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1. [blɒk] *n*

1. 1) чурбан; колода  
starting blocks - *спорт.* стартовые колодки
- 2) (каменная) глыба
2. *уст.* плаха  
the block - казнь на плахе  
to be sent to the block - быть приговорённым к смерти
3. 1) жилищный массив
- 2) *преим. амер.* квартал  
walk three blocks - пройдите три квартала  
he lives two blocks from us - он живёт в двух кварталах от нас  
to do the blocks - *австрал.* прогуливаться
- 3) (городская) площадь
- 4) многоквартирный дом (*мж.* block of flats)
4. 1) преграда; затор (*движения и т. п.*)  
there was a block in the pipe and the water could not flow away - труба засорилась, и вода не сходила
- 2) дорожная пробка, дорожный затор (*мж.* traffic block)
5. 1) обструкция (*в парламенте*)
- 2) *спорт.* перехват (*инициативы противника*)  
natural /pick off/ block - заслон (*волейбол*)
6. 1) строительный блок
- 2) *амер.* большой полый кирпич
- 3) кубик, игрушечный кирпичик
- 4) кубик (*концентрата*)
- 5) что-л. имеющее форму кирпича, кубика *и т. п.*  
a block of soap - кусок мыла  
a block of cigarettes - блок сигарет (*20 пачек*)
7. *полигр.*
- 1) деревянная печатная форма
- 2) клише, (металлический) штамп
8. болван(ка), форма для шляпы
9. *разг.* болван, тупица, «бревно»
10. *сл.* башка
11. группа однородных предметов  
a block of seats in a theatre - несколько рядов в театре (*между проходами*)  
in (the) block - целиком, чохом
12. = bloc
13. блокнот
14. *тех.*
- 1) блок, шкив
- 2) сухарь, колодка
- 3) блок цилиндров
15. *воен.* шашка (*подрывная, дымовая*)
16. *амер.* подставка на аукционе  
to go to the block - продаваться на аукционе
17. насест (*для сокола*)
18. *ж.-д.* блокпост
19. *мед.* блокада
20. *элк.* внезапное прекращение колебания осциллятора  
block diagram - блок-схема
21. *горн.* целик
22. *австрал.* геодезический участок
23. *мор.* кильблок, стапель-блок
24. блок, глыба (*породы*)
25. *психол.*
- 1) тормоз; заторможенность, затормо́нность  
writer's block - творческий тупик писателя; временная утрата способности писать
- 2) неспособность запомнить, заучить что-л.  
he has a mental block about spelling - ему никак не даётся орфография  
◇ a chip off the old block *см.* chip1 | ◇  
to cut blocks with a razor - тратить силы впустую; ≅ стрелять из пушек по воробьям

2. [blɒk] *v*

1. 1) преграждать, препятствовать, блокировать (*часто* block up)  
to block the access - закрыть доступ  
all the roads were blocked by the heavy snowfalls - из-за сильных снегопадов по дорогам нельзя было проехать  
they blocked up the entrance to the cave - они завалили вход в пещеру
- 2) мешать, препятствовать, создавать трудности

the commander succeeded in blocking the enemy's plan - командиру удалось сорвать план противника  
to block an appointment - помешать назначению (*на пост*)

- 3) **спорт.** блокировать
2. задерживать прохождение законопроекта (*в парламенте и т. п.*)
3. надевать на болванку, придавать форму
4. поддерживать, подпирать
5. **спец.** нарезать на блоки, брикеты
6. = block in 1 и block out 1
7. **фин.** блокировать; задерживать, замораживать (*кредиты*)
8. **ж.-д.** блокировать
9. **тех.** подклинивать, заклинивать
10. 1) закупоривать, засорять
- 2) закупориваться, засоряться
11. **радио** забивать, глушить, заглушать
12. **хим.** лишать активности
13. 1) **мед.** прекращать проводимость (*в нервном стволе*); блокировать
- 2) **психол.** прерывать ассоциации
14. печатать без отступов

II  
[blɒk] *v театр.*

планировать мизансцены; расставлять актёров

## block

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**block** [block blocks blocked blocking] **noun, verb** BrE [blɒk] <sup>ɹ</sup> NAmE [blɑːk] <sup>ɹ</sup>  
**noun**



## SOLID MATERIAL

**1. countable** a large piece of a solid material that is square in shape and usually has flat sides

- a block of ice/concrete/stone
- a chopping block (= for cutting food on)

**see also** ↑breeze block, ↑building block, ↑cinder block

## BUILDING

**2. countable** (BrE) a tall building that contains flats or offices; buildings that form part of a school, hospital, etc. which are used for a particular purpose

- a tower block
- a block of flats
- an office block
- the university's science block

## STREETS

**3. countable** a group of buildings with streets on all sides

- She took the dog for a walk around the block.

**4. countable** (NAmE) the length of one side of a piece of land or group of buildings, from the place where one street crosses it to the next

- His apartment is three blocks away from the police station.

## AREA OF LAND

**5. countable** (especially NAmE) a large area of land

**6. countable** (AustralE) an area of land for building a house on

## AMOUNT

**7. countable** a quantity of sth or an amount of time that is considered as a single unit

- a block of shares
- a block of text in a document
- (BrE) The theatre gives discounts for **block bookings** (= a large number of tickets bought at the same time).
- The three-hour class is divided into four blocks of 45 minutes each.

## THAT STOPS PROGRESS

**8. countable, usually singular** something that makes movement or progress difficult or impossible

**Syn:** ↑obstacle

- Lack of training acts as a block to progress in a career.
- see also** ↑roadblock, ↑stumbling block, ↑writer's block

## IN SPORT

- 9. countable** a movement that stops another player from going forward
- 10. the blocks plural =** ↑starting blocks

## FOR PUNISHMENT

- 11. the block singular** (in the past) the piece of wood on which a person's head was cut off as a punishment  
**more at** a chip off the old block **at** ↑chip <sub>n.</sub>, I'll knock your block/head off **at** ↑knock <sub>v.</sub>, a new kid on the block **at** ↑new

### Word Origin:

Middle English (denoting a log or tree stump): from Old French **bloc** (noun), **bloquer** (verb), from Middle Dutch **blok**, of unknown ultimate origin.

### Thesaurus:

#### **block** noun C

- a wall made from blocks of stone

#### **piece** • • **lump** • • **slab** •

a block/piece/lump/slab of **ice**

a block/piece/lump of **wood**

a block/piece/slab of **stone/marble**

### Synonyms:

#### **building**

property • premises • complex • structure • block

These are all words for a structure such as a house, office block or factory that has a roof and four walls

**building** • a structure such as a house, office block or factory that has a roof and four walls

**property** • a building or buildings and the surrounding land; land and buildings: ▫ We have a buyer who would like to view the property. ◇ ▫ The price of property has risen enormously.

This word is often used when talking about buying/selling houses or other buildings and land.

**premises** • [pl.] the building or buildings and surrounding land that a business owns or uses: ▫ The company is looking for larger premises.

**complex** • a group of buildings of a similar type together in one place: ▫ a leisure complex

**structure** • a thing that is made of several parts, especially a building: ▫ The pier is a wooden structure.

**block** • (*BrE*) a tall building that contains flats or offices; a building that forms part of a school, hospital, etc. and is used for a particular purpose: ▫ a block of flats ◇ ▫ the school's science block

a(n) **commercial /industrial/residential** building/property/premises/complex/block

an **apartment** building/complex/block

a/the **school** building/premises

to **build** a(n) property/complex/structure/block

to **put up** a building/property/structure/block

to **demolish/pull down** a(n) building/property/complex/structure/block

### Example Bank:

- I suddenly had a mental block and couldn't remember his name.
- I was aiming to be first out of the starting blocks.
- I'm going for a quick walk round the block.
- I'm not putting my head on the chopping block for you.
- People were queueing round the block to get in.
- She lives in a modern apartment block.
- The author denies that she is experiencing writer's block.
- The hotel occupies an entire block.
- The issue has been a major stumbling block in trade negotiations.
- The prisoners had been transferred to a different cell block.
- They live in the next block.
- They walked a few blocks down the street.
- We're about four blocks from my house.
- It was an old-fashioned kitchen with a range, a dresser, a scrubbed wooden table and a butcher's chopping block.
- Single words are the building blocks of language.
- The wall was made from massive blocks of stone.
- an apartment block
- the school's science block

**Idioms:** ↑go on the block ▫ ↑have been around the block ▫ ↑put your head on the block

**Derived** ↑block somebody in ▫ ↑block something in ▫ ↑block something off ▫ ↑block something out ▫ ↑block something up

## verb

- 1. ~ sth** to stop sth from moving or flowing through a pipe, a passage, a road, etc. by putting sth in it or across it
  - After today's heavy snow, many roads are still blocked.

- a blocked sink
2. ~ **the/sb's way, exit, view, etc.** to stop sb from going somewhere or seeing sth by standing in front of them or in their way
    - One of the guards moved to block her path.
    - An ugly new building blocked the view from the window.
    - His way was blocked by two large bouncers.
  3. ~ **sth** to prevent sth from happening, developing or making progress
    - The proposed merger has been blocked by the government
  4. ~ **sth** to stop a ball, blow, etc. from reaching somewhere by moving in front of it
    - His shot was blocked by the goalie.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	block
	BrE /bɒk/
	NAme /blɒk/
he / she / it	blocks
	BrE /bɒks/
	NAme /blɒks/
past simple, past participle	blocked
	BrE /bɒkt/
	NAme /blɒkt/
-ing form	blocking
	BrE /bɒkɪŋ/
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**block** verb

1. T

- If you pour fat down the sink, you will block the drain.

**clog** • **choke** • **block sth up** • **stop** • **plug** • **dam** • **seal** •

**Opp:** unblock

block/clog/choke/stop/plug/dam/seal sth **up**

block/clog/choke/stop/seal sth **with** sth

block/plug/block up/seal a **hole**

a **road** is blocked/clogged/choked (with sth)

2. T

- A large building blocked the view.

**be/get in sb's/the way** • **cut sth off** • **block sth off** • **bar** • **barricade** • **seal** • |formal obstruct •

block/bar/obstruct an **entrance**

block/bar sb's **progress/exit**

block/block off/barricade a **road**

3. T

- He accused them of trying to block the agreement.

**interfere with sth** • **hamper** • **hinder** • **hold sb/sth back** • **disrupt** • **hold sb/sth up** • **delay** • **stall** • |formal inhibit

• **obstruct** • **retard** •

block/interfere with/hamper/hinder/hold back/hold up/delay/inhibit/obstruct/retard **progress**

block/interfere with/hamper/hinder/hold up/delay/inhibit/obstruct/retard **development**

block/interfere with/hinder/delay/stall/inhibit/obstruct/retard a **process**

**Block or interfere with sth?** People usually **block** things such as **plans** or **efforts** deliberately. Things usually **interfere with sth** without anyone particularly intending it.

Example Bank:

- Black clouds had completely blocked out the sun.
- Don't block up the corridor with all these boxes.
- One of the men moved to block their path.
- The exit was blocked with beer crates.
- The group has moved to block the government's proposals.
- The new rules would effectively block protesters' attempts to assert their rights.
- The old route is completely blocked off.
- A court ruling blocked the plans to develop the area.
- A large delivery van was almost blocking the narrow street.
- After today's heavy snow, many roads are still blocked.
- Fat that is poured down the sink will block the drain.
- He accused the French of trying to block the agreement.
- He found that the pipe was partially blocked with leaves.
- She had her back to the door, blocking his exit.
- Terry's shot was blocked by the goalie.

- The local mayor is seeking to block the dumping of waste in the area.
- We learned some basic punching and blocking techniques.

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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: bloc, from Middle Dutch blok]



block of ice

1. **SOLID MATERIAL** a piece of hard material such as wood or stone with straight sides ⇒ ↑breeze-block, ↑building block, ↑cinder block

### block of

- a block of ice
- a wall made of concrete blocks

## 2. STREETS/AREA

a) *American English* the distance along a city street from where one street crosses it to the next:

- Head for 44th Street, a few blocks east of Sixth Avenue.
- The church is down the block.

b) the four city streets that form a square around an area of buildings:

- Let's walk round the block.
- She grew up playing with the other kids on the block.

c) *Australian English* a large piece of land:

- a ten-acre block near the city

3. **LARGE BUILDING** a large building divided into separate parts

### block of

- a block of flats
- an office block
- an apartment block
- the school science block

4. **QUANTITY OF THINGS** a quantity of things of the same kind, considered as a single unit

### block of

- New employees receive a block of shares in the firm.
- Set aside blocks of time for doing your homework.

5. **block booking/voting** an arrangement that is made for a whole group to buy something or to vote together

6. **INABILITY TO THINK** [usually singular] the temporary loss of your normal ability to think, learn, write etc:

- I have a mental block whenever I try to remember my password.
- After his second novel, Garland had writer's block (=he could not write anything).

7. **STOPPING MOVEMENT** [usually singular] something that prevents movement or progress

### block to

- a major block to progress ⇒ ↑roadblock, ↑stumbling block

8. **PUNISHMENT the block** in the past, a solid block of wood on which someone's head was cut off as a punishment

9. **put your head/neck on the block** to risk destroying other people's opinion of you or losing your job by doing or saying something:

- I'm not prepared to put my head on the block for him.

10. **SPORT** a movement in sport that stops an opponent going forward or playing the ball forward

11. **SELL go on the block** to be sold, especially at an ↑auction:

- \$500 million worth of art will go on the block.

⇒ ↑block capitals, ↑tower block, ⇒ **be a chip off the old block** at ↑chip<sup>1</sup>(7), ⇒ **I'll knock your block off** at ↑knock<sup>1</sup>(24)

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## COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 3)

### ■ types of block

- a **block of flats** *British English* Three new blocks of flats were built on the land.
- an **apartment block** I met him at his apartment block in Manhattan.
- an **office block** She works in a 27-storey office block.
- a **tower block** (=very high and usually in a poor area) She lived on the 17th floor of a tower block in East London.
- a **tenement block** (=an apartment block, usually in a poor area - used especially in Scotland) We had a tiny flat in an Edinburgh tenement block.

- a **high-rise block** (=very high) The area is full of monstrous concrete high-rise blocks.
- a **multi-storey block** (=having many levels) Many shops and offices have been rebuilt in high multi-storey blocks.

## II. **block**<sup>2</sup> **S3** *BrE* <sup>1</sup> *AmE* <sup>1</sup> *verb* [transitive]

[Word Family: *verb*: ↑block, ↑unblock, ↑blockade; *noun*: ↑block, ↑blockage, ↑blockade; *adjective*: blocked, unblocked]

1. (also **block up**) to prevent anything moving through a space by being or placing something across it or in it:
  - A fallen tree is blocking the road.
  - The sink's blocked up.
2. **block sb's way/path/exit/escape etc** to stand in front of someone, so that they cannot go past:
  - I tried to get through, but there were people blocking my way.
3. to stop something happening, developing, or succeeding:
  - The Senate blocked publication of the report.
  - laws designed to block imports of cheap tobacco
4. **block sb's view** to be in front of someone, so that they cannot see something:
  - The huge building across the street blocked our view of the sea.
5. (also **block out**) to stop light reaching a place:
  - Can you move? You're blocking my light.
6. to stop a ball, a blow etc from getting to where your opponent wants it to:
  - a shot blocked by the goalkeeper

### **block somebody/something** ↔ *in phrasal verb*

1. to park your car too close to another car, so that the other one cannot drive away
2. to paint or draw simple shapes or areas of colour:
  - I'll just block in the main buildings.

### **block sth** ↔ *off phrasal verb*

- to completely close something such as a road or an opening:
- Police blocked off the city centre streets.
  - The fireplace had been blocked off.

### **block sth** ↔ *out*

1. to stop light reaching a place:
  - There was a heavy curtain blocking out the light.
2. to stop yourself thinking about something or remembering it:
  - a memory so terrible that she tried to block it out

## block

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 blocks 12846  
 blocking 3946  
 blocked 5817  
 unblocked 54  
 blockage 463  
 blockages 212  
 blocker 540  
 blockers 448

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 3874 **7617**<sup>4505</sup> *vvi*  
 925 **20840**<sup>1019</sup> *vv0*  
 77 **59230**<sup>162</sup> *np1*  
 6 **340879**<sup>6</sup> *jj*