

**barrier**1. ['bæriə] *n*

## 1) барьер; перила, ограждение

show your ticket at the barrier of the railway station - предъявляйте билет у контрольного барьера железнодорожной станции  
the police formed a barrier around the building - полиция образовала кордон вокруг здания

## 2) застава, шлагбаум

custom duty was collected at the barrier - на заставе взимали пошлину

3) *спец.* барьер

sonic [energy, heat, nuclear] barrier - звуковой [энергетический, тепловой, ядерный] барьер

2) 1) *спорт.* барьер; препятствие

## 2) стартовые ворота на бегах

3) *воен.* заграждение

barrier zone - полоса препятствий/заграждений/

## 4) преграда; помеха, препятствие

trade barriers - торговые ограничения /барьеры/; помехи на пути развития торговли

poor health may be a barrier to education - плохое здоровье может помешать получению образования

## 5) перегородка, барьер; стена

national [racial] barriers - национальные [расовые] перегородки

the barriers of class or caste - классовые или кастовые барьеры

## 3. (естественная) граница, линия раздела, рубеж; естественная преграда

the Sahara Desert is a natural barrier that separates North and Central Africa - пустыня Сахара - естественная граница между Северной и Центральной Африкой

4. *ист.*

## 1) пограничная крепость, форт

2) *pl* барьер (*на рыцарском турнире*)5. *спец.* шельфовый лёд, обрыв материкового льда

ice barrier - кромка льда; ледяной барьер

6. *горн.* перемычка; целик2. ['bæriə] *v*

ограждать барьером, обносить перилами *и т. п.*

**barrier**

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**bar-ri-er** [**barrier barriers**] *BrE* ['bæriə(r)] <sup>m</sup> *NAme* ['bæriə] <sup>m</sup> **noun**

## 1. an object like a fence that prevents people from moving forward from one place to another

- The crowd had to stand behind barriers.
- Show your ticket at the barrier.
- The car crashed into the safety barrier and burst into flames.

**see also** ↑[crash barrier](#)

## 2. a problem, rule or situation that prevents sb from doing sth, or that makes sth impossible

- the removal of trade barriers
- The world of Disney is a magical experience that knows no age barriers.
- ~ **to sth** Lack of confidence is a psychological barrier to success.
- Cost should not be a barrier to the use of legal services.

## 3. something that exists between one thing or person and another and keeps them separate

- The Yangtze river is a natural barrier to the north-east.
- the **language barrier** (= when people cannot communicate because they do not speak the same language)
- ~ **between A and B** There was no real barrier between reality and fantasy in his mind.
- ~ **against sth** Ozone is the earth's barrier against ultra-violet radiation.

## 4. a particular amount, level or number that it is difficult to get past

- the first player whose earnings passed the \$10 million barrier

Word Origin:

late Middle English (denoting a palisade or fortification defending an entrance): from Old French [barriere](#), of unknown origin.

Thesaurus:

**barrier** **noun**

1. **C**

- Crowds stood behind the barriers.

**obstacle** • **barricade** • **roadblock** • **hurdle** • |**written obstruction** •

a **physical** barrier/obstacle/obstruction

a **police** a barrier/barricade/roadblock

**erect/set up** a barrier/barricade/roadblock

**hit** a/an barrier/obstacle/hurdle/obstruction

2. **C**

- a psychological barrier to success

**obstacle** • **hurdle** • **handicap** • **hindrance** • |**formal impediment** • |**especially journalism stumbling block** • |**AmE**,

**especially journalism roadblock** •

a/an barrier/obstacle/handicap/hindrance/impediment/stumbling block **to sth**

**remove** a/an barrier/obstacle/impediment/stumbling block/roadblock

**overcome** a/an barrier/obstacle/hurdle/handicap

**Barrier or obstacle?** A **barrier** makes sth impossible to do or achieve; an **obstacle** makes sth difficult but not impossible.

### Collocations:

#### **International relations**

##### *Trade*

**facilitate/regulate** trade (with other countries)  
**form/join** a trading bloc  
**live in/compete in** a global/the world economy  
**support/promote** free trade  
**adopt/call for/oppose** protectionist measures  
**erect/impose/reduce/remove** trade barriers  
**impose/lift/raise/eliminate** import tariffs (on sth)  
**have/run** a huge/large/growing trade surplus/deficit  
**embrace/resist/drive** globalization

##### *Politics and law*

**conduct/handle/talk about/discuss** foreign policy  
**pursue** an aggressive/a hawkish foreign policy  
**require/use/conduct** diplomacy  
**establish/break off/sever/restore** diplomatic relations  
**foster/promote/strengthen** regional cooperation  
**facilitate/achieve** economic/political integration  
**exercise/defend/protect/transfer/restore/regain** national/state/full/limited sovereignty  
**consolidate/extend/lose/retain** your power (in the region)  
**hold/maintain/change/alter/shift/be a shift in** the balance of power (in the region)  
**cause/create/open/expose/heal/repair** a deep/growing/major/serious rift between X and Y

##### *Meetings and agreements*

**have/hold/host/attend** an international conference/an economic forum/a G20 summit  
**launch** a new round of global/multilateral/world trade negotiations  
**send/head/lead/meet** a high-level/an official/a trade delegation  
**begin/start/continue/resume** peace talks  
**be committed to/be opposed to/disrupt/undermine/derail/sabotage** the peace process  
**negotiate/achieve** a lasting political settlement  
**broker/sign** a peace deal/agreement/treaty

##### *Conflict*

**be/constitute/pose** a threat to global security  
**compromise/endanger/protect** national security  
**justify/be in favour of/ (especially US) be in favor of/be against** military intervention  
**threaten/authorize/launch/take/support/oppose** unilateral/pre-emptive military action  
**impose/enforce/lift/end** economic sanctions/an arms embargo/a naval blockade  
**close/protect/secure/patrol** the border  
**lead/be involved in** a peacekeeping operation

##### *Aid*

**negotiate/announce** a \$15 billion aid package/an economic stimulus package  
**send/provide/request/cut off** military aid  
**bring/provide** emergency/humanitarian relief  
**deliver/distribute** medical supplies/(BrE) food parcels  
**fund/run** a foreign/a local/an international NGO  
**reduce/eradicate** child/global/world poverty

### Example Bank:

- The country has set up barriers against imports.
- The crowd managed to break through the barriers and get onto the pitch.
- The mountains form a natural barrier between the two countries.
- The old laws created barriers to free trade.
- The police waited behind the barriers.
- There was a slow trickle of people through the barriers.
- They believe that music can cross any barriers.
- a class barrier between the two families
- a formidable barrier to communication
- the first plane to break the sound barrier
- Crash barriers were erected along the roads to be used for the race.
- She got her luggage stuck in the automatic barrier.
- Sightseers watched from the other side of the security barriers.
- The crowd had to stand behind barriers
- There has been a gradual reduction in subsidies and trade barriers.

**barrier**

**bar** **ri** **er** **W3** /'bæriə \$ -ər/ **BrE** <sup>ˈ</sup> **AmE** <sup>ˈ</sup> *noun* [countable]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: barriere, from barre; ⇨ ↑bar<sup>1</sup>]



1. a rule, problem etc that prevents people from doing something, or limits what they can do:

He advocated the removal of trade barriers.

**barrier to**

Problems with childcare remain the biggest barrier to women succeeding at work.

**barrier between**

barriers between doctors and patients

2. a type of fence or gate that prevents people from moving in a particular direction:

Crowds burst through the barriers and ran onto the pitch.

3. a physical object that keeps two areas, people etc apart

**barrier between**

The mountains form a natural barrier between the two countries.

4. **the 10-second/40% etc barrier** a level or amount of 10 seconds, 40% etc that is seen as a limit which it is difficult to get beyond:

I'm hoping to crash the 20-second barrier in the final and get a bronze.

⇨ ↑sound barrier, ↑crash barrier

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**COLLOCATIONS****ADJECTIVES/NOUN + barrier**

- **trade barriers** (=things such as taxes that make trade between countries difficult) The aim was to remove trade barriers and open up free markets.
- **the language barrier** (=the problem of understanding people who do not speak the same language.) Living in China was hard for me at first because of the language barrier.
- **cultural/racial/class barriers** Sport is a sure way to break down racial barriers.
- **social barriers** The Internet allows people of all ages to interact without the usual social barriers.
- **technical/legal/political barriers** Most of the technical barriers have been solved.
- **artificial barriers** They were committed to breaking down the artificial barriers to women's achievement.
- **regulatory barriers** Regulatory barriers have been an obstacle to international co-operation between police forces.
- **bureaucratic barriers** This is one of many bureaucratic barriers preventing the unemployed from claiming benefit.
- **institutional/organizational barriers** Institutional barriers limit what can be achieved.

**verbs**

- **break/tear down barriers** Most companies have broken down the old barriers of status among the workers.
- **cross/transcend barriers** (=avoid barriers that usually exist) Music has the great advantage of crossing cultural barriers.
- **remove/eliminate/lift barriers** Will this remove the barriers to change?
- **overcome barriers** There are still many more barriers that need to be overcome.
- **reduce/lower barriers** We should be reducing barriers to imports from poor countries.
- **erect/build/put up barriers** Some kids have erected emotional barriers that stop them from learning.
- **create barriers** Uniforms are one of the things that create barriers.

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**THESAURUS**

- **wall** an upright flat structure made of stone or brick, that divides one area from another or surrounds an area: The estate is surrounded by high stone walls. | a brick wall
- **fence** a structure made of wood, metal etc that surrounds a piece of land: The garden was surrounded by an old wooden fence. | the chain link fence around the school
- **railings** a metal fence that is made of a series of upright bars: the iron railings in front of the house | The boy was leaning over the railing on the side of the boat.
- **barrier** a type of fence or gate that prevents people from moving in a particular direction: A guard stood near the barrier. | The police had put up barriers to keep the crowd under control.
- **screen** a piece of furniture like a thin wall that can be moved around and is used to divide one part of a room from another: the screen around his hospital bed | a Japanese bamboo screen | a fire screen (=that you put near a fire)
- **partition** a thin wall that separates one part of a room from another: The room was divided into two by a thin partition. | The offices are separated by partitions and you can hear everything that is said in the next office.
- **barricade** a line of objects that people have put across a road, to prevent people getting past, especially as part of a protest: The soldiers used tanks to smash through the barricades.

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