** **Date:** 1300-1400; **Language:** Medieval Latin; **Origin:** Latin *limbus* ‘border’]

[**Sense 2:** **Date:** 1900-2000; **Origin:** ↑limber<sup>2</sup>]

1. [**singular, uncountable**] a situation in which nothing happens or changes for a long period of time, and it is difficult to make decisions or know what to do, often because you are waiting for something else to happen first

**be in limbo**

<sup>1</sup> I’m in limbo now until I know whether I’ve got the job.

**limbo of**

<sup>1</sup> the limbo of his eight years in jail

2. **the limbo** a West Indian dance in which the dancer leans backwards and goes under a stick that is lowered gradually

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