

1. [tʃeə] *n*

1. стул; кресло (*мж.* easy chair)
 cane chair - плетёный стул; плетёное кресло
 folding /hammock/ chair - складной стул
 chair covers - чехлы на кресла
 (won't you) take a chair - (пожалуйста) садитесь
2. 1) **председательство; председательское место**
 to take the chair - а) стать председателем собрания; открыть собрание; б) председательствовать, вести собрание
 to put in the chair - избрать председателем
 the chair is taken - собрание открыто
 to be /to sit/ in the chair - председательствовать
 to leave the chair - закрыть собрание
- 2) **председатель (собрания)**
 to address the chair - обращаться к председателю собрания
 chair! chair! - к порядку!
3. **кафедра (в высшем учебном заведении)**
 chair of chemistry [of astronomy] - кафедра химии [астрономии]
4. **профессура, должность профессора**
 he holds a university chair - он занимает должность профессора в университете
5. 1) **судейство; должность судьи**
 2) **должность мэра**
 3) **пост спикера палаты общин**
6. (the chair) *амер. разг.* **электрический стул**
 to send to the chair - приговорить к смертной казни
 to get /to go to/ the chair - быть казнённым на электрическом стуле
7. *амер.* **место свидетеля в суде (мж. witness chair)**
8. *возвыш.* **высокое положение, трон**
 chair of state - высокий государственный пост
 chair of authority - кормило власти
9. *уст.* **портшез**
10. *амер.* **должность музыканта оркестра или инструментального ансамбля**
11. *архит.* **конёк крыши**
12. *ж.-д.*
- 1) **рельсовая подушка**
 2) **башмак**
13. *тех.* **подвесная люлька (для воздушных работ)**
 ◇ chair days - старость

2. [tʃeə] *v*

1. **усаживать (кого-л.)**
2. 1) **возводить в должность (особ. высокую)**
 2) **возводить на трон**
 3) **избирать председателем**
- 4) **возглавлять; быть председателем; руководить (кафедрой и т. п.)**
 the council chaired by Mr. N - совет под председательством г-на N
3. **поднимать и нести (победителя)**

chair

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

chair [chair chairs chaired chairing] **noun, verb** *BrE* [tʃeə(r)] [ⓘ] *NAmE* [tʃer] [ⓘ]

noun



1. **countable** a piece of furniture for one person to sit on, with a back, a seat and four legs

- a table and chairs
- Sit on your chair!
- an old man asleep in a chair (= an [↑]armchair)
- dining/kitchen chairs

see also [↑]armchair, [↑]deckchair, [↑]easy chair, [↑]high chair, [↑]musical chairs, [↑]rocking chair, [↑]wheelchair

2. **the chair singular** the position of being in charge of a meeting or committee; the person who holds this position

- She takes the chair in all our meetings.
- Who is in the chair today?
- He was elected chair of the city council.
- All remarks should be addressed to the chair.

3. **countable** the position of being in charge of a department in a university

- He holds the chair of philosophy at Oxford.

4. **the chair singular** (US, informal) = ↑electric chair

Word Origin:

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Thesaurus:

chair noun C

- Sit on your chair!
- a wheelchair/deckchair/high chair/rocking chair

seat •• **armchair** •• **throne** •• **stool** •

in/into/out of a/an chair/seat/armchair

on/onto/off a chair/seat/throne/stool

Chair or seat? A **chair** is a piece of furniture designed for sitting on; a **seat** is anywhere that you can sit:

- a set of dining/kitchen chairs

✗ **a set of dining/kitchen seats:**

- We used the old tree stump as a seat.

✗ **We used the old tree stump as a chair.** **Seat** is also used for the place where you sit in a vehicle:

- the passenger seat/driver's seat (= in a car)
- an aisle/a window seat (= in a bus/plane/train)

Example Bank:

- 'Please, be my guest.' He gestured towards an empty chair.
- A cat was asleep on the chair.
- A chair lift carried us to the top of the ski run.
- A chair stood facing the window.
- A private benefactor endowed the new Chair of Japanese Literature.
- Anne took the chair in Carol's absence.
- Anne took the chair= was chairperson in Carol's absence.
- Come in and take a chair.
- He gave her his chair.
- He gestured to an empty chair.
- He got up from his chair to address the meeting.
- He held the Chair of Botany at Cambridge University for thirty years.
- He held the Chair of Psychology at Yale.
- He lay back in the reclining chair and went to sleep.
- He pulled out a chair for her.
- He pushed back his chair and got to his feet.
- He put his feet up on the desk and lay back in his chair.
- He sank into his chair and opened the letter.
- He sat nervously on the edge of his chair.
- He was shifting about uneasily in his chair.
- Lisa heard a chair scraping the floor.
- Paul Ryan was in the chair at today's meeting.
- Paul Ryan was in the chair= was chairperson at today's meeting.
- Please address your questions to the chair.
- She always swivels around in her chair.
- She dropped her bags and flopped down into the nearest chair.
- She gripped the arm of her chair as she spoke.
- She leaned back in her chair and lit a cigarette.
- She returned to the swivel chair behind her desk.
- She swivelled round in her chair and picked up the phone.
- She tipped her chair back and fixed her gaze full upon him.
- The chair creaked every time I moved.
- They straightened in their chairs when the manager burst in.
- a dining table and four matching chairs
- a set of antique dining chairs
- a high chair
- a rocking chair
- an old man asleep in a chair

verb ~ sth

to act as the chairman or chairwoman of a meeting, discussion, etc

- Who's chairing the meeting?

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	chair
	BrE /tʃeə(r)/
	NAmE /tʃer/
he / she / it	chairs
	BrE /tʃeəz/
	NAmE /tʃerz/
past simple, past participle	chaired
	BrE /tʃeəd/
	NAmE /tʃerd/
-ing form	chairing
	BrE /tʃeərɪŋ/
	NAmE /tʃerɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- I had the unenviable task of chairing the closing session.
- Lord Stansfield will chair the committee.
- Who's chairing the meeting?

chair

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1. **chair**¹ **S1 W2** /tʃeə \$ tʃer/ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m *noun*

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: *chaiere*, from Latin *cathedra*, from Greek, from *kata-* (⇒ ↑*cataclysm*) + *hedra* 'seat']



1. [countable] a piece of furniture for one person to sit on, which has a back, a seat, and four legs:

- a kitchen chair
- They bought a new table and chairs.
- One of the chair legs was broken.

on/in a chair

- She was sitting on a wooden chair.
- He sat back in his chair.

2. [singular] the position of being in charge of a meeting or committee, or the person who is in charge of it:

- Address your questions to the chair, please.

be in the chair

- Who will be in the chair at tomorrow's meeting?

chair of

- He was nominated as chair of the board of governors.

3. [countable] the position of being a university ↑*professor*

chair of

- a new Chair of Medicine

4. **the chair** *American English informal* the ↑*electric chair*

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- **sit in/on a chair** She sat in her favourite chair.
- **pull/draw up a chair** (=move a chair nearer someone or something) Pull up a chair and look at these pictures.
- **take a chair** (=sit down in one in a particular place) Brian took a chair beside his wife.
- **lean back in your chair** He leant back in his chair and took out his pipe.
- **sink/slump/flop into a chair** (=sit down in one in a tired or unhappy way) Greg groaned and sank into his chair.
- **collapse in/into a chair** (=sit down suddenly because you are very tired or upset) Eileen collapsed into a chair and burst out crying.
- **get up from your chair** (also **rise from your chair formal**) He got up from his chair and walked to the window.
- **jump up from your chair** (=get up quickly) 'Look at the time!' she cried, jumping up from her chair.
- **push back your chair** (=in order to get up) He pushed back his chair and stood up.

▪ **lounged in a chair** (=sit in one in a very relaxed way) Everyone was outside, lounging in chairs in the sun.

■ **adjectives**

- **a comfortable chair** (also **a comfy chair** *informal*) The hotel had a TV room with some nice comfy chairs.
- **a hard chair** (=not comfortable) I sat on a hard chair in the corridor and waited.
- **an empty chair** (=with no one using it) She came and sat in an empty chair beside me.
- **a wooden/plastic/leather etc chair** In the kitchen was a table with six wooden chairs around it.
- **a folding chair** (=one which you can fold so it is flat) People were sitting on blankets or folding chairs, listening to the outdoor concert.

■ **chair + NOUN**

- **a chair leg/arm/back/seat** The chair leg has broken.

II. **chair**² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *verb* [transitive]

to be the ¹chairperson of a meeting or committee:

¹ The inquiry was chaired by a judge.

chair

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