quay

quay [quay quays] BrE [ki] * NAmE [ki] * noun

a platform in a harbour where boats come in to load, etc

• A crowd was waiting on the quay.



Word Origin:

late Middle English key, from Old French kay, of Celtic origin. The change of spelling in the late 17th cent. was influenced by the modern French spelling quai.

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quay /ki□\$ keɪ, ki□ BrE AmE noun [countable] [Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: kay] a place in a town or village where boats can be tied up or can stop to load and unload goods

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