

## rail

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1. [reɪl] *n*1. *обыкн. pl* ограда, изгородь

to force to the rails - а) прижимать (*лошадь*) к ограде (*во время скачек*); б) прижать к стене (*кого-л.*); поставить в невыгодное положение (*кого-л.*)

## 2. 1) поручень, перила

2) *мор.* леер

## 3. поперечина, перекладина

## 4. 1) рельс

third rail - *ж.-д.* третий/контактный рельс

off the rails - а) сошедший с рельсов; б) выбитый из колеи, дезорганизованный; в) сбившийся с пути

2) *разг.* железная дорога; железнодорожный путь; рельсовый путь

by rail - по железной дороге; поездом

free on rail - *ком.* франко-вагон

rail junction - железнодорожный узел, узловая станция

rail terminal - конечный пункт железной дороги

rail mileage - протяжённость рельсового пути в милях

rail tongue - *ж.-д.* остряк, перо стрелки

## 5. 1) полоса, брусок, рейка

2) вешалка (*в виде закрепленной рейки*)

towel rail - вешалка для полотенца

6. *pl бирж.* железнодорожные акции (*тж.* rail shares)

◇ thin as a rail - худой как щепка

to ride on a rail - *амер.* вывалить в дёгте и перьях и вывезти из города

2. [reɪl] *v*1. обносить перилами, оградой, изгородью; огораживать (*часто* rail in, rail off)

they railed in part of the pasture - они отгородили часть пастбища

the garden was railed off from the road - со стороны дороги сад был обнесён оградой

## 2. прокладывать рельсы

## 3. перевозить, посылать, отправлять по железной дороге

4. *редк.* ехать на поезде

II

[reɪl] *v*

## 1. ругаться, браниться

## 2. (at, against)

1) ругать, бранить, поносить (*что-л., кого-л.*)

## 2) жаловаться, сетовать

to rail at fate - плакаться на (свою) судьбу

doctors rail at the volume of paperwork connected with their jobs - врачи жалуются на огромное количество писанины, связанной с их работой

II

[reɪl] *n зоол.*

погоныш (*Porzana*)

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**rail** [rail rails railed railing] *noun, verb* *BrE* [reɪl] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* [reɪl] <sup>ˈ</sup>

*noun*1. *countable* a wooden or metal bar placed around sth as a barrier or to provide support

• She leaned on the ship's rail and gazed out to sea.

**see also** ↑guard rail, ↑handrail

2. *countable* a bar fixed to the wall for hanging things on

- a picture/curtain/towel rail



3. **countable, usually plural** each of the two metal bars that form the track that trains run on
4. **uncountable** (often before another noun) railways/railroads as a means of transport

- to travel **by rail**
- rail travel/services/fares
- a rail link/network

**more at** jump the rails **at** ↑jump v.

Word Origin:

- n.** and Middle English Old French **reille** 'iron rod' Latin **regula** 'straight stick, rule'
- v.** late Middle English French **railler** Provençal **ralhar** 'to jest' Latin **rugire** 'to bellow'

Example Bank:

- He uses a combination of commuter rail and subway to get to work.
- Lace curtains hung from the brass rails over the bed.
- Many business people now opt for high-speed rail rather than flying.
- She climbed onto the top fence rail.
- She held tightly on to the rail.
- She was worried her son was going to go completely off the rails.
- The gun is mounted on rails.
- The train came off the rails.
- The train thundered along the rails.
- Trams run along rails.
- We went from London to Budapest by rail.
- Weeds grew between the rails.
- efforts to modernize the rail network
- heated towel rails
- the Channel Tunnel rail link
- A child was seen crossing the rails.
- After the accident a guard rail was placed all the way along the cliff path.
- She came slowly down the stairs, holding the banister rail.
- There was thick dust on the picture rail.
- They stood leaning on the ship's rail and watched the sunset.
- a towel rail

Idioms: ↑get back on the rails ▪ ↑go off the rails

Derived ↑rail something in

**verb intransitive, transitive** ~ (at/against sth/sb) | + speech (formal)

to complain about sth/sb in a very angry way

**Syn:** ↑rage

- She railed against the injustice of it all.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	rail
	BrE /reɪl/
	NAmE /reɪl/
he / she /it	rails
	BrE /reɪlz/
	NAmE /reɪlz/
past simple, past participle	railed
	BrE /reɪld/
	NAmE /reɪld/
-ing form	railing
	BrE /reɪlɪŋ/
	NAmE /reɪlɪŋ/

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**rail**<sup>1</sup> **S2 W2** /reɪl/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *noun*

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: reille 'bar', from Latin regula 'ruler', from regere 'to keep straight']

**1. [uncountable] the railway system ⇒ train:**

- the American rail system
- a high-speed rail network
- Passengers want a better rail service.
- the Channel Tunnel and its rail links with London

**by rail**

- We continued our journey by rail.
- I need to buy a rail ticket.
- cheap rail fares

**2. [countable] one of the two long metal tracks fastened to the ground that trains move along****3. [countable] a bar that is fastened along or around something, especially to stop you from going somewhere or from falling:**

- Several passengers were leaning against the ship's rail. ⇒ ↑guardrail, ↑handrail

**4. [countable] a bar that you use to hang things on:**

- a towel rail
- a curtain rail

**5. go off the rails *informal* to start behaving in a strange or socially unacceptable way:**

- At 17 he suddenly went off the rails and started stealing.

**6. back on the rails happening or functioning normally again:**

- The coach was credited with putting the team back on the rails.

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**COLLOCATIONS****■ rail + NOUN**

- **the rail network/system** (=the system of railway lines in a country) The government has spent £2 billion on improving the country's rail network.
- **a rail service** People want a safe, reliable rail service.
- **a rail ticket** a first-class rail ticket
- **a rail fare** Rail fares are to increase by up to 9.4%.
- **rail travel** They had introduced measures to make rail travel safer.
- **a rail passenger** Rail passengers will have to pay more for their tickets next year.
- **a rail crash** Police have named four more victims of the Selby rail crash.
- **a rail link** (=that makes train travel between two places possible) He proposed building a high-speed rail link between the two airports.

**II. rail**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *verb*

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: French; Origin: railier 'to make fun of', from Late Latin ragere 'to make the sound of a horse']

**1. [transitive] to enclose or separate an area with rails ⇒ cordon off****rail something off/in**

- The police railed off the area where the accident happened.

**2. [intransitive and transitive] *formal* to complain angrily about something, especially something that you think is very unfair****rail against/at**

- Consumers rail against the way companies fix prices.

**rail**

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