

spine
[spain] *n*

1. *анат.* позвоночник, позвоночный столб; спинной хребет
2. *бот., зоол.* выступ; шип, колючка
3. *бот.* ость; игла; костяной луч
4. 1) сердцевина дерева
- 2) основа, суть
5. горный хребет, гребень
6. корешок книги

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spine [spine spines] *BrE* [spain] ^{us} *NAmE* [spain] ^{us} *noun*

1. the row of small bones that are connected together down the middle of the back

Syn: ↑backbone



2. any of the sharp pointed parts like needles on some plants and animals
 - Porcupines use their spines to protect themselves.

see also ↑spiny

3. the narrow part of the cover of a book that the pages are joined to

Word Origin:

late Middle English: shortening of Old French *espine*, or from Latin *spina* 'thorn, prickle, backbone'.

Example Bank:

- Hedgehogs are covered with sharp spines.
- Once embedded in the skin, these savage spines are difficult to dislodge.
- The legislature must grow a spine and demand this.
- Their protests stiffened the spines of party activists.
- These speeches form the spine of his election campaign.
- the nerves in the spine

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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Latin; Origin: spina]



1. [countable] the row of bones down the centre of your back that supports your body and protects your ↑spinal cord **SYN** backbone
⇒ **spinal**
2. [countable] a stiff sharp point on an animal or plant ⇒ **spiny**:
cactus spines
3. [countable] the part of a book that the pages are fastened onto
4. [uncountable] courage or determination

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