

buttress

1. ['bʌtrəs] *n*
 - 1) *cmp.* контрфорс подпорка
 - 2) опора, поддержка
the buttress of the constitution - устои конституции
the buttress of an argument - основа аргументации
2. ['bʌtrəs] *v* (*мж. buttress up*)
 - 1) поддерживать, подпирать
 - 2) поддерживать, подкреплять
to buttress up an argument - подкреплять (неубедительное) доказательство

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but-tress [buttress buttresses buttressed buttressing] *noun, verb* BrE ['bʌtrəs] ^u
NAme ['bʌtrəs] ^u
noun

a stone or brick structure that supports a wall

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French (ars) *bouterez* 'thrusting (arch)', from *boter* 'to strike or thrust', of Germanic origin.

Example Bank:

- It was necessary to strengthen the building with large external buttresses.
- The terrorist threat seems to buttress the argument for greater police powers.

verb ~ sb/sth (*formal*)

to support or give strength to sb/sth

- The sharp increase in crime seems to buttress the argument for more police officers on the street.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	buttress
	BrE / 'bʌtrəs/
	NAme / 'bʌtrəs/
he / she / it	buttresses
	BrE / 'bʌtrəsɪz/
	NAme / 'bʌtrəsɪz/
past simple, past participle	buttressed
	BrE / 'bʌtrəst/
	NAme / 'bʌtrəst/
-ing form	buttressing
	BrE / 'bʌtrəsɪŋ/
	NAme / 'bʌtrəsɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- The galleries were well buttressed by huge timbers.

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- I. **but-tress**¹ /'bʌtrəs/ BrE ^u AmE ^u *noun* [countable]
[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: *boterez*, from *boter*; ⇨ ↑*butt*²]
a brick or stone structure built to support a wall
- II. **buttress**² BrE ^u AmE ^u *verb* [transitive] *formal*
to support a system, idea, argument etc, especially by providing money:
The evidence seemed to buttress their argument.

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