

## file

## I

1. [faɪl] *n*

- 1) 1) напильник, слесарная пила  
to touch a piece up with a file - подпилить что-л
- 2) пилочка (для ногтей)
- 3) шлифовка, отделка (*особ. литературного произведения*)  
the story needs the file - рассказ требует доработки /отделки/
2. *разг.* хитрец, пройдоха  
old /deep/ file - продувная бестия  
◇ to bite /to gnaw/ the file - делать безнадёжные попытки

2. [faɪl] *v*

- 1) пилить, подпиливать; шлифовать напильником  
to file a saw - наточить пилу  
to file an iron bar in two - (ножовкой) распилить брусок на две части  
to file one's fingernails - подпилить ногти  
to file down /away, off/ - спиливать
- 2) отделявать, дорабатывать (*произведение и т. п.*)  
every sentence has been carefully filed - каждое предложение было тщательно отделано

## II

1. [faɪl] *n*

- 1) 1) скоросшиватель, регистратор (для бумаг)
- 2) шпилька (для накалывания бумаг)
2. 1) подшитые документы, бумаги  
do we have your application on file? - вы уже подали заявление?
- 2) подшивка (газеты)  
a file of the "Times" - комплект «Таймс»
- 3) дело, досье  
here is our file on the Far East - вот наше досье по Дальнему Востоку  
to read one's own personal file - прочитать своё личное дело  
to keep a file on smth., smb. - вести досье на что-л, кого-л.  
to be on file - а) быть подшитым к делу; б) быть в досье, быть под рукой для справок
3. = file-cabinet
4. *вчт., информ.* файл, массив  
inverted file - инвертированный файл, файлс инверсной организацией  
file device - файловое устройство  
file locking - захват файла  
file maintenance - сопровождение файла  
file store - файловая система /память/

2. [faɪl] *v*

1. 1) хранить, подшивать (бумаги) в определённом порядке (*тж.* file away)  
to file letters in alphabetical order - располагать письма в алфавитном порядке
- 2) подшивать (газеты)
- 3) сдавать в архив
- 4) регистрировать (документы)
2. *амер.*
- 1) подавать, представлять документы  
to file a petition [an application for a patent] - подать петицию [заявку на патент]  
to file a resignation - подать заявление об отставке  
to file a charge against smb. - *юр.* подать на кого-л. в суд
- 2) обращаться с заявлением, просьбой  
to file for a civil-service job - подавать заявление о приёме на государственную службу
3. передавать (сообщения) по телефону телеграфу (о журналисте)
4. принять (заказ) к исполнению

## II

1. [faɪl] *n*

1. ряд, шеренга; колонна (людей)  
full file - полный ряд  
blank file - неполный ряд  
in single /in Indian/ file - гуськом, змейкой  
to march in (double) file - идти колонной по два  
to close a file - сомкнуть ряд /шеренгу/  
file formation - *спорт.* колонна
2. очередь, хвост
3. *шахм.* вертикаль
4. заячий след  
to run one's file - петлять, путать следы

2. [faɪl] *v*

- 1) идти гуськом; передвигаться колонной

to file in - входить шеренгой  
to file out - выходить шеренгой

2) дефилировать торжественно проходить

they filed past the grave of their comrades - они прошли друг за другом мимо могилы своих товарищей

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**file** **AW** [file files filed filing] noun, verb **BrE** [faɪ] <sup>u</sup> **NAmE** [faɪ] <sup>u</sup>  
**noun**



1. a box or folded piece of card for keeping loose papers together and in order
    - a box file
    - A stack of files awaited me on my desk.
  2. a collection of information stored together in a computer, under a particular name
    - to **access/copy/create/delete/download/save a file**
    - Every file on the same disk must have a different name.
- see also** ↑PDF
3. a **file** and the information it contains, for example about a particular person or subject
    - secret police files
    - Your application will be kept **on file** (= in a file, to be used later) .
    - ~ **on sb** to **have/open/keep a** confidential **file** on sb
    - Police have reopened the file (= have started collecting information again) on the missing girl.
  4. a metal tool with a rough surface for cutting or shaping hard substances or for making them smooth
- see also** ↑nail file
5. a line of people or things, one behind the other
    - They set off **in file** behind the teacher.

### Word Origin:

**n. senses 1 to 3** and **v. senses 1 to 3** late Middle English 'string documents on a thread or wire to keep them in order' French **filer**

'**to string**' **fil** 'a thread' Latin **filum** 'a thread' ↑**file** 'line'

**n. sense 5** and **v. sense 4** late 16th cent. French **file** **filer** 'to string'

**n. sense 4** and **v. sense 5** Old English **fil** West Germanic Dutch **vijl** German **Feile**

### Thesaurus:

**file** **noun**

1. **C**
  - A stack of files lay on my desk.
  - folder** • • **binder** • • **envelope** • • **portfolio** •
  - in** a/an file/folder/binder/envelope/portfolio
  - open** a/an file/folder/binder/envelope
  - a/an file/folder/binder/envelope/portfolio **containing** sth
2. **C**
  - Confidential files on clients are kept for three years.
  - document** • • **papers** • • **paperwork** • • **archive/archives** • |**formal dossier** • |**technical deed** •
  - a file/a document/the paperwork/a dossier **on** sb/sth
  - in** a file/a document/the paperwork/the archives/a dossier
  - (a) **personal/secret** file/documents/papers/archive/dossier
  - keep** a file/a document/papers/the paperwork/an archive/a dossier/the deeds

### Example Bank:

- All the details of the transaction are on file.
- Data has been deleted from this file.
- Files are transferred between workstations.
- He had compiled a file of largely circumstantial evidence.
- I'll check the files for any information on the case.
- It is important to update customer files.
- Personnel files are kept in secure storage.
- Police have reopened the file on the missing girl.
- She closed the file and put it aside.
- She went to the filing cabinet and took out a file.
- The company keeps secret files on all its employees.
- The details of the incident will be entered into the file.
- The file on the murder was closed five years ago.

- The files are stored in Mac format.
- The names and addresses are all kept in computer files.
- The police already have a thick file on that family.
- The work involves preparing case files and attending court.
- You need a special password to access this file.
- Your application will be kept on file.
- deleting data from a file
- entering data into a file
- how to recover deleted files
- six box files bulging with notes
- the information contained in the police files
- the information held in this file
- to make/take a back-up file
- Confidential files on clients are kept for a maximum of three years.
- Exactly what information is kept in these files?
- He had prepared a file containing all the evidence.
- Hospitals would not allow patients access to their own case files.
- It's important to update your files regularly.
- Please add this document to your files.
- Some of the files had gone missing.
- The police were accused of keeping secret files on political activists.
- a file folder
- a leverarch/box file

Idiom: ↑single file

#### verb

- 1. transitive** to put and keep documents, etc. in a particular place and in a particular order so that you can find them easily; to put a document into a file
  - ~ **sth (+ adv./prep.)** The forms should be filed alphabetically.
  - Please file it in my 'Research' file.
  - ~ **sth away** I filed the letters away in a drawer.
- 2. intransitive, transitive (law)** to present sth so that it can be officially recorded and dealt with
  - ~ **for sth** to file for divorce
  - ~ **sth to file a claim/complaint/petition/lawsuit**
  - ~ **to do sth** He filed to divorce his wife.
- 3. transitive ~ sth (of a journalist)** to send a report or a story to your employer
- 4. intransitive + adv./prep.** to walk in a line of people, one after the other, in a particular direction
  - The doors of the museum opened and the visitors began to file in.
- 5. transitive ~ sth (away/down, etc.)** to cut or shape sth or make sth smooth using a file
  - to file your nails

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	file
	BrE /fɑɪl/
	NAme /faɪl/
he / she /it	files
	BrE /fɑɪz/
	NAme /faɪz/
past simple, past participle	filed
	BrE /fɑɪld/
	NAme /faɪld/
-ing form	filing
	BrE /fɑɪlɪŋ/
	NAme /faɪlɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- A copy of the notice must be filed with the court.
- He has now formally filed a complaint against the police.
- She mentally filed the name away for later.
- The card is filed alphabetically under the name of the editor.
- The long line of mourners filed silently past.
- These notes should be carefully filed away for future reference.
- to file for bankruptcy/divorce
- He filed a lawsuit against the company for \$100 000 in damages.
- More than one correspondent filed a story describing the spectacle of a Cruise missile travelling up the street.

- Please file it in my 'Research' folder.
- She decided to file for divorce.
- The report was filed away in the archives.
- Wynne-Jones should be filed under 'W'.

See also: ↑[Indian file](#)

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1. **file**<sup>1</sup> **S1 W2 AC** /faɪ/ *BrE* <sup>2</sup> *AmE* <sup>3</sup> *noun* [countable]

[Sense 1-3, 5: Date: 1500-1600; Language: French; Origin: fil 'thread', from Latin filum (because documents were stored on pieces of string). ]

[Sense 4: Language: Old English; Origin: feo]

1. a set of papers, records etc that contain information about a particular person or subject

### file on

- " Mendoza read over the file on the murders.
- " The FBI keeps files on former White House employees.
- " We will keep your details on file (=store them for later use).

### police/case/medical etc file

- " a copy of the court file

2. a box or piece of folded card in which you store loose papers:

- " She pulled a blue file from the shelf.

3. information on a computer that you store under a particular name:

- " a list of all the files and folders on your hard disk

4. a metal tool with a rough surface that you rub on something to make it smooth ⇒ ↑[nail file](#)

5. a line of people who are standing or walking one behind the other

### file of

- " a file of soldiers marching in step

### in file

- " It was dark as we set off in file.

⇒ ↑[single file](#), ↑[rank and file](#)

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## COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 3)

### ■ verbs

- **open a file** Click on the icon to open the file.
- **close a file** You may need to close the file and restart the computer.
- **save a file** Save the file under a different filename.
- **create a file** I created a file of useful contacts.
- **delete a file** (=remove it ) I accidentally deleted the wrong file.
- **access a file** (=open or read it) You won't be able to access the file if another user has opened it.
- **edit a file** (=make changes to it) I edited the file and saved it to the hard disk.
- **copy a file** To copy a file, save it using a new filename.
- **move a file** He was trying to move the file from one folder to another.
- **transfer a file** (=move it from one computer system to another) You can transfer files and share your stuff with friends.
- **download a file** (=move a copy of it from the Internet or another computer to your computer) It just takes a few seconds to download the file.
- **upload a file** (=move a copy of it from your computer to the Internet or another computer) Restart the web browser, and then upload the file.
- **load a file** (=put a file onto a computer) Double-click on the icon and it will load the zip file onto your computer.
- **send somebody a file** (=send it using email) Do you want me to send you the file?
- **attach a file** (=send it with an email) Sorry, I forgot to attach the file.
- **compress a file** (=make it smaller so that it uses less space on a computer) The program allows you to compress files.

### ■ NOUN + file

- **a computer file** Delete some of the old computer files and create some space on the hard drive.
- **a backup file** (=a copy of a file, which is made in case the original becomes lost or damaged) You can burn your backup file to CD or DVD.
- **a text file** The text file contains hints on how to get the best out of the program.
- **a data file** The bigger the data file, the more time is needed to search it.
- **a graphics file** This handy utility allows you to change graphics files from one format to another.

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## THESAURUS

- **record** information about something that is written down: your medical records | the public records office | I have to keep a record of all my spending when I'm travelling on business.
- **file** a set of written records, or information stored on a computer under a particular name: He began reading the file on the case. | I think I may have accidentally deleted the file.
- **accounts** (also **books informal**) an exact record of the money that a company has received and spent: Companies are required by law to publish their annual accounts. | Someone had been falsifying the accounts. | The company's books all seemed to be in order.
- **ledger** one of the official books in which a company's financial records are kept, which show how much it has received and spent: The costs have been moved from one column of the ledger to another.

- **minutes** an official written record of what is said and decided at a meeting: Both points are mentioned in the minutes of the last meeting on August 3rd.
- **diary** a book in which you regularly write down the things that have happened to you: In his diary he wrote, 'It's lovely having him here, we've had so many cosy talks.' | I'll just check in my diary to see if I'm free.
- **blog** a web page on the Internet on which someone regularly writes about their life, opinions, or a particular subject: I may not always agree with David, but I always read his blog.
- **register** an official list of names of people, organizations etc: Guests must sign the hotel register. | the national register of births, deaths, and marriages | Lloyds Register of Shipping
- **roll** an official list of names, especially of people who are allowed to do something such as vote or be in a class at school: the electoral roll (=list of people who can vote in an area) | The teacher called the roll (=read out the list of the names of the students, who then have to say if they are present).
- **log** an official record that is kept on a ship or plane: Mr Appleby said he complained to a senior officer, who made a note in the ship's log.

## II. file<sup>2</sup> S3 W3 AC BrE<sup>2</sup> AmE<sup>2</sup> verb

1. **[transitive]** to keep papers, documents etc in a particular place so that you can find them easily:

The contracts are filed alphabetically.

### file something under something

I looked to see if anything was filed under my name.

### file something away

The handbooks are filed away for future reference.

2. **[transitive]** to give or send an official report or news story to your employer:

The officer left the scene without filing a report.

3. **[intransitive always + adverb/preposition, transitive] law** to give a document to a court or other organization so that it can be officially recorded and dealt with

### file a complaint/lawsuit/petition etc (against somebody)

Mr Genoa filed a formal complaint against the department.

### file for

The Morrisons have filed for divorce.

Today is the deadline for Americans to file their tax returns.

4. **[intransitive always + adverb/preposition]** if people file somewhere, they walk there in a line:

We began to file out into the car park.

The mourners filed past the coffin.

5. **[intransitive always + adverb/preposition, transitive]** to use a metal or wooden tool to rub something in order to make it smooth:

File down the sharp edges.

She sat filing her nails.

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## THESAURUS

- **keep** to leave something in one particular place so that you can find it easily: Where do you keep the scissors? | The keys are kept in my office.
- **store** to put things away and keep them until you need them: Villagers have begun storing wood for the winter.
- **save** to keep something so that you can use or enjoy it in the future: He had been saving the bottle of champagne for a special occasion. | We can save the rest of the pie for later.
- **file** to store papers or information in a particular order or a particular place: All the contracts are filed alphabetically.
- **collect** to get and keep objects of the same type because you think they are attractive or interesting: Kate collects old postcards.
- **hold** to keep something to be used when it is needed, especially something that many different people may need to use: Medical records are now usually held on computers.
- **reserve formal** to keep part of something for use at a later time during a process such as cooking: Reserve some of the chocolate so that you can use it for decorating the cake.
- **hoard** to keep large amounts of food, money etc because you think you may not be able to get them in the future – used when you do not approve of people doing this because it is not necessary or not fair to other people: People have been hoarding food and fuel in case there is another attack. | Rationing of basic food products was introduced to prevent hoarding.

## file

Freakuency Pack

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 15000 **1030**<sup>COCA</sup>  
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 file 16373  
 filed 12956  
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 files 10423  
 filing 4505  
 filings 1041

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

5774 **3532**<sup>11637</sup> **nn1**  
 2689 **9017**<sup>3560</sup> **vvi**

985 **19210**<sup>1164</sup> *vv0*  
5 **354931**<sup>6</sup> *nnu*  
4 **358054**<sup>6</sup> *jj*

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