frontier

['frʌntıə] n

1. 1) граница, рубеж

distant [long] frontier - отдалённая [протяжённая] граница Italy's French frontier - граница Италиис Францией the frontier follows a river-valley- граница проходит по долине реки to defend one's frontiers - защищать свои границы /рубежи/ to cross the frontier - пересечь границу

2) пограничная полоса

frontier town [incident] - пограничный город [инцидент] frontier problems - пограничные вопросы

2. предел, граница

frontiers of knowledge - пределы знания; границы познания

- 3. амер.
- 1) ист. «фронтир», новые земли, занятые пионерами (на западе США)
- 2) район освоения, осваиваемая территория
- 3) новые возможности; открывающиеся перспективы
- New Frontiers амер. полит. «новые рубежи», курс президента Кеннеди (США)
- 4. (*тж. pl*) передний край, новая область (*науки или техники*)

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fron tier [frontier frontiers] BrE ['fr ntie(r)] NAmE [frʌn'tɪr] noun

1. (BrE) countable a line that separates two countries, etc; the land near this line

• ~ (between A and B) the frontier between the land of the Saxons and that of the Danes

• ~ (with sth) a customs post on the frontier with Italy

• a frontier town/zone/post

- 2. the frontier singular the edge of land where people live and have built towns, beyond which the country is wild and unknown,
- especially in the western US in the 19th century

• a remote frontier settlement

- 3. countable, usually plural ~ (of sth) the limit of sth, especially the limit of what is known about a particular subject or activity
- to push back the frontiers of science (= to increase knowledge of science)
- to roll back the frontiers of government (= to limit the powers of the government)

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French frontiere, based on Latin frons, front- 'front'.

Synonyms:

border

boundary • frontier

These are all words for a line that marks the edge of sth and separates it from other areas or things.

border • the line that separates two countries or areas; the land near this line: - a national park on the border between Kenya and Tanzania

boundary • a line that marks the edges of an area of land and separates it from other areas: • The fence marked the boundary between my property and hers.

frontier • (BrE) the line that separates two countries or areas; the land near this line: - The river formed the frontier between the land of the Saxons and that of the Danes.

which word?

The point where you cross from one country to another is usually called the **border**. In British English it can also be called the frontier, but this is often in a context of wildness, danger and uncertainty: - The rebels control the frontier and the surrounding area. The line on a map that shows the border of a country can be called the **boundary** but 'boundary' is not used when you cross from one country to another. • After the war the national boundaries were redrawn. OThousands of immigrants cross the boundary every day. Boundary can also be a physical line between two places, for example between property belonging to two different people, marked by a fence or wall: - the boundary fence/wall between the properties across/along/on/over a/the border/boundary/frontier

at the boundary/frontier

the border/boundary/frontier with a place

the northern/southern/eastern/western border/boundary/frontier

a national /common/disputed border/boundary/frontier

Example Bank:

- America's wild frontier
- France's frontier with Germany
- Many people travelling across the frontier were illegal immigrants.
- Neither country would guarantee the integrity of their common frontier.
- Space is the final frontier for us to explore.
- The army crossed the frontier in the middle of the night.
- The rebels control the frontier and the surrounding area.
- The scientists ' work will push back the frontiers of physics .
- · There was an army checkpoint at the frontier.

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- There were very few border controls on the south-western frontier.
- They were forced to retreat back over the frontier.
- an army grouping along the frontier
- people living on the German frontier
- the frontier between India and Pakistan
- I was searched by border guards on the frontier in Kuwait.
- Is space the final frontier?
- The river formed the frontier between the land of the Saxons and that of the Danes.
- This research programme aims to push back the frontiers of science.

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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: French; Origin: frontière, from front; ⇒ [↑]front¹]

1. [countable] especially British English the border of a country

frontier between/with

^{*} Lille is close to the frontier between France and Belgium.

on/at the frontier

Troops established a road block on the frontier.

frontier town/area/post etc (=a town etc on a frontier)

2. **the frontier** an area where people have never lived before, that not much is known about, especially in the western US before the 20th century:

- a novel about a family's struggle on the American frontier
- space, the final frontier

3. the frontiers of knowledge /physics etc the limits of what is known about something

push back the frontiers (=discover new things)

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• border the official line that separates two countries, or the area close to this line: The town lies on the border between Chile and Argentina. | Strasbourg is very close to the German border. | border guards

• frontier especially British English the border: They crossed the Libyan frontier into Egypt.

• line the official line that separates states and counties in the US: His family lived across the state line in West Virginia.

• boundary the line that marks the edge of an area of land that someone owns, or one of the parts of a country: The fence marks the boundary between the two properties. | The Mississippi Riverforms the boundary between Tennessee and Arkansas. | A road runs along the western boundary of the site.

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