

sustain[sə'steɪn] *v*

1. подпирать, поддерживать
the beams sustain the ceiling - балки поддерживают потолок
2. 1) оказывать поддержку, придавать силы; подкреплять
to sustain smb.'s hopes - поддерживать в ком-л. надежды, не дать чьим-л. надеждам угаснуть
food sustains life - пища поддерживает жизнь
2) поддерживать, не дать прекратиться, оборваться, угаснуть *и т. п.*
to sustain a conversation [an argument] - поддерживать разговор [спор]
to sustain efforts - не прекращать усилий
to sustain life - поддерживать жизнь
3. 1) переносить, претерпевать, испытывать
he sustained a shock - он перенёс потрясение
to sustain injuries - получить увечье
to sustain a defeat - потерпеть поражение
to sustain a loss - а) понести потерю; б) потерпеть убыток
to sustain losses /casualties/ - **воен.** нести потери
2) выдерживать, стойко переносить
to sustain a siege - выдержать осаду
to sustain comparison with smth. - выдержать сравнение с чем-л.
4. поддерживать, защищать; удовлетворять (*возражение, отвод*)
to sustain an objection - поддерживать возражение
to sustain a claim - поддерживать претензию
the court sustained his claim - суд решил (дело) в его пользу
5. подтверждать, подкреплять (*теорию, обвинение, заявление*)
evidence to sustain an assertion - показания /факты/, подтверждающие какое-л. заявление
6. играть (*роль*)
7. тянуть (*звук, ноту*)
8. **воен.** снабжать, обеспечивать
to sustain troops - обеспечивать войска

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sus-tain **AW** [sustain sustains sustained sustaining] **BrE** [sə'steɪn] ^u **NAmE**[sə'steɪn] ^u **verb**

1. ~ **sb/sth** to provide enough of what sb/sth needs in order to live or exist
 - Which planets can sustain life?
 - I only had a little chocolate to sustain me on my walk.
 - The love and support of his family sustained him during his time in prison.
 - When she lost her job they could no longer sustain their expensive lifestyle.
2. ~ **sth** to make sth continue for some time without becoming less
Syn: ↑maintain
 - a period of sustained economic growth
 - a sustained attack
 - She managed to sustain everyone's interest until the end of her speech.
 - Kangaroos can sustain high speeds over long distances.
 - the sustaining pedal of a piano (= that allows a note to continue sounding for a long time)
3. ~ **sth** (**formal**) to experience sth bad
Syn: ↑suffer
 - to **sustain damage /an injury/a defeat**
 - The company **sustained losses** of millions of dollars.
4. ~ **sth** to provide evidence to support an opinion, a theory, etc.
Syn: ↑uphold
 - The evidence is not detailed enough to sustain his argument.
5. ~ **sth** (**formal**) to support a weight without breaking or falling
Syn: ↑bear
 - The ice will not sustain your weight.
6. ~ **sth** (**law**) to decide that a claim, etc. is valid
Syn: ↑uphold
 - The court sustained his claim that the contract was illegal.
 - **Objection sustained!** (= said by a judge when a lawyer makes an ↑objection in court)

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	sustain
	BrE /səˈsteɪn/
	NAmE /səˈsteɪn/
he / she / it	sustains
	BrE /səˈsteɪnz/
	NAmE /səˈsteɪnz/
past simple, past participle	sustained
	BrE /səˈsteɪnd/
	NAmE /səˈsteɪnd/
-ing form	sustaining
	BrE /səˈsteɪnɪŋ/
	NAmE /səˈsteɪnɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French *soustenir*, from Latin *sustinere*, from *sub-* 'from below' + *tenere* 'hold'.

Example Bank:

- The government will find it hard to sustain this economic growth.
- The soil was so badly eroded it could no longer sustain crop production.
- This relationship would be very difficult to sustain.
- Objection sustained!
- She had been the victim of a sustained attack.
- She managed to sustain everyone's interest until the end of her speech.
- The ship had sustained damage to its hull.
- We are experiencing a period of sustained economic growth.

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sustain **W3 AC** /səˈsteɪn/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb* [transitive]

[**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑sustenance, ↑sustainability; **verb:** ↑sustain; **adjective:** ↑sustainable ≠ ↑unsustainable]

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1. MAKE SOMETHING CONTINUE to make something continue to exist or happen for a period of time **SYN maintain** :

- She found it difficult to sustain the children's interest.
- He was incapable of sustaining close relationships with women.
- the policies necessary to sustain economic growth ⇒ **↑sustained**

2. SUFFER formal to suffer damage, an injury, or loss of money:

- Two of the firefighters sustained serious injuries.
- Some nearby buildings sustained minor damage.
- The company has sustained heavy financial losses this year.

3. FOOD/DRINK formal if food or drink sustains a person, animal, or plant, it makes them able to continue living ⇒ **sustenance**:

- They gave me barely enough food to sustain me.

4. GIVE STRENGTH formal to make someone feel strong and hopeful:

- The thought of seeing her again was all that sustained me.

5. WEIGHT formal to hold up the weight of something **SYN support**:

- He leant against her so heavily that she could barely sustain his weight.

6. IDEA formal to support an idea or argument, or prove that it is right:

- This argument is difficult to sustain.

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