

**pawn**

I

- [pɔ:n] *n*
- 1) *шахм.* пешка  
passed [single, double] pawn - проходная [изолированная, сдвоенная] пешка
  - 2) пешка, орудие в чьих-л. руках  
men were pawns in his hands - люди были пешками в его руках

II

1. [pɔ:n] *n*
  1. залог, заклад  
at /in/ pawn - в закладе, заложенный  
his TV-set is in pawn - он заложил телевизор  
to give in pawn - отдавать в заклад
  2. заложник  
to leave behind for pawns - оставить в заложниках
  3. поручительство, обязательство  
the pawn to give the country freedom and enlightenment - обещание дать стране свободу и просвещение
2. [pɔ:n] *v*
  1. закладывать, отдавать в залог  
to pawn a watch - заложить часы
  2. ручаться  
to pawn one's word - давать слово  
to pawn one's life [one's honour] - ручаться жизнью [честью]  
I'll pawn my life for her - я ручаюсь за неё жизнью
  3. *разг.* сбежать, предоставив другим платить по счёту  
he pawned them off on me - он сбежал, предоставив мне платить за них

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[pɔ:n] *n* *уст.*  
колоннада, пассаж, крытая галерея с магазинами и прилавками для товаров

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**pawn** [pawɪn pawns pawnd pawning] *noun, verb* BrE [pɔːn] *NAME* [pɔːn]

*noun*

1. a <sup>↑</sup>chess piece of the smallest size and least value. Each player has eight **pawns** at the start of a game
  - He had to sacrifice another pawn.
2. a person or group whose actions are controlled by more powerful people
  - The hostages are being used as political pawns.

Word Origin:

*n.* late Middle English Anglo-Norman French **poun** medieval Latin **pedo pedon-** 'foot soldier' Latin **pes ped-** 'foot' <sup>↑</sup>**peon**  
*v.* late 15th cent. Old French **pan** 'pledge, security' West Germanic Dutch **pand** German **Pfand**

Example Bank:

- I moved my remaining pawn forward one square.
- It feels as though we're being treated as pawns in a game of politics.
- Kasparov sacrificed his weakest pawn.
- The prince became a pawn in the game of power politics.
- We exchanged pawns.

Idiom: <sup>↑</sup>**in pawn**

**verb ~ sth**

to leave an object with a <sup>↑</sup>**pawnbroker** in exchange for money. The object is returned to the owner if he or she pays back the money within an agreed period of time. If not, it can be sold.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	pawn
	BrE /pɔːn/
	NAME /pɔːn/
he / she / it	pawns
	BrE /pɔːnz/
	NAME /pɔːnz/
past simple, past participle	pawnd
	BrE /pɔːnd/
	NAME /pɔːnd/
-ing form	pawning
	BrE /pɔːnɪŋ/
	NAME /pɔːnɪŋ/

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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Anglo-French; Origin: **poun**, from Medieval Latin **pedo** 'soldier']

1. one of the eight smallest and least valuable pieces which each player has in the game of ↑**chess**
2. someone who is used by a more powerful person or group and has no control of the situation

**pawn in**

<sup>h</sup> They became pawns in the political battle.

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

[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: **pawn** 'condition of having been pawned' (15-21 centuries), from Old French **pan**]

to leave something valuable with a pawnbroker in order to borrow money from them

**pawn something** ↔ **off phrasal verb** *American English*

1. *informal* to persuade someone to buy or accept something that you want to get rid of, especially something of low quality

**pawn something** ↔ **off on**

<sup>h</sup> Don't let him pawn off an old bike on you – get a new one.

2. **pawn somebody/something** ↔ **off as something** to present something in a dishonest way:

<sup>h</sup> The tabloids often pawn off gossip and trivia as real news.

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15000 **8231**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **8k** **PAWN** 1101

pawn 723

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COCA 500k Unlemmatized

461 **27979**<sup>626</sup> *nn1*

70 **86924**<sup>77</sup> *vvi*

19 **176766**<sup>20</sup> *vv0*