

**prisoner**['prɪz(ə)nə] *n*

## 1. 1) заключённый, арестант, узник

prisoner of state, state prisoner - государственный преступник

prisoner of conscience - узник совести

political prisoner - политический заключённый

to keep smb. prisoner - держать кого-л. в заключении

2) подсудимый (*мж.* prisoner at the bar)2. военнопленный (*мж.* prisoner of war)

to take /to make/ smb. prisoner - взять кого-л. в плен

3. пленник, узник; человек, лишённый свободы действия *и т. п.*

prisoner of love - пленник любви

to be a prisoner to one's chair - быть прикованным к креслу

a bad cold kept me prisoner in my room - сильная простуда заставила меня сидеть дома

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**pris-on-er** [prɪzənə(r)] *BrE* ['prɪznə(r)] *AmE* ['prɪznə] *noun*

## 1. a person who is kept in prison as a punishment, or while they are waiting for trial

• The number of prisoners serving life sentences has fallen.

• They are demanding the release of all **political prisoners** .

## 2. a person who has been captured, for example by an enemy, and is being kept somewhere

• He was **taken prisoner** by rebel soldiers.• They are **holding** her **prisoner** and demanding a large ransom.• (*figurative*) She is afraid to go out and has become a virtual prisoner in her own home.• (*figurative*) He was a prisoner of his own ignorance.Word Origin:late Middle English: from Old French **prisonier**, from **prison**, from Latin **prensio(n-)**, variant of **prehensio(n-)** 'laying hold of', from the verb **prehendere**Thesaurus:**prisoner** *noun*1. *C*

• prisoners serving life sentences

**convict** • • **inmate** •an **escaped** prisoner/convict**release** a prisoner/convict/inmatea/an prisoner/convict/inmate **serves** a sentence2. *C*

• He was taken prisoner by rebel soldiers.

**hostage** • • **prisoner of war** • • **POW** • • **detainee** • |*literary* **captive** •a **political** prisoner/hostage/detainee**hold/keep/take sb** prisoner/hostage/captive**free/release** a prisoner/hostage/prisoner of war/POW/detainee/captive**Prisoner or captive?** **Captive** is used in historical contexts, and also when talking about organizations holding people against their will. **Prisoner** is used more to talk about people who have been captured in war.Example Bank:

• Many soldiers were taken prisoner.

• Over 2 million prisoners are currently incarcerated in the US.

• The former prisoner of conscience was elected president of the new democracy.

• They had captured over 100 prisoners.

• They were allowed only limited contact with their fellow prisoners.

• They were kept prisoner for eight months in a tiny flat.

• Without a wheelchair, she is a virtual prisoner in her own home.

• They are demanding the release of all political prisoners.

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**pris-on-er** **S3 W2** /'prɪznə \$ -ər/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable][Word Family: *noun*: ↑prison, ↑prisoner, ↑imprisonment; *verb*: ↑imprison; *adjective*: imprisonable]



1. someone who is kept in a prison as a legal punishment for a crime or while they are waiting for their <sup>↑</sup>trial ⇒ **guard, imprison**:

- Relationships between the staff and the prisoners are good.
- Prisoners here only serve short sentences.

**remand prisoner** *British English* (=someone who is in prison waiting for their trial)

- The organization is arguing for the release of political prisoners (=people in prison because of their political opinions).

2. someone who is taken by force and kept somewhere **SYN captive**

**hold/keep somebody prisoner**

- The guerrillas kept her prisoner for three months.
- He was being held prisoner.
- Our pilot was taken prisoner.
- The army advanced, taking 200,000 prisoners.

3. someone who is in a place or situation from which they cannot escape:

- He is a prisoner of his own past.

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## COLLOCATIONS

### ■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + prisoner

- **a remand prisoner** *British English* (=one who is waiting for their trial) A prison governor is refusing to accept any more remand prisoners.
- **a condemned prisoner** (=one who is going to be punished by being killed) There is an appeal process for condemned prisoners.
- **a political prisoner** (=one who is in prison because of their political opinions) They demanded that the military government free all political prisoners.
- **an escaped prisoner** Soldiers arrived, looking for escaped prisoners.

### ■ verbs

- **release/free a prisoner** Hundreds of prisoners were released.

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## THESAURUS

- **prisoner** someone who is kept in a prison as a punishment for a crime, or while they are waiting for their <sup>↑</sup>trial: Prisoners may be locked in their cells for twenty-two hours a day. | a prisoner serving a life sentence for murder
- **convict** *especially written* someone who has been found guilty of a crime and sent to a prison. **Convict** is used especially about someone who is sent to prison for a long time. It is more commonly used in historical descriptions, or in the phrase **an escaped convict**: The convicts were sent from England to Australia. | Police were hunting for an escaped convict. | Low-risk convicts help to fight forest fires and clean up public lands.
- **inmate** someone who is kept in a prison or a mental hospital: Some inmates are allowed to have special privileges. | He was described by a fellow inmate as a quiet man.
- **captive** *especially literary* someone who is kept somewhere and not allowed to go free, especially in a war or fighting. **Captive** is a rather formal word which is used especially in literature: Their objective was to disarm the enemy and release the captives. | She was held captive (=kept as a prisoner) in the jungle for over three years.
- **prisoner of war** a soldier, member of the navy etc who is caught by the enemy during a war and kept in the enemy's country: My grandad was a prisoner of war in Germany. | They agreed to release two Iranian prisoners of war.
- **hostage** someone who is kept somewhere as a prisoner, in order to force people to agree to do something, for example in order to get money or to achieve a political aim: Diplomats are continuing their efforts to secure the release of the hostages. | The US hostages were held in Tehran for over a year.
- **detainee / internee** someone who is kept in a prison, usually because of their political views and often without a trial: In some cases, political detainees have been beaten or mistreated. | 23,531 people passed through the camps between 1944 and 1962, including 14,647 political internees. | the detainees at Guantanamo Bay

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