

refrain

I
[rɪˈfreɪn] *n*
рефрен, припев

II

[rɪˈfreɪn] *v*
1) сдерживаться, удерживаться, воздерживаться
to refrain from doing smth. - воздерживаться от какого-л. поступка
to refrain from meat - отказаться от мяса
please refrain from smoking during the performance - просьба не курить во время представления
he could not refrain from smiling - он не мог не улыбнуться
she could not refrain from tears - она не могла сдержать /удержаться от/ слёз
2) сдерживать, удерживать, обуздывать
he refrained his wrath - он обуздал свой гнев

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re-frain [refrain refrains refrained refraining] **verb, noun** BrE [rɪˈfreɪn] ¹ NAmeE

[rɪˈfreɪn]
verb intransitive (formal)

to stop yourself from doing sth, especially sth that you want to do

Syn: desist from

- ~ **(from sth)** Please refrain from smoking.
- They appealed to the protesters to refrain from violence.
- ~ **(from doing sth)** He has refrained from criticizing the government in public.

Verb forms: verb forms

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| present simple | |
| I / you / we / they | refrain |
| | BrE /rɪˈfreɪn/ |
| | NAmeE /rɪˈfreɪn/ |
| he / she / it | refrains |
| | BrE /rɪˈfreɪnz/ |
| | NAmeE /rɪˈfreɪnz/ |
| past simple, past participle | refrained |
| | BrE /rɪˈfreɪnd/ |
| | NAmeE /rɪˈfreɪnd/ |
| -ing form | refraining |
| | BrE /rɪˈfreɪnɪŋ/ |
| | NAmeE /rɪˈfreɪnɪŋ/ |

Word Origin:

v. Middle English 'restrain a thought or feeling' Old French **refrener** Latin **refrenare** re- frenum 'bridle'

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Example Bank:

- He deliberately refrained from expressing his opinion on the matter.
- I refrained from laughing.
- Priscilla could barely refrain from clapping her hands together.

noun

1. a comment or complaint that is often repeated
 - Complaints about poor food in schools have become a familiar refrain.
 - The protest began with a small group, but then the others took up the refrain.
2. the part of a song or a poem that is repeated after each ↑verse

Syn: ↑chorus

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Example Bank:

- Complaints about school food have become a familiar refrain.
- I kept hearing the same refrain.
- Shoppers, so the refrain goes, are never happy until they have found a bargain.
- The choir's sopranos took up the refrain.

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I. **re-frain** ¹ /rɪˈfreɪn/ BrE ¹ AmE ¹ **verb** [intransitive] **formal**

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: refrainer, from Latin refrenare, from frenum 'bridle']

to not do something that you want to do ⇒ **abstain**

refrain from (doing) something

Please refrain from smoking in this area.

II. **refrain** ² *BrE* ^{*} *AmE* ^{*} *noun* [countable]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: refraindre 'to make sound', from Latin refringere ⇒ ↑refract]

1. part of a song or poem that is repeated, especially at the end of each ↑verse ⇒ **chorus**
2. *formal* a remark or idea that is often repeated:

Our proposal met with the constant refrain that the company could not afford it.

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⁴ **443862**⁴ *nnu*