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## 1. [lain] n

1. 1) линия (*тж. мат.*)

straight [bent, curved] line - прямая [изогнутая, кривая] линия

to draw a line from A to B - провести линию от А до В [*ср. тж.* ◇]

contour line - *геогр.* изобата

line of force - *физ.* силовая линия

line of sight - а) линия прямой видимости; б) *астр.* прямая от звезды до Земли

line of aim - *воен.* линия прицеливания

line of bomb release - *воен.* линия бомбометания

2) *иск.* линия; линии, контур

line and colour - контуры и тона (*картины*)

to translate life into line and colour - передать /изобразить/ жизнь с помощью карандаша и красок

the clearness /purity/ of line in an artist's work - ясность /чистота/ линий /рисунка/ в работе художника

## 3) черта, штрих

line test - *кино* проба рисованного движения на киноэкране

4) *муз.* линейка

## 5) черта, особенность, штрих

the lines of his character are quite clear - черты его характера ясны

## 2. 1) верёвка, бечёвка

horse line - коновязь

to hang (out) clothes on a line - повесить бельё на верёвку

## 2) провод

line communication, line transmission - проводная связь; передача сообщений по проводам

3) леса (*удочки*)

to be clever with rod and line, to throw a good line - быть хорошим рыболовом

4) *мор.* льня5) *поэт.* нить (*паутины*)

## 3. граница, пограничная линия; предел

boundary line - пограничная линия

line of demarcation - демаркационная линия

to cross the line into Canada - перейти через границу Канады (*из США*)

to overstep the line of smth. - перейти границы чего-л.

to go over the line - а) переходить границу; б) переходить границы (*дозволенного и т. п.*)

4. 1) морщина, складка (*кожу*)

face covered with deep lines - лицо, изборождённое глубокими морщинами

## 2) линия ладони

line of fortune - линия судьбы

5. *р/*1) контур, очертания, обводы (*корабля и т. п.*)

good lines of the face - красивый абрис лица

the savage lines of the mouth - суровое очертание рта

the severe lines of Norman architecture - суровые линии /очертания/ нормандской архитектуры

## 2) план, теоретический чертёж

## 6. 1) ряд, линия

a line of trees [of chairs, of houses] - ряд деревьев [кресел, домов]

a long line of low hills - длинный ряд /-ая цепь/ невысоких холмов

## 2) строй, ряд

to stand in (a) line - выстроиться *или* стоять в ряд

to draw up in line - построить в ряд

3) *воен.* развёрнутый строй4) *мор.* строй фронта5) очередь, хвост (*в магазине и т. п.*)7. *тех.*1) конвейер, поточная линия (*тж. assembly line*)

## 2) трубопровод

feed line - *с.-х.* трубопровод для подачи кормов

## 8. 1) линия связи

telegraph [telephone] line - телеграфная [телефонная] линия

long-distance line - междугородная *или* международная линия

party [shared] line - спаренные телефоны общий провод у нескольких абонентов

hot line *см.* hot line

line engaged /*амер.* busy!/ - линия занята! (*в ответ на заказ номера по телефону*)

hold the line! - не вешайте трубку!, не разъединяйте!

the line is bad - плохо слышно

## 2) линия сообщения

air line - воздушная линия

a new bus line - новая автобусная линия

steamship line - пароходная линия

communication lines - пути сообщения

lines of communication - коммуникации

3) линия электросети

line bar - *эл.* контактный рельс; сборительнаяшина

4) *ж.-д.* рельсовый путь

single line - однопутная линия

broad-gauge line - ширококолейный путь

main line - главный путь

branch line - железнодорожная ветка

to fall from a train onto the line - упасть с поезда на рельсы

to go off the line - сойти с рельсов (*о поезде*)

9. 1) (the line *или* the Line) экватор

under the line - на экваторе

to cross the line - пересечь экватор

2) *редк.* меридиан *или* параллель (*на географической карте*)

10. 1) направление, курс, путь

line of march - маршрут, путь следования

line of fire [of advance] - направление стрельбы [наступления]

line of retreat /of withdrawal/ - путь отхода

line of flight - траектория полёта

2) направление, ход

line of argument - последовательность доводов; ход доказательства

different lines of thought - разный ход мысли, разный подход (*к чему-л.*)

a new line in fashion - новое направление в моде

3) образ действий; линия поведения

to take a strong /firm/ line over smth. - а) держаться твёрдой линии в каком-л. вопросе; б) действовать энергично

to go on wrong lines - пользоваться ошибочными /неправильными/ методами

proceed on /along/ these lines until further notice - продолжайте /действуйте/ таким же образом до получения дальнейших указаний

4) *полит.* линия (*партии*); (политический) курс

general line of the Party - генеральная линия партии

hard [soft] line - жёсткий [мягкий] курс

11. 1) происхождение, родословная, линия; генеалогия, семья

male [female] line - мужская [женская] линия

line of consanguinity - кровное родство

ascending [descending] line - родство по восходящей [нисходящей] линии

collateral /transversal/ line - родство по боковой линии

a descendant in a direct [in the male] line - потомок по прямой [по мужской линии]

to come of a good line - происходить из хорошей семьи

the last of his line - последний в его роде

2) очерёдность (*наследования, получения*); перспектива (*унаследовать или получить что-л.*)

to be third in line for the throne - быть третьим в очерёдности престолонаследования

to be in line for promotion - быть (первым) кандидатом на выдвижение

to be in line for the presidency - а) иметь (хорошие) шансы стать президентом; б) быть преемником президента (*в случае его смерти или инвалидности*)

3) *с.-х.* генеалогическая линия (*животного*; *тж.* line of breeding)

pure-bred [inbred] line - чистопородная [инбредная] линия

12. 1) строка

page 5, line 4 - страница пятая, строка четвёртая

to read between the lines - читать между строк

drop /send/ me a few lines - черкните мне несколько строк

2) короткая записка

just a line to say that all goes well - несколько слов, чтобы только сказать, что всё благополучно

3) стих, строчка стиха

4) *pl* стихи, стихотворение

5) *pl школ.* «строчки», дополнительное задание (*стихи, наиздание и т. п., которые школьник должен переписывать в наказание за что-л.*)

13. *pl театр.* роль, слова роли

the actor was not sure of his lines - актёр нетвёрдо знал роль

14. 1) *pl разг.* свидетельство о браке (*тж.* marriage lines)

2) медицинское свидетельство

15. род занятий, род деятельности, специальность; область интересов

what is his line? - а) чем он занимается?; б) чем он интересуется?

in [out of] smb.'s line - соответствующий [не соответствующий] чьим-л. интересам /склонностям *и т. п.* /

this is not in my line - это не по моей части

line of business - *театр.* ампула актёра

line of duty - *воен.* исполнение служебного долга

in line of duty - при исполнении служебных обязанностей; на посту

line of responsibility - сфера компетенции

geology is his particular line геология - предмет его особого интереса

16. **ком.** ассортимент, партия товаров; серия изделий

line of goods - ассортимент товаров

the shop has a cheap line in felt hats - в магазине ассортимент дешёвых фетровых шляп

the store carries a full line of small tools - магазин имеет большой выбор /полный ассортимент/ ручных инструментов

17. **pl** судьба

hard lines! - вот это не повезло! (выражение сочувствия)

18. **воен.**

1) линия фронта оборонительный рубеж

the front line - линия фронта

the enemy's lines - расположение противника

line of defence /of resistance/ - оборонительный рубеж

line of departure - исходный рубеж (для наступления)

line of contact - рубеж соприкосновения

2) укреплённая линия

the Maginot line - линия Мажино

19. (оп) сведения, информация

to give smb. line on smth., smb. - информировать кого-л. о чём-л., ком-л.

to get a line on smb., smth. - разузнать /получить сведения/ о ком-л., чём-л.

20. 1) черта (в играх)

the ball crossed the line - мяч за чертой /перешёл черту/

on the line! - на линию! (команда - фехтование)

2) нападающие (в амер. футболе)

21. **воен.**

1) пехотные части (в Великобритании)

2) **амер.** строевые войска (**тж.** line troops)

line training - строевая подготовка

line battalion - линейный батальон

line officer - строевой офицер

22. линия (мера длины; ≈ 2,1 мм)

23. **тлв.** строка (изображения)

line frequency - частота строк

◇ on the line - а) где-то между, нечто среднее; б) на уровне глаз зрителя (о картине); a picture on the line - картина на выставке, повешенная на уровне глаз зрителя; в) в опасности; to put one's reputation on the line - поставить под удар свою репутацию; г) наготове; под рукой

to lay /to put/ it on the line - а) заплатить (наличными); раскошелиться; отслюнить (сумму); б) высказаться определённо, выложить всё начистоту

in line - а) в одну линию, в ряд

in line with - в согласии, в соответствии с (чем-л.)

it isn't in line with my ideas at all - это совершенно не соответствует моим представлениям /замыслам/

to bring smb. into line - убедить кого-л. согласиться или сотрудничать (с кем-л.)

to come into line with smb. - согласиться с кем-л.; сотрудничать с кем-л.

to ride the line, to take /to keep to/ one's own line - действовать самостоятельно и независимо

out of line - а) не соответствующий обычной практике, общепринятым нормам **и т. п.**; to step out of line выходить за рамки принятого, дозволенного **и т. п.**; нарушать правила, традиции **и т. п.**; б) дерзкий, непочтительный

to act out of line - грубить; скандалить; вести себя вызывающе

down the line - а) во всём, во всех отношениях; б) в конце концов, в конечном счёте; когда-нибудь в будущем

by line and level, by rule and line - очень точно; аккуратно, методично

all along the line - во всём, во всех отношениях

to draw the line - а) провести границу; to find it hard to draw the line - не знать, где провести границу /черту/; б) остановиться перед чем-л.; не пойти на что-л.

he draws the line at armed intervention - он никогда не пойдёт /не решится/ на вооружённое вторжение

to draw a line - подвести черту (под чем-л.), положить предел (чему-л.); [**ср. тж.** 1, 1)]

to draw a line under World War II - подвести черту под второй мировой войной

to shoot a line - хвастаться; выхваляться

to give smb. line enough - оставить кого-л. временно в покое, предоставить кому-л. на время видимость свободы (чтобы затем поймать его)

to toe the line - а) **спорт.** встать на стартовую черту; б) подчиняться дисциплине, строго придерживаться правил; в) поддерживать взгляды /программу/

as straight as a line, right as a /any/ line - честный, прямой, откровенный

2. [lain] **v**

1. проводить линии; линовать (**тж.** line off, line out)

to line a paper - разлиновать бумагу

a face lined with care - лицо, изборождённое морщинами забот

2. строить, выстраивать в ряд, в линию; устанавливать в ряд

to line troops along a road - выстроить войска вдоль дороги

many streets are lined with trees - вдоль многих улиц посажены деревья

3. стоять, тянуться вдоль (чего-л.)

crowds of people lined the kerbs - вдоль тротуаров стояли толпы людей

4. *тех.* центрировать, правильно устанавливать (*обыкн.* line up)
5. *редк.* завязывать, обвязывать бечёвкой, проволокой
6. *амер. редк.* удить

II

[laɪn] *v*

1. 1) класть на подкладку, подбивать  
to line an overcoat with silk - поставить пальто на шёлковую подкладку
- 2) служить подкладкой
2. 1) обивать, обшивать изнутри; выстилать  
to line a box - обить сундук (изнутри)  
to line drawers with paper - выстлать ящики бумагой
- 2) покрывать; служить обивкой  
tapestries lined the walls - гобелены покрывали все стены; стены были обиты гобеленами
- 3) *тех.* обкладывать, облицовывать
- 4) *тех.* прокладывать
- 5) *метал.* футеровать (*тж.* line up)
3. *разг.* наполнять, набивать  
to line one's purse /pockets/ - набить кошелек /карманы/, разбогатеть  
to line one's stomach - набить желудок

**line**

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**line** [line lines lined lining] *noun, verb* *BrE* [laɪn] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* [laɪn] <sup>ˈ</sup>

*noun*

### LONG THIN MARK

1. *countable* a long thin mark on a surface
  - a **straight/wavy/dotted/diagonal line**
  - a **vertical/horizontal line**
  - **parallel lines**
  - Draw a thick black line across the page.
2. *countable* a long thin mark on the ground to show the limit or border of sth, especially of a playing area in some sports
  - The ball **went over the line** .
  - Be careful not to **cross the line** (= the broken line painted down the middle of the road) .
  - Your feet must be behind the line when you serve (= in **↑tennis** ) .
  - They were all waiting on the **starting line** .

**see also** **↑finishing line**, **↑goal line**, **↑sideline**, **↑touchline**
3. *countable* a mark like a line on sb's skin that people usually get as they get older  
**Syn:** **↑wrinkle**
  - He has **fine lines** around his eyes.

### DIVISION

4. *countable* an imaginary limit or border between one place or thing and another
  - He was convicted of illegally importing weapons across **state lines** .
  - a **district/county line**
  - **lines of longitude and latitude**

**see also** **↑coastline**, **↑Date Line**, **↑dividing line**, **↑picket line**, **↑treeline**, **↑waterline**
5. *countable* the division between one area of thought or behaviour and another
  - We want to cut across lines of race, sex and religion.
  - There is a **fine line between** showing interest in what someone is doing and interfering in it.

**see also** **↑red line**

### SHAPE

6. *countable* the edge, outline or shape of sb/sth
  - He traced the line of her jaw with his finger.
  - a beautiful sports car with sleek lines

**see also** **↑bikini line**

### ROW OF PEOPLE/THINGS

7. *countable* a row of people or things next to each other or behind each other
  - a long line of trees
  - The children all stood **in a line** .
  - They were stuck in a line of traffic.
8. *countable* (*NAmE*) a **↑queue** of people
  - to **stand/wait in line** for sth
  - A line formed at each teller window.

### IN FACTORY

9. *countable* a system of making sth, in which the product moves from one worker to the next until it is finished  
**see also** **↑assembly line**, **↑production line**

## SERIES

**10. countable, usually singular** a series of people, things or events that follow one another in time

- She came from **a long line of** doctors.
- to pass sth down through the **male/female line**
- This novel is the latest in a long line of thrillers that he has written.
- That was the first in a whole line of mistakes and bad decisions.

**11. countable, usually singular** a series of people in order of importance

- Orders came down the line from the very top.
- a line of command
- He is second **in line** to the chairman.
- to be **next in line** to the throne

**see also** ↑line manager

## WORDS

**12. countable** (abbr. **l**) a row of words on a page or the empty space where they can be written; the words of a song or poem

- Look at line 5 of the text.
- Write the title of your essay on the top line.
- I can only remember the first two lines of that song.

**see also** ↑bottom line

**13. countable** the words spoken by an actor in a play or film/movie

- to learn your lines
- a line from the film 'Casablanca'

**14. lines plural** (BrE) (in some schools) a punishment in which a child has to write out a particular sentence a number of times

- The teacher gave me 100 lines.

**15. countable** (informal) a remark, especially when sb says it to achieve a particular purpose

- Don't give me that line about having to work late again.
- (BrE) That's the worst **chat-up line** I've ever heard.

## ROPE/WIRE/PIPE

**16. countable** a long piece of rope, thread, etc, especially when it is used for a particular purpose

- a **fishing line**
- He hung the towels out **on the line** (= clothes line).
- They dropped the sails and threw a line to a man on the dock.

**see also** ↑lifeline

**17. countable** a pipe or thick wire that carries water, gas or electricity from one place to another

**see also** ↑power line

## TELEPHONE

**18. countable** a telephone connection; a particular telephone number

- Your bill includes line rental.
- The company's lines have been jammed (= busy) all day with people making complaints.
- I was talking to John when the **line** suddenly **went dead**.
- If you **hold the line** (= stay on the telephone and wait), I'll see if she is available

**see also** ↑helpline, ↑hotline, ↑landline, ↑offline, ↑online

## RAILWAY/RAILROAD

**19. countable** a railway/railroad track; a section of a railway/railroad system

- The train was delayed because a tree had fallen across the line.
- a branch line
- the East Coast line

**see also** ↑main line

## ROUTE/DIRECTION

**20. countable, usually singular** the direction that sb/sth is moving or located in

- Just keep going **in a straight line**; you can't miss it.
- The town is in a direct line between London and the coast.
- Please move, you're right in my **line of vision** (= the direction I am looking in).
- They followed the line of the river for three miles.
- Be careful to stay out of the **line of fire** (= the direction sb is shooting in).

**21. countable** a route from one place to another especially when it is used for a particular purpose

- Their aim was to block guerrilla **supply lines**.

## ATTITUDE/ARGUMENT

**22. countable, usually singular** an attitude or a belief, especially one that sb states publicly

- The government is **taking a firm line on** terrorism.
- He supported the **official line** on education.

**see also** ↑hard line, ↑party line

**23. countable** a method or way of doing or thinking about sth

- I don't follow your **line of reasoning** .
- She decided to try a different **line of argument** (= way of persuading sb of sth) .
- sb's first **line of attack/defence**
- The police are pursuing a new **line of enquiry/inquiry** (= way of finding out information) .

## ACTIVITY

**24. singular** a type or area of business, activity or interest

- My **line of work** pays pretty well.
- You can't do much in the art line without training.

**see also** ↑sideline

## PRODUCT

**25. countable** a type of product

- We are starting a new line in casual clothes.
- Some lines sell better than others.

## TRANSPORT

**26. countable** (often used in names) a company that provides transport for people or goods

- a **shipping/bus line**

**see also** ↑airline

## SOLDIERS

**27. countable** a row or series of military defences where the soldiers are fighting during a war

- The regiment was sent to fight in **the front line** (= the position nearest the enemy) .
- They were trapped **behind enemy lines** (= in the area controlled by the enemy) .

## DRUGS

**28. countable** (slang) an amount of ↑cocaine that is spread out in a thin line, ready to take

**more at** the battle lines are drawn **at** ↑battle <sub>n.</sub>, draw a line under sth **at** ↑draw <sub>v.</sub>, the end of the line/road **at** ↑end <sub>n.</sub>, in the firing line **at** ↑firing line, take a firm line/stand **at** ↑firm <sub>adj.</sub>, in the front line **at** ↑front line, hard luck/lines **at** ↑hard <sub>adj.</sub>, hook, line and sinker **at** ↑hook <sub>n.</sub>, jump the line **at** ↑jump <sub>v.</sub>, overstep the mark/line **at** ↑overstep, pitch a story/line/yarn (to sb) **at** ↑pitch <sub>v.</sub>, read between the lines **at** ↑read <sub>v.</sub>, sign on the dotted line **at** ↑sign <sub>v.</sub>, step out of line **at** ↑step <sub>v.</sub>, toe the line **at** ↑toe <sub>v.</sub>

### Word Origin:

**v. sense 3** and **n.** Old English line 'rope, series' Germanic Latin *linea* (fibra) 'flax (fibre)' Latin *linum* 'flax' Middle English Old French *ligne* Latin *linea*

**v. senses 1 to 2** late Middle English line 'flax'

### Thesaurus:

**line** **noun**

**1. C, usually pl.**

- He has fine lines around his eyes.

**wrinkle • • crease •**

lines/wrinkles/creases **around** the/sb's eyes/mouth

**deep** lines/wrinkles/creases

**fine** lines/wrinkles

**2. C**

- The ball went over the line.

**boundary • • border • • frontier •**

**across/along/on/over** a/the line/boundary/border/frontier

the line/boundary/border/frontier **between** one place and another

**form/mark/cross** a/the line/boundary/border/frontier

**3. C**

- There is a clear dividing line here between fact and fiction.

**boundary • • borderline • |formal parameter •**

the line/boundary/borderline **between** sth and sth else

**Line or boundary?** A **line** between two areas of thought or behaviour is sth that exists; a **boundary** has to be decided by sb:

- The teacher must set clear boundaries.

✗ The teacher must set clear lines.

**4. C**

- The children stood in a line.

**row • • file • • rank • • cordon • |BrE queue • |especially written column •**

a line/row/file/rank/queue/column **of** sb/sth

**in** (a) line/single file/a row/a queue/a column

**form** a line/cordon/queue

**Line, row or queue?** People or things in a **line** can be next to each other from side to side, but are more often one behind the other from front to back; people or things in a **row** are next to each other from side to side. People or vehicles in a **row** are not usually waiting for anything; those in a **line** usually are

- a row of parked cars
- a line of traffic waiting at the lights

In British English the usual word for people waiting in a line is **queue**; in American English it is **line**.

#### 5. C, usually sing.

- This novel is the latest in a long line of thrillers from G. J. Brady.

**series • • sequence • • string • • chain • • succession • • catalogue • |AmE also catalog •**  
 a line/series/sequence/string/chain/succession/catalogue of sth  
 a/an **long/endless/continuous/unbroken** line/series/sequence/string/chain/succession  
**the first/last/latest in** a line/series/sequence/string/succession

#### Example Bank:

- Deep worry lines had appeared on her forehead
- Get the clothes off the line.
- He has lines on his forehead
- He kept shouting down the line at me.
- His family lived across the state line in West Virginia.
- Hold the line, please.
- Hold the line= Don't put the receiver down, please.
- Horizontal lines indicate the time spent executing the program.
- I saw the faint lines of concern etched into his brow.
- It's your mother on the line.
- Keep your lines of communication open.
- Our approach involvestwo main lines of attack.
- She crossed the centre/center line and hit an oncoming truck.
- Sign on the dotted line.
- Speak up— it's rather a bad line.
- Start each paragraph on a new line.
- Take the Bakerloo line and change at Piccadilly .
- Take the green line and change at the first stop.
- The actions of investors do not always fall into line with financial theory.
- The ball bounced off the crossbar and fell behind the goal line.
- The branch line is threatened with closure.
- The broad lines of company policy are already laid down.
- The lunch line was long as usual.
- The middle managers were in the firing line of job cuts.
- The other members of the board must be brought into line.
- The pencil line connects one box to another.
- The soldiers stood in a line.
- There was a fish on the line.
- There were two fuel lines coming into the engine.
- There's a problem with this line of reasoning.
- This line of thought perturbs me.
- Walk in a straight line.
- We know that intelligence is our first line of defence/defense against terrorism.
- We live on the Northern Line.
- What do I dial for an outside line?
- You'll have to wait in line like everybody else.
- a faint white line
- children standing in a line
- multiple lines of evidence all leading to the same conclusion
- out of line with party policies
- supermarket checkout lines
- the boundary line between two countries
- the official line on food safety
- Be careful not to cross the line.
- Disconnect the fuel line from the top of the pump.
- He is second in line to the throne.
- He was convicted of illegally importing weapons across state lines.
- He was expelled from the party for refusing to toe the party line.
- I prefer simple lines in skirts and trousers.
- Lines of longitude and latitude are marked on the map.
- Orders are usually passed down through the line of command.
- Property was passed down through the male line.
- Take care when working near overheadpower lines.
- The MP supported the official line on education.
- The ball went over the line.
- The governmenttook a hard line on the strike.
- The information came down the line from the very top.
- The muddle seems to have happened further down the line.
- The novel is the latest in a long line of thrillers that he has written.

- The towns are in a direct line between London and the coast.
- The two horses crossed the finishing line together.
- Their aim was to block the enemy's supply lines.
- There is a fine line between showing interest in what someone is doing and interfering in it.
- There is no clear dividing line between what is good and what is bad.
- They were all waiting on the starting line.
- They were directly in the line of fire.
- Try to keep the boat sailing in a straight line.
- We had to stand/wait in line for hours to get tickets .
- What line of business are they in?
- Who do you think is next in line for promotion?
- With its sleek lines and powerful engine, the XK8 is the definition of a luxury sports car.
- You're right in my line of vision.
- Your feet must be behind the line when you serve.
- laughter/frown/worry lines
- the finish line
- to study/learn your lines

**Idioms:** be/come on line ▪ bring somebody come/get/fall into line ▪ ↓down the line ▪ ↑in line ▪ ↑in line for something ▪ ↑in line with something ▪ ↑in the line of duty ▪ ↑lay it on the line ▪ line of least resistance ▪ ↑line your own pockets ▪ ↑on the line ▪ ↑on ... lines ▪ ↑out of line ▪ ↑walk a fine line

**Derived** ↑line somebody up ▪ ↑line something up ▪ ↑line up

verb

### COVER INSIDE

1. **often passive ~ sth (with sth)** to cover the inside of sth with a layer of another material to keep it clean, make it stronger, etc
  - Line the pan with greaseproof paper.
2. **~ sth** to form a layer on the inside of sth
  - the membranes that line the nose

### FORM ROWS

3. **often passive** to form lines or rows along sth
  - ~ **sth** Crowds of people lined the streets to watch the race.
  - ~ **sth with sth** The walls were lined with books.

see also ↑lined

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	line
	BrE /laɪn/
	NAme /laɪn/
he / she /it	lines
	BrE /laɪnz/
	NAme /laɪnz/
past simple, past participle	lined
	BrE /laɪnd/
	NAme /laɪnd/
-ing form	lining
	BrE /laɪnɪŋ/
	NAme /laɪnɪŋ/

Word Origin:

- v. **sense 3** and n. Old English line 'rope, series' Germanic Latin **linea (fibra) 'flax (fibre)'** Latin **linum 'flax'** Middle English Old French **ligne** Latin **linea**
- v. **senses 1 to 2** late Middle English line 'flax'

See also: ↑out of order

## line

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l. **line**<sup>1</sup> **S1 W1** /laɪn/ **BrE** <sup>ˈ</sup> **AmE** <sup>ˈ</sup> **noun**

[Date: 1200-1300; Origin: Partly from Old French ligne, from Latin linea, from linum 'flax'; partly from Old English line]

1. **ON PAPER/ON THE GROUND [countable]** a long thin mark on a piece of paper, the ground, or another surface:

- Draw a straight line across the top of the page.
- Sign your name on the dotted line (=line made up of a series of dots).
- The edges of the pitch are marked by white lines.
- The goalkeeper just managed to stop the ball going over the line.
- He raced towards the finishing line.

2. **BETWEEN TWO AREAS [countable]** an imaginary line on the surface of the Earth, for example showing where one country or area of land stops and another begins

**county/state line American English:**

- He was born in a small town just across the state line.



### line of latitude/longitude

They were still travelling along the same line of longitude. ⇒ ↑ **International Date Line**

### 3. OF PEOPLE/THINGS [countable]

a) a row of people or things next to each other

#### line of

There was a line of fir trees on either side of the road.

The four men were standing in a line on the other side of the table.

A couple of the posts were out of line (=not in a straight row).

b) **especially American English** a row of people, cars etc that are waiting one behind the other **SYN queue** **British English:**

I looked in despair at the long line in front of the ticket office.

#### line of

I joined the line of vehicles waiting to get into the car park.

#### stand/wait in line

Customers stood in line for 20 minutes at the cash register.

He tried to cut in line (=go in front of other people who are waiting).

The woman next in line began to mutter to herself.

### 4. DIRECTION [countable] the direction or imaginary line along which something travels between two places:

Light travels in a straight line.

A boat came into my line of vision (=the direction I was looking in).

**line of fire/attack/movement etc** (=the direction in which someone shoots, attacks, moves etc)

I was directly in the animal's line of attack.

They knew they needed to block their enemy's supply lines (=the direction used for carrying supplies of food etc).

### 5. ON YOUR FACE [countable] a line on the skin of someone's face ⇒ **wrinkle** :

She frowned, and deep lines appeared between her eyebrows.

There were fine lines around her eyes.

No one can avoid lines and wrinkles as they get older.

### 6. PHONE [countable] a telephone wire or connection:

I'm sorry, the line is busy (=someone is already using it).

There seems to be a fault on the line.

There was a click, then the line went dead (=suddenly stopped working completely).

Henry is on the line (=on the phone) from New York.

I got on the line to (=phoned) the hospital as soon as I heard about the accident.

I wished he would just get off the line.

I'm sorry, it's a bad line and I can't hear you.

Hold the line (=wait on the phone), please, and I'll put you through to our sales department.

Do you have a separate line for your modem?

### 7. FOR TRAINS [countable] a track that a train travels along:

We were delayed because of a problem further along the line.

When you get to central London, take the Victoria Line to Finsbury Park.

**railway line** **British English** **railroad line** **American English:**

The trail follows a disused railroad line along the edge of the valley.

### 8. BETWEEN TWO TYPES OF THING [countable usually singular] the point at which one type of thing can be considered to be something else or at which it becomes a particular thing

#### line between

There is a fine line between superstition and religion.

The dividing line between luxuries and necessities is constantly changing.

Sometimes he found it hard to draw the line between work and pleasure.

Her remarks did not quite cross the line into rudeness.

Large numbers of families are living on or near the poverty line (=the point at which people are considered to be very poor).

### 9. SHAPE/EDGE [countable usually plural] the outer shape of something long or tall:

She was wearing a loose dress which softened the lines of her body.

a modern building with clean, elegant lines.

### 10. WORDS [countable]

a) a line of written words, for example in a poem or a document:

He quoted a few lines from Shakespeare.

Scroll down to line 29.

b) a remark:

He liked to introduce himself with a witty opening line.

This was one of his favourite chat-up lines (=remark for impressing someone you want to attract).

c) [usually plural] words that someone has to learn and say as part of a play or performance:

Paul often messed up his lines.

It always took me ages to learn my lines.

### 11. OPINION/ATTITUDE [singular] an opinion or attitude, especially one that someone states publicly and that influences their actions

#### line on

I can't agree with the government's line on immigration.

Journalists are often too willing to accept the official line (=the opinion that a government states officially).

He found it hard to accept the party line (=the official opinion of a political party) on every issue.

**take a tough/firm/hard line on something**

The school takes a very tough line on drugs. ⇒ **toe the line** at ↑toe<sup>2</sup>

**12. WAY OF DOING SOMETHING** [countable] a particular way of doing something or of thinking about something

**line of argument/reasoning/inquiry etc**

It seemed useless to pursue this line of questioning.

Opposition parties soon realized they would have to try a different line of attack.

The police are following several different lines of enquiry.

We were both thinking along the same lines (=in the same way).

In South Africa, the press developed along very different lines (=in a very different way).

More groups will now be set up on these lines (=this way).

The company's rapid success means it's definitely on the right lines (=doing something the right way).

**13. SERIES OF EVENTS** [countable usually singular] a series of events that follow each other

**line of**

This is the latest in a long line of political scandals.

**14. IN A WAR** [countable] the edge of an area that is controlled by an army, where soldiers stay and try to prevent their enemy from moving forward:

They finally broke through the German line.

young soldiers who were sent to the front line to fight

One regiment was trapped behind enemy lines.

Reinforcements were available just behind the lines.

**15. IN A COMPANY/ORGANIZATION** [countable] a series of levels of authority within an organization:

Decisions are taken by senior officers and fed down through the line of command to the ordinary soldiers.

There should be more direct discussion between managers and workers lower down the line. ⇒ ↑line manager

**16. OF ROPE/WIRE** [countable] a piece of strong string, rope, or wire used for a particular purpose:

She hung the clothes out on the washing line (=line for hanging wet clothes on to dry).

The fishing line (=line for catching fish) snapped and the fish got away.

**17. PRODUCT** [countable] a type of goods for sale in a shop:

The company has just launched a new line of small, low-priced computers.

**18. along these/those lines** (also **along the lines of something**) similar to something else:

We usually start with general questions along the lines of, 'How do you feel?'

They're trying to organize a trip to the beach or something along those lines.

**19. along religious/ethnic/party etc lines** if people divide along religious, party etc lines they divide according to the religion, political party, or other group they belong to:

The committee was split along party lines.

The community remains divided along religious lines.

**20. on line**

a) using a computer to get information or to communicate with people:

You can book tickets on line.

Most of our sales staff now work on line. ⇒ ↑online

b) working properly as planned:

a new nuclear reactor which should be on line by 2005

If there is a power failure, the emergency generators should come on line within 15 minutes.

**21. drop somebody a line** *informal* to write a short letter or email to someone:

Drop me a line and let me know how you're getting on.

**22. don't give me that line** *spoken* used to say that you do not believe someone's excuse:

I know for a fact you weren't sick yesterday, so don't give me that line.

**23. fall into line/bring somebody into line** *informal* to start to do what someone else wants you to do, or to make someone do this:

Now that France and Germany have signed up, other countries will soon fall into line.

The few party rebels were soon brought into line.

**24. in line with something** if something changes in line with something else, it changes in the same way and at the same rate as it:

Pensions will be increased in line with inflation.

**25. bring something into line with something** to change a system so that it works according to a particular set of rules, laws etc:

UK immigration procedures will have to be changed to bring them into line with the latest European ruling.

**26. be out of line** *informal*

a) to say or do something that is not acceptable in a particular situation:

You just keep quiet! You're way out of line.

b) to not obey someone, or to do something that you should not do

**get/step out of line**

Anybody who steps out of line will be in deep trouble.

**27. be in line for something/be in line to do something** to be very likely to get or be given something:

I should be in line for promotion soon.

**first/second/next etc in line for**

He must be first in line for the editor's job.

**28. be first/second/next etc in line to the throne** to be the person who has a right to become a future king or queen:

As the eldest son, he was next in line to the throne.

**29. be on the line** if something important is on the line, there is a risk that you might lose it or something bad could happen to it:

From now on, all our jobs are on the line.

She knew that her whole future was on the line.

**put yourself/your neck on the line (for somebody)** (=risk something bad happening to you)

I've already put myself on the line for you once, and I'm not going to do it again.

30. **be in sb's line** *informal* to be the type of thing that someone is interested in or good at:

"Acting's not really in my line, I'm afraid.

31. **get a line on somebody/something** *especially American English informal* to get information about someone or something:

"We need to get some kind of a line on these guys.

32. **somewhere along the line** *informal* at some time during an activity or period of time:

"Somewhere along the line, Errol seemed to have lost interest in her.

33. **down the line** *informal* later, after an activity or situation has been continuing for a period of time:

"There may be more costs further down the line.

"Now, three years down the line, we're beginning to see the problems with the treatment.

34. **in the line of duty** happening or done as part of your job:

"firefighters dying in the line of duty

35. **be in the firing line/in the line of fire**

a) to be one of the people who could be criticized or blamed for something:

"As one of the President's chief advisers, he's bound to be in the firing line.

b) to be in a place where a bullet etc might hit you:

"A couple of civilians were caught in the firing line.

36. **PUNISHMENT lines** [plural] *British English* a punishment given to school children that consists of writing the same thing a lot of times:

"He got 50 lines for being cheeky to a teacher.

37. **FAMILY** [singular] your family, considered as the people you are related to who lived before you and the people who will live after you:

"She comes from a long line of actors.

"It looks as if Joe might be the last of the line (=the last in his family).

**the male/female line**

"This particular gene is passed down through the male line.

**line of succession** (=the system by which an important position or property is passed from a parent to their children, and then to their children etc)

"Henry the Eighth wanted a male heir to ensure the Tudor line of succession.

38. **JOB** [countable usually singular] the type of work someone does

**line of work/business**

"What line of business is he in?

**in the building/retail etc line**

"She's keen to do something in the fashion line.

39. **TRANSPORT** [countable] a company that provides transport for moving goods by sea, air, road etc:

"He runs a transatlantic shipping line.

40. **DRUG** [countable] *informal* an amount of an illegal drug in powder form, arranged in a line so it can be breathed in through the nose

⇒ **draw the line at** at <sup>↑</sup>draw<sup>1</sup>(16), ⇒ **draw a line (between something)** at <sup>↑</sup>draw<sup>1</sup>(15), ⇒ **where do you draw the line?** at <sup>↑</sup>draw<sup>1</sup>(17), ⇒ **draw a line under something** at <sup>↑</sup>draw<sup>1</sup>(18), ⇒ **hard line** at <sup>↑</sup>hard<sup>1</sup>(21), ⇒ **hook, line and sinker** at <sup>↑</sup>hook<sup>1</sup>(9), ⇒ **lay something on the line** at <sup>↑</sup>lay<sup>2</sup>(18), ⇒ **↑picket line**, ⇒ **the poverty line/level** at <sup>↑</sup>poverty(2), ⇒ **read between the lines** at <sup>↑</sup>read<sup>1</sup>(14)

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## THESAURUS

### ■ on the ground/on the surface of something

- **line** a long thin mark on a piece of paper, the ground, or another surface: The teacher put a red line through the first sentence. | If the ball goes over the line, it's out of play.
- **groove** a thin line that has been cut into a surface: Deep grooves had been cut into the stone to channel the water. | Lyle ran his fingernail along the groove in the table.
- **rut** a deep line in the ground which has been made by the wheels of vehicles: The deep ruts made by the trucks were full of water. | The tractor's wheels caught a rut in the field and jolted him.
- **crease/wrinkle** a line on clothes, material, or paper where it has been folded or crushed: She was trying to smooth out the creases in her dress. | She had wrinkles in her skirt where she had sat.

### ■ on someone's face

- **line** a line on the skin of someone's face: The deep lines on his forehead showed that he was a worried man.
- **wrinkle** a deep line on someone's face caused by becoming old: The manufacturers claim that the cream will reduce wrinkles. | Even with a few wrinkles, she still looks great.

II. **line**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>AmE</sup> *verb* [transitive]

[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: line 'flax', from Old English lin; ⇒ <sup>↑</sup>linen]

1. to sew a piece of material onto the inside or back of another piece to make it stronger or warmer:

"Are those curtains lined?"

**line something with something**

"a leather coat lined with silk

2. to form a layer over the inner surface of something:

"The birds use small leaves for lining their nests.

**line something with something**

"The cage should be lined with straw.

3. to form rows along the sides of something:

"Crowds lined the route to the palace.

be lined with something

- " The street was lined with small shops.
- " a tree-lined avenue

4. **line your own pockets** to make yourself richer, especially by doing something dishonest – used to show disapproval

**line up** *phrasal verb*

1. if people line up, or if you line them up, they stand in a row or line, or you make them do this:

- " Line up, everybody!

**line somebody ↔ up**

- " He lined us all up in the corridor.

2. **line something ↔ up** to arrange things in a row:

- " I lined the bottles up on the sideboard.

3. **line something ↔ up** to move one thing so that it is in the correct position in relation to something else

**line something ↔ up with**

- " The windows should be lined up with the door frame.

4. **line somebody/something ↔ up** to arrange for something to happen or for someone to be available for an event:

- " We've lined up some excellent speakers for tonight.

- " He's already got a new job lined up.

⇒ ↑line-up

## line

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