

1. [sit] *n*1. подгонка (*под фигуру*)

they noticed the perfect sit of her dress - они заметили, что платье на ней сидит великолепно

2. *разг.* место, служба, работа3. *редк.* сиденье4. *тех.* осадка; оседание

the sit of a wall - осадка стены

2. [sit] *v* (*sat*)

1. 1) сидеть

to sit in an armchair [at a table] - сидеть в кресле [за столом]

to sit cross-legged - а) сидеть, положив ногу на ногу; б) сидеть, поджав под себя ноги, сидеть по-турецки

to sit in a tree [on a branch] - сидеть на дереве [на ветке]

to sit in a circle - сидеть кружком

2) сажать, усаживать

he sat the boy (down) to do his lessons - он усадил мальчика за уроки

to sit oneself - садиться, усаживаться

to sit the baby - посадить малыша (*на горшок*)

3) (*with*) сидеть с кем-л., ухаживать за кем-л.

to sit with an invalid - сидеть с больным, быть сиделкой при больном

4) работать приходящей няней; сидеть, оставаться с (чужими) детьми (*за плату*)5) (*through*) высидывать до конца

to sit through an awful film - высидеть до конца ужасного фильма

yes, I did sit through the entire programme - да, я досидел до конца программы

2. 1) заседать, проводить заседание

Parliament will sit in (the) autumn - сессия парламента состоится осенью

the House of Commons will sit at eight o'clock - заседание палаты общин начнётся в 8 часов

to sit into midnight [into the early hours of the morning] - прозаседать до полуночи [до рассвета]

2) разбирать, рассматривать; расследовать

to sit on /over/ a case - разбирать/расследовать/ дело

the committee is sitting on the question of procedure - сейчас комиссия обсуждает процедурные вопросы

3) заседать в суде, быть судьёй

to sit on the bench - быть (мировым) судьёй

to sit in judgement - а) быть судьёй, заседать в суде; б) (on) судить, осуждать; to sit in judgement upon smb. - сурово осуждать кого-л.

3. 1) сосредоточенно заниматься (*чем-л.*); сидеть (*над чем-л.*)

to sit over a book [a problem] - углубиться в книгу [в проблему]

2) учиться, заниматься

he sat under Professor Holmes - он учился у профессора Холмса

to sit for an examination - а) готовиться к экзамену; б) сдавать экзамен; to sit for university entrance - держать вступительные экзамены в университет

4. 1) оставаться, пребывать

to sit at home - а) сидеть дома; б) ничего не делать, сидеть сложа руки

the car sits in the garage unused - машина стоит без дела в гараже

2) находиться, стоять

a kettle sitting on a stove - чайник, стоящий на плите

the house sits well back from the road - дом далеко отстоит от дороги /находится вдали от дороги/

5. вмещать, быть рассчитанным на какое-л. количество мест

the car will sit six people comfortably - в машину свободно могут сесть шесть человек

the hall sits five hundred people - этот зал рассчитан на пятьсот мест

6. (*on*, *upon*) обременять, давить

new bread sits heavy on one's stomach - свежий хлеб тяжёл для желудка

care sits (heavy) on his mind - его давит /тяготи/ забота

his responsibilities sit but lightly upon him - обязанности не очень обременяют /не очень тяготят/ его

her years sat lightly upon her - она хорошо сохранилась, она выглядела моложе своих лет

7. (*on*) подавлять (*чьё-л. сопротивление*); осадить (*кого-л.*)

that young man is becoming insufferable; he needs to be sat on firmly - этот молодой человек становится невыносимым, его надо решительно поставить на место

8. (*on*) *канц.* затягивать, откладывая, мариновать

to sit on plans - отложить в долгий ящик какие-л. планы

he sat on those applications for a month - он промариновал эти заявления целый месяц

9. засесть, устроить засаду

they sat behind the bushes - они притаились за кустами

10. *редк.* находиться, быть расположенным11. *поэт.* исходить (*откуда-л.*); иметь какое-л. направление

in what quarter /corner/ sits the wind? - откуда ветер?

12. (*on*) скрывать, засекречивать; противодействовать публикации, преданию гласности

to sit on a report - скрыть от общественности /засекретить/ доклад

II A

1. 1) позировать (*художнику, фотографу*)

to sit for one's portrait [for one's photograph] - позировать для портрета [перед фотоаппаратом]

2) служить прототипом (*образа*)

to sit for a novel character - послужить прототипом литературного персонажа

2. 1) быть членом (*какой-л. комиссии и т. п.*); занимать пост (*в каком-л. учреждении*)

to sit as judge - занимать пост судьи

to sit in Parliament [in Congress] - быть членом парламента [конгресса]

to sit on a board [on a committee] - быть членом правления [комитета]

to sit on a jury - а) входить в жюри; б) быть присяжным заседателем

2) (for) представлять (*в парламенте и т. п.*)

to sit for N., to sit for the borough /for the constituency/ of N. - представлять (в парламенте) избирательный округ N.; быть депутатом от N.

3. 1) сидеть (*о платье*)

the coat sits badly on him - пиджак сидит на нём плохо

the dress sits too close on /across/ the shoulders - платье узко в плечах

the collar sits awkwardly at the back - воротник сзади морщит

2) подходить; приличествовать

his new dignity sits rather awkwardly upon him - в новом положении он чувствует себя неуверенно

a light scepticism sits gracefully on him - ему идёт лёгкий налёт скептицизма

his principles sit loosely on him - у него нет твёрдых принципов

the name of reformer sits ill with him - звание реформатора ему не подходит /не к лицу/

4. 1) высиживать (*птенцов*); сидеть на яйцах

2) сажать на яйца

5. держаться (*на лошади*)

to sit a horse gracefully [well] - изящно [хорошо] держаться на лошади

to sit tight - крепко сидеть в седле [см. тж. ◇]

6. *спорт.* иметь правильную позицию (*о гребце*)

7. стоять (*о судне*)

to sit in dry dock - стоять в сухом доке

to sit the water well - хорошо держаться на воде /на волне/

◇

to sit longer than a hen - засиживаться в гостях

to sit on one's hands - а) воздерживаться от аплодисментов /от выражения одобрения/; б) бездействовать; палец о палец не ударить

to sit on the fence /on the rail/ - выжидать, занимать нейтральную /выжидательную/ позицию

to sit still - вести себя мирно; ≅ быть тише воды, ниже травы

to sit pretty - быть в выгодном /выигрышном/ положении

to sit fat - быть у власти; пользоваться влиянием; командовать

to sit tight - а) крепко сидеть /удерживаться/ на своём месте; б) стойко держаться, не сдаваться; в) сидеть тихо, не выдавать своего присутствия; скрываться; г) выжидать; бездействовать в ожидании; [см. тж. 5]

to sit at smb.'s feet - быть чьим-л. учеником, последователем

sit

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sit [sit sits sat sitting] BrE [sɪt] ^u NAmE [sɪt] ^u verb (sit-ting, sat, sat BrE [sæt] ^u; NAmE [sæʔ] ^u)

ON CHAIR, ETC.

1. intransitive to rest your weight on your bottom with your back vertical, for example on/in a chair

• She sat and stared at the letter in front of her.

• **+ adv./prep.** May I sit here?

• Just sit still!

• He went and sat beside her.

• She was sitting at her desk.

• She always sits in that chair.

• It's too cold to sit outside.

• **~ doing sth** We sat talking for hours.

see also ↑sit down

2. transitive **~ sb + adv./prep.** to put sb in a sitting position

• He lifted the child and sat her on the wall.

• She sat him down in front of the fire with a hot drink.

OF THINGS

3. intransitive to be in a particular place

• **+ adv./prep.** A large bus was sitting outside.

• The pot was sitting in a pool of water.

• The jacket sat beautifully on her shoulders (= fitted well) .

• **+ adj.** The box sat unopened on the shelf.

HAVE OFFICIAL POSITION

4. **intransitive** to have an official position as sth or as a member of sth

- ~ **as sth** He was sitting as a temporary judge.
- They both sat as MPs in the House of Commons.
- ~ **in/on sth** She sat on a number of committees.
- ~ **for sth** For years he sat for Henley (= was the MP for that ↑constituency).

OF PARLIAMENT, ETC.

5. **intransitive** (of a parliament, committee, court of law, etc.) to meet in order to do official business

- Parliament sits for less than six months of the year.

EXAM

6. **transitive, intransitive** (rather formal) to do an exam: (BrE) ~ **sth** Candidates will sit the examinations in June.

- Most of the students sit at least 5 GCSEs.
- (especially NAmE) ~ **for sth** He was about to sit for his entrance exam.

OF BIRD

7. **intransitive** (+ **adv./prep.**) to rest on a branch, etc. or to stay on a nest to keep the eggs warm

OF DOG

8. **intransitive** to sit on its bottom with its front legs straight

- Rover! Sit!

TAKE CARE OF CHILDREN

9. **intransitive** ~ (for sb) = ↑babysit

- Who's sitting for you?

see also ↑house-sit

more at sit/stand bolt upright **at** ↑bolt adv., rest/sit on your laurels **at** ↑laurel, sit/stand silently by **at** ↑silently

Idioms: ↑sit at somebody's feet ▪ sit comfortably/easily/well ▪ ↑sit in judgement ▪ ↑sit on the fence ▪ ↑sit tight ▪ ↑sitting pretty

Derived ↑sit about ▪ ↑sit back ▪ ↑sit by ▪ ↑sit down ▪ ↑sit down and do something ▪ ↑sit for somebody ▪ ↑sit in for somebody ▪

↑sit in on something ▪ ↑sit on something ▪ ↑sit somebody up ▪ ↑sit something out ▪ ↑sit through something ▪ ↑sit up ▪ ↑sit

yourself down

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	sit
	BrE /sɪt/
	NAmE /sɪt/
he / she /it	sits
	BrE /sɪts/
	NAmE /sɪts/
past simple, past participle	sat
	BrE /sæt/
	NAmE /sæt/
-ing form	sitting
	BrE /'sɪtɪŋ/
	NAmE /'sɪtɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English sittan, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **zitten**, German **sitzen**, from an Indo-European root shared by Latin **sedere** and Greek **hezesthai**.

Thesaurus:

sit **verb** I

- May I sit here?

sit down • **take a seat** • **perch** • **sprawl** • |**formal be seated** • **recline** •

Opp: stand (up)

sit/sit down/take a seat/perch/sprawl/be seated/recline **on** sth

sit/sit down/take a seat/sprawl/be seated **in** sth

Grammar Point:

sit

You can use **on**, **in** and **at** with sit. You sit on a chair, a step, the edge of the table, etc. You sit in an armchair. If you are sitting at a table, desk, etc. you are sitting in a chair close to it, usually so that you can eat a meal, do some work, etc.

Synonyms:

sit

sit down • **be seated** • **take a seat** • **perch**

These words all mean to rest your weight on your bottom with your back upright, for example on a chair.

sit • to rest your weight on your bottom with your back upright, for example on a chair: ▪ May I sit here? ◇▪ Sit still, will you!

Sit is usually used with an adverb or prepositional phrase to show where or how sb sits, but sometimes another phrase or clause is used to show what sb does while they are sitting: ▪ We sat talking for hours.

sit down/ • sit yourself down • to move from a standing position to a sitting position: ▪ Please sit down. ◊▪ Come in and sit yourselves down.

be seated • (formal) to be sitting: ▪ She was seated at the head of the table.

Be seated is often used as a formal way of inviting sb to sit down: ▪ Please be seated.

take a seat • to sit down **Take a seat** is used especially as a polite way of inviting sb to sit down: ▪ Please take a seat.

perch • (rather informal) to sit on sth, especially on the edge of sth: ▪ She perched herself on the edge of the bed.

Perch is always used with an adverb or prepositional phrase to show where sb is perching.

to sit/sit down/be seated/take a seat/perch **on** sth

to sit/sit down/be seated/take a seat **in** sth

Example Bank:

- Can I sit on this chair?
- Elmer was happily sitting in his high chair.
- He motioned the young officer to sit down.
- He sat bolt upright, hands folded in front of him.
- He simply sat there not speaking.
- He was sitting against the wall.
- He was sitting at his desk.
- He would sit quietly and watch what was happening.
- How can you sit back and watch him suffer?
- I hate to be sitting around doing nothing.
- I recently had a chance to sit down with Britain's Foreign Secretary.
- Joan sat back in her chair.
- Just sit back and enjoy the show.
- Please sit down and let me talk to you.
- She just sat there staring into space.
- She sat demurely on the edge of her chair.
- She sat under an apple tree.
- She slowly sat up and looked around.
- She was sitting astride a horse.
- She was sitting in her chair with her legs crossed.
- She went and sat beside him.
- Surely someone would stand up and let her sit down?
- The children sat cross-legged on the floor.
- The kids sat around a campfire.
- The manager sat behind his desk.
- Their actions have forced us to sit up and take notice.
- They sat opposite each other.
- We can't sit idly by and let this happen.
- We sat at a table in the corner.
- We sat in silence for a few moments.
- He sat and stared at the letter in front of him.
- I was sitting at my desk, gazing out of the window.
- She sat back and stretched out her legs.
- Sit still, will you!
- Sit up straight— don't slouch.

sit

sit **S1 W1** /sɪt/ **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ *verb* (past tense and past participle **sat** /sæt/, present participle **sitting**)

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1. IN A CHAIR ETC

a) (also **be sitting down**) [*intransitive*] to be on a chair or seat, or on the ground, with the top half of your body upright and your weight resting on your ↑**buttocks**

sit on/in/by etc

- " I sat on the shore and looked at the sea.
- " She was sitting in a chair by the fire.
- " She's the girl who sits next to me at school.
- " In the driving seat sat a man of average height.

sit at a desk/table etc (=sit facing it)

- " Jean sat at the table writing a letter.

sit doing something

- " They sat sipping their drinks.
- " We used to sit and listen to her for hours.

b) (also sit down) [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] to get into a sitting position somewhere after you have been standing up:

- " He came over and sat beside her.
- " Sam sat opposite her and accepted a cigarette.

c) (also sit somebody down) [transitive always + adverb/preposition] to make someone sit, or help them to sit

sit somebody on/in etc something

- " I gently led her to the chair and sat her on it.

2. OBJECTS/BUILDINGS ETC [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] to be in a particular position or condition

sit on/in etc

- " a little church sitting on a hillside
- " The parliament building sits in a large square.
- " He's got a computer sitting on his desk, but he doesn't use it.
- " My climbing boots were sitting unused in a cupboard.
- " The house has sat empty for two years.

3. DO NOTHING [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] to stay in one place for a long time, especially sitting down, doing nothing useful or helpful:

- " I spent half the morning sitting in a traffic jam.
- " Well, I can't sit here chatting all day.
- " Are you just going to sit there complaining?

4. COMMITTEE/PARLIAMENT ETC [intransitive] to be a member of a committee, parliament, or other official group

sit in/on

- " They both sat on the management committee.
- " He was the first journalist to sit in parliament.

5. MEETING [intransitive] to have a meeting in order to carry out official business:

- " The council only sits once a month.
- " The court will sit until all the evidence has been heard.

6. ANIMAL/BIRD [intransitive always + adverb/preposition]

a) to be in, or get into, a resting position, with the tail end of the body resting on a surface:

- " The cat likes to sit on the wall outside the kitchen.

b) Sit! used to tell a dog to sit with the tail end of its body resting on the ground or floor

c) if a bird sits on its eggs, it covers them with its body to make the eggs hatch

7. LOOK AFTER [intransitive + for] to look after a baby or child while its parents are out SYN babysit

8. sit tight spoken

a) to stay where you are and not move:

- " Just sit tight – I'll be there in five minutes.

b) to stay in the same situation, and not change your mind and do anything new:

- " We're advising all our investors to sit tight till the market improves.

9. be sitting pretty to be in a very good or favourable position:

- " We've paid off the mortgage, so we're sitting pretty now.

10. sit in judgment (on/over somebody) to give your opinion about whether someone has done something wrong, especially when you have no right to do this:

- " How can you sit in judgment on somebody you hardly know?

11. not sit well/easily/comfortably (with somebody) if a situation, plan etc does not sit well with someone, they do not like it:

- " He had never before been accused of stealing, and it did not sit well with him.

12. sit on the fence to avoid saying which side of an argument you support or what your opinion is about a particular subject:

- " The weakness of the book is that it sits on the fence on important issues.

13. sit on your hands to delay taking action when you should do something:

- " Workers are losing their jobs while the government sits on its hands and does nothing.

14. EXAMS [intransitive and transitive] British English to take an examination:

- " Tracy's sitting her GCSEs this year.

sit for

- " They were preparing children to sit for the entry examination.

15. PICTURE/PHOTO [intransitive] to sit somewhere so that you can be painted or photographed

sit for

- " She sat for (=was painted by) Holman Hunt and Millais.

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COLLOCATIONS

■ **adverbs**

- **sit still** (=without moving) Young children find it almost impossible to sit still.
- **sit quietly** (=without talking) Mac sat quietly in the back of the car.

- **be sitting comfortably** She was sitting comfortably on the sofa.
- **sit up straight/sit upright** (=with your back straight) Sit up straight at the table, Maddie.
- **sit bolt upright** (=suddenly sit up very straight, for example because you hear something) Suddenly she sat bolt upright and said, 'What was that?'
- **sit cross-legged** (=with your legs bent and crossed over in front of you) She sat cross-legged on the grass.

THESAURUS

- **sit** to be resting your weight on your bottom somewhere, or to move into this position: He was sitting in front of the fire. | She sat on the bed and kicked off her shoes. | Who is the man sitting next to Karen?
- **sit down** to sit on a chair, bed, floor etc after you have been standing: I sat down on the sofa. | Come in and sit down.
- **be seated** *formal* to be sitting in a particular chair or place: John was seated on my left. | There was a man seated behind the desk.
- **take a seat** to sit – used especially when asking someone to sit down: Please take a seat – she will be with you in a minute. | Would the audience please take their seats – the show will begin in five minutes.
- **sink into something** to sit in a comfortable chair and let yourself fall back into it: We switched on the TV and sank into our armchairs.
- **loung** to sit in a very comfortable relaxed way: They lounged around all day by the pool.
- **perch** to sit on the edge of something: He perched on the arm of the sofa. | My sister was perched (=was sitting) on a high stool.
- **be slumped** to be sitting while leaning against something, especially because you are injured, drunk, or asleep: They found him slumped against the steering wheel.
- **squat** to sit with your knees bent under you, your bottom just off the ground, balancing on your feet: A little boy was squatting at the edge of the pool.

sit around (also sit about *British English*) *phrasal verb*

to spend a lot of time sitting and doing nothing very useful:

- We sat around for a bit, chatting.

sit back *phrasal verb*

1. to get into a comfortable position, for example in a chair, and relax:

- Sit back and relax – I'll open a bottle of wine.

2. to relax and make no effort to get involved in something or influence what happens:

- Don't just sit back and wait for new business to come to you.

sit by *phrasal verb*

to allow something wrong or illegal to happen without doing anything about it:

- I'm not going to sit by and watch a man go to prison for something I've done.

sit down *phrasal verb*

1. to be in a sitting position or get into a sitting position:

- It was good to be sitting down eating dinner with my family.
- Sit down, Amy – you look tired.

sit yourself down

- Sit yourself down and have a drink.

2. **sit somebody down** to make someone sit down or help them to sit down

sit somebody down in/on

- I helped her into the room and sat her down in an armchair.

3. **sit down and do something** to try to solve a problem or deal with something that needs to be done, by giving it all your attention:

- The three of us need to sit down and have a talk.
- Sit down and work out just what you spend.

sit in *phrasal verb*

to be present at a meeting but not take an active part in it

sit in on

- Would you like to sit in on some of my interviews?

sit in for somebody *phrasal verb*

to do a job, go to a meeting etc instead of the person who usually does it:

- This is Alan James sitting in for Suzy Williams on the mid-morning show.

sit on something *phrasal verb informal*

to delay dealing with something:

- I sent my application about six weeks ago and they've just been sitting on it.

sit something ↔ out *phrasal verb*

1. to stay where you are and do nothing until something finishes, especially something boring or unpleasant:

- She had two weeks to sit it out while she waited to hear if she had got the job.
- She was prepared to sit out the years of Jack's jail sentence.

2. to not take part in something, especially a game or dance, when you usually take part:

- Johnson sat out the game with a shoulder injury.

sit through something *phrasal verb*

to attend a meeting, performance etc, and stay until the end, even if it is very long and boring:

- I wasn't the least bit interested in all the speeches I had to sit through.

sit up *phrasal verb*

1. to be in a sitting position or get into a sitting position after you have been lying down:

- He was sitting up in bed, reading his book.

" She sat up and reached for her glass.

2. **sit somebody up** to help someone to sit after they have been lying down

sit somebody up in/on etc

" I'll sit you up on the pillows and you'll be nice and comfortable.

3. to sit in a chair with your back straight:

" Just sit up straight and stop slouching.

4. to stay up very late:

" Sometimes we just sit up and watch videos all night.

5. **sit up (and take notice)** to suddenly start paying attention to someone, because they have done something surprising or impressive:

" If Maria succeeded, then everyone would sit up and take notice.

sit

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