

watch

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[wɒtʃ] *n*1) часы (*наручные, карманные*)

he set his watch by mine - он поставил свои часы по моим

my watch has run down - мои часы остановились

2) *мор.* корабельный хронометр

II

1. [wɒtʃ] *n*

1. 1) (over) пристальное наблюдение; надзор; присмотр

to keep watch over smth., smb. - а) наблюдать /следить/ за чем-л., кем-л.; б) сторожить /караулить/ что-л., кого-л.

to keep (a good) watch - внимательно /бдительно/ следить *или* сторожить [*ср. тж.* 2, 2)]

2) (for) высматривание

on the watch for smth., smb. - в ожидании чего-л., кого-л.

to be on the watch for - подкарауливать, поджидать

to be on the watch for an opportunity - выжидать удобного случая

2. *мор.*

1) вахта

starboard [port] watch - первая [вторая] вахта; вахта правого [левого] борта (*часть команды*)

watch and watch - деление команды на две вахты

watch below - а) подвахтенные; б) время, свободное от вахты

watch off = watch below б)

watch fall in! - очередной смене построиться! (*команда*)

2) дежурство

to keep watch, to be on watch - нести вахту [*ср. тж.* 1, 1)]

watch officer - вахтенный офицер

3. *шотл.* наблюдательный пункт на горе; сторожевой холм4. *уст.*

1) стража; караул, (ночной) дозор

the town watch - городская стража

2) сторож; страж, часовой

3) оклик *или* крик ночного дозора5. *уст.* стража (*часть ночи*)in the watches of the night - а) *возвыш.* в ночные стражи, ночью; б) в бессонные ночные часы, во время ночного бдения

◇ to pass as a watch in the night - пройти не оставив следа

watch and ward - строгое наблюдение; неусыпная бдительность

2. [wɒtʃ] *v*

1. 1) наблюдать, следить

to watch the development of affairs - следить за развитием событий

to watch one's diet - соблюдать диету

2) смотреть, наблюдать

to watch television - смотреть телевизор

to watch a game - смотреть игру; наблюдать за игрой

2. 1) (*тж. over*) стеречь, сторожить, караулить, охранять

there is a policeman watching outside the building - у здания дежурит полицейский

will you watch (over) my clothes while I have a swim? - вы не посмотрите за моей одеждой, пока я купаюсь?

2) (for) поджидать, выжидать, ожидать; высматривать; подстергать, подкарауливать

watching for a signal - в ожидании сигнала

to watch one's time - подстергать (удобный) момент

to watch for a chance - поджидать удобный случай

3. быть начеку, настороже; проявлять осмотрительность (*тж. watch out*)watch out!, watch it! - *разг.* осторожно!, будь осторожным!

watch out! There is a car coming - Осторожно! Идёт машина

to watch out for smth., smb. - напряжённо ожидать чего-л., кого-л.

the doctor told her to watch out for symptoms of measles - врач велел ей следить, не появятся ли симптомы кори

4. дежурить (*особ. ночью*)

to watch with a sick person, to watch at smb.'s (bed)side, to watch beside a sick bed - дежурить у больного /у постели

больного/

5. *редк.* стоять на вахте; быть в карауле, дозоре6. *часто рел.* бодрствоватьwatch and pray - *библ.* бодрствуйте и молитесь

◇ to watch one's step - а) ступать осторожно; б) действовать осмотрительно

watch your step! - а) не оступитесь!; б) не зарывайтесь!

to watch the clock - *разг.* отсиживать часы (*на работе*); без интереса относиться к работеwatch your steering! - *мор.* на руле не зевать!**watch****watch** [watch watches watched watching] *verb, noun* BrE [wɒtʃ] ^u NAmE

[wɑːtʃ]

1. transitive, intransitive to look at sb/sth for a time, paying attention to what happens

- ~ **sb/sth** to watch television/a football game
- ~ **sth for sth** He watched the house for signs of activity.
- ~ **(for sth)** He watched for signs of activity in the house.
- 'Would you like to play?' 'No thanks— I'll just watch.'
- She stood and watched as the taxi drove off.
- We watched to see what would happen next.
- ~ **what, how, etc...** Watch what I do, then you try.
- ~ **sb/sth doing sth** She watched the kids playing in the yard.
- ~ **sb/sth do sth** They watched the bus disappear into the distance.

2. transitive ~ sb/sth (for sb) to take care of sb/sth for a short time

- Could you watch my bags for me while I buy a paper?

3. (BrE also mind) transitive (informal) to be careful about sth

- ~ **sth/yourself** Watch yourself! (= be careful, because you're in a dangerous situation)
- Watch your bag— there are thieves around.
- I have to **watch every penny** (= be careful what I spend) .
- Watch your head on the low ceiling.
- ~ **where, what, etc...** Hey, watch where you're going!

more at mind/watch your language **at** ↑language, mind/watch your 'step **at** ↑step _n.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	watch
	BrE /wɒtʃ/
	NAme /wɑ:tʃ/
he / she /it	watches
	BrE /wɒtʃɪz/
	NAme /wɑ:tʃɪz/
past simple, past participle	watched
	BrE /wɒtʃt/
	NAme /wɑ:tʃt/
-ing form	watching
	BrE /wɒtʃɪŋ/
	NAme /wɑ:tʃɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English wæcce 'watchfulness', wæccende 'remaining awake'; related to the verb ↑wake. The sense 'small timepiece' probably developed by way of a sense 'alarm device attached to a clock'.

Synonyms:

look

watch • see • view • observe

These words all mean to turn your eyes in a particular direction.

look • to turn your eyes in a particular direction: ▫ If you look carefully you can just see our house from here. ◇ ▫ She ▫ looked at ▫ me and smiled.

watch • to look at sb/sth for a time, paying attention to what happens: ▫ to watch television ◇ ▫ Watch what I do, then you try.

see • to watch a game, television programme, performance, etc: ▫ In the evening we went to see a movie.

view • (formal) to look at sth, especially when you look carefully; to watch television, a film/movie, etc: ▫ People came from all over the world to view her work.

watch, see or view?

You can **see/view a film/movie/programme** but you cannot: see/view television. **View** is more formal than **see** and is used especially in business contexts.

observe • (formal) to watch sb/sth carefully, especially to learn more about them or it: ▫ The patients were observed over a period of several months.

to look/watch **for** sb/sth

to watch/observe **what/who/how...**

to look/watch/view/observe (sb/sth) **with** amazement/surprise/disapproval etc.

to watch/see/view a **film/movie/show/programme**

to watch/see a **match/game/fight**

to look (at sb/sth)/watch (sb/sth)/observe sb/sth **carefully/closely**

Example Bank:

- He couldn't get in touch with her, so he would just have to watch and wait.
- He leant in and kissed her as I watched enviously.
- He let me watch while he assembled the model.
- He watched with great interest how she coaxed the animals inside.
- I could see Robby watching curiously.
- I love just watching the world go by.
- I spent hours patiently watching the eagles.
- Maria asked Amelia to watch over her daughter.

- My father religiously watched the show every Friday night.
- She stood and watched them walk off down the road.
- She watched helplessly as her husband was dragged away.
- She watched in astonishment as he smashed the machine to pieces.
- She watched the man closely to see where he would go.
- The women were made to watch while their children were slaughtered.
- They could only watch in silence as their possessions were taken away.
- They stopped to watch the procession go by.
- They watched from an upstairs window.
- We watched for any sign of change in the weather.
- the most widely watched national news bulletins in the country
- 'Would you like to play?' 'No thanks— I'll just watch.'
- A capacity crowd watched the semi-final.
- I only let my kids watch television at the weekends.
- This initiative is being closely watched by government regulators.

Idioms: ↑on the watch ▪ ↑watch it ▪ ↑watch the clock ▪ ↑watch the time ▪ ↑watch the world go by ▪ ↑watch this space ▪ ↑watch your mouth ▪ ↑watched pot neverboils

Derived ↑watch for somebody ▪ ↑watch out ▪ ↑watch out for somebody ▪ ↑watch over somebody

noun

clocks and watches



1. countable a type of small clock that you wear on your wrist, or (in the past) carried in your pocket

- She kept looking anxiously at her watch.
- My watch is fast/slow.

see also ↑stopwatch, ↑wristwatch

2. singular, uncountable the act of watching sb/sth carefully in case of possible danger or problems

- The police have **mounted a watch** outside the hotel.
- I'll **keep watch** while you go through his papers (= watch and warn you if somebody is coming) .
- The government is **keeping a close watch** on how the situation develops.

see also ↑neighbourhood watch

3. countable, uncountable a fixed period of time, usually while other people are asleep, during which sb watches for any danger so that they can warn others, for example on a ship; the person or people who do this

- I'm **on first watch** .
- I go **on watch** in an hour.

see also ↑nightwatchman

more at keep a close eye/watch on sb/sth **at** ↑close ² _{adj.}

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Example Bank:

- Don't forget to set your watch to local time.
- Her wrist watch beeped.
- I kept a close watch on my bag as I sat on the train.
- Let's synchronize our watches.
- My watch is ten years old and it's still going.
- My watch loses a minute each day.
- My watch says three o'clock.
- Quartz watches don't need winding.
- She keeps watch over the inmates.
- Some of the crew were sleeping, while others were on watch.
- Sorry I'm late— my watch has stopped.
- That night they posted watches.
- The authorities maintained a careful watch over the establishment.
- The garrison commander had put an extra watch on the prisoners.
- They kept a vigilant watch for the enemy.
- They're in charge of issuing the tornado watches.
- Two soldiers were ordered to keep watch for enemy aircraft.
- We have tornado watches in effect for a lot of Florida.
- We put our watches forward eight hours before landing in Tokyo.

- prisoners on suicide watch
- the terrorist watch list
- Go in and see if you can find it in his study. I'll keep watch for you.

See also: ↑mind

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I. **watch**¹ **S1 W1** /wɒtʃ \$ wɑːtʃ wɒtʃ/ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ verb

[Word Family: noun: ↑watch, ↑watcher; adjective: ↑watchful, ↑watchable; verb: ↑watch]

[Language: Old English; Origin: wæccan]

1. **LOOK [intransitive and transitive]** to look at someone or something for a period of time, paying attention to what is happening:

- Do you mind if I watch?
- We sat and watched the sunset.

watch carefully/closely/intently etc

- He watched helplessly as Paula fell into the icy water.
- Watch carefully. You may learn something.

watch (somebody/something) with interest/amusement/delight etc

- Harriet watched him with interest.

watch somebody/something do/doing something

- I watched him go, then went home.
- Ruth could not bear to watch her parents arguing.

watch to do something

- I watched to see how he'd react.

watch television/a film etc

- The debate was watched by 97 million viewers.
- Most parents don't know what their kids are watching on TV.

watch what/how/when etc

- It's useful to watch how other pilots handle the glider.

2. **BE CAREFUL [transitive]** to act carefully in order to avoid an accident or unwanted situation

watch (that)

- Watch he doesn't run into the road.
- She's a student and has to watch her budget closely.
- Watch your head on the shelf.

watch what/how/where etc

- Silly old fool! Why doesn't he watch where he's going?
- Watch what you're doing! It's spilling everywhere!
- Watch yourself (=be careful) in Madrid; there are some rough areas.

watch what you say/your tongue/your language/your mouth etc (=be careful not to hurt or offend people by what you say)

- Employees should watch what they say in personal emails.

watch your weight/watch what you eat (=be careful not to get fat)

- He may be a former athlete, but he still has to watch his weight.

3. **PAY ATTENTION [transitive]** to pay attention to a situation that interests or worries you to see how it develops

watch closely/carefully

- American companies are watching Japanese developments closely.
- The government will watch the progress of these schemes with interest.

4. **CARE FOR [transitive]** to stay with someone or something so that nothing bad happens to them:

- She watches the kids for us occasionally.

5. **SECRETLY [transitive]** to secretly watch a person or place:

- I feel like I'm being watched.

6. **watch your step informal** to be careful, especially about making someone angry:

- He soon saw he'd have to watch his step with some of these guys.

7. **watch your back informal** to be careful because other people may try to harm you

8. **watch the clock informal** to keep looking at the time because you are worried or bored:

- anxious mums watching the clock

9. **watch the time** to make sure you know what time it is to avoid being late

10. **watch it spoken** used to warn someone to be careful:

- Watch it, there's a car.

11. **watch this space informal** used to tell people to pay attention in the future because things are going to develop further – used especially in newspapers

12. **one to watch** someone or something that people should pay attention to because they are interesting or exciting:

- In the tournament so far, Italy's Stefania Croce looks like the one to watch.

13. **watch the world go by** to relax outside by just looking at the people around you:

- lingering in a pavement café, watching the world go by

14. **you watch informal** used to tell someone that you know what will happen:

- He'll win this time, you watch.

⇒ **watch somebody like a hawk** at ↑hawk¹

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COLLOCATIONS

■ nouns

- **watch television** We watched television all evening.
- **watch a programme /film/show** They were watching a film on TV.

■ adverbs

- **closely** I watched him closely while he was giving his evidence.
- **carefully** She watched very carefully and did exactly as he did.
- **helplessly** He watched helplessly as his son was swept away by the waves.
- **intently** (=with a lot of attention) Her father was watching her intently as she worked.

■ phrases

- **with interest/amusement etc** A small crowd of people were watching them with interest.
- **in horror/amazement etc** He watched in horror as the flames engulfed his house.

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THESAURUS

- **watch** to look at someone or something for a period of time and pay attention to what is happening: They were all watching the game. | I watched him get out of his car. | We are watching carefully to see how the situation develops.
- **keep an eye on somebody/something** to watch someone or something carefully so that you are prepared if anything bad happens: The doctors are keeping a careful eye on her. | Can you keep an eye on my bag for me? | Keep an eye on house prices before you decide to sell.
- **observe** to watch someone or something carefully in order to learn more about them: A 24-hour camera is being used to observe the birds' behaviour. | During your teacher training you will be encouraged to observe lessons.
- **monitor** to watch a situation carefully to see how it changes over a period of time: Class teachers are responsible for monitoring the progress of each student. | Economists are monitoring the situation carefully.
- **spy on somebody** to watch someone secretly in order to find out what they are doing: He hired a private detective to spy on her. | In the 1960s, government agencies were spying on everybody.

■ someone who watches something

- **spectator** someone who watches an event, especially a sports event: There were 4,500 spectators at the game. | a crowd of spectators
- **viewer** someone who watches television: Millions of television viewers listened to the President's speech. | programmes for younger viewers
- **audience** the people who watch a play or performance, or the people who watch a particular television programme: The audience roared with laughter and clapped. | It attracted a television audience of seven million.
- **onlooker** someone who watches something happening without being involved in it, especially in the street: A man was standing on the roof, watched by a crowd of onlookers below.
- **observer** someone who watches and pays attention to particular situations and events, because they are interested in them, or it is their job: She was a shrewd observer of human nature. | a political observer who writes for The Independent newspaper | The United Nations has sent military observers to the Sudan.

watch (out) for something *phrasal verb*

to pay close attention in a particular situation because you are expecting something to happen or you want to avoid something bad:

- She stepped outside to watch for the cab.
- What problems should I watch out for when buying an old house?

watch out *phrasal verb informal*

used to tell someone to be careful:

- You'll become an alcoholic if you don't watch out.

watch over somebody *phrasal verb*

to protect someone so that they are not harmed:

- There must have been an angel watching over me that day.

II. watch² S2 W3 BrE² AmE² noun

[Word Family: noun: ↑watch, ↑watcher; adjective: ↑watchful, ↑watchable; verb: ↑watch]



1. [countable] a small clock that you wear on your wrist or keep in your pocket:

- My watch has stopped.

look at/glance at/consult your watch

- She glanced nervously at her watch.
- How do you keep track of time if you don't wear a watch?

2. [singular, uncountable] when you watch someone or something carefully, or pay careful attention to them, so that you are ready to act if necessary:

- The police arrived to keep watch on the mouth of the tunnel.

watch on/over

- He maintained a 24-hour watch over his son.

Security forces kept a close watch on our activities.

3. **keep a watch out for somebody/something** (also **be on the watch for somebody/something**) to be looking and waiting for something that might happen or someone you might see, especially so that you can avoid danger, trouble etc:

Be on the watch for anything suspicious.

4. **[countable]** a group of people whose job is to guard or protect someone or something:

We were arrested and held until the arrival of the night watch (=people responsible for keeping the streets safe at night, especially in past times). ⇒ ↑neighbourhood watch

5. **[uncountable and countable]** a period of time when it is someone's duty to stay somewhere and look for signs of danger:

The first watch is from now until midnight.

on watch

Who's on watch tonight?

...

COLLOCATIONS

verbs

- **look at/glance at your watch** I looked at my watch. It was 4.30.
- **check/consult your watch** He checked his watch and saw that it was only 2.15.
- **a watch says ...** My watch says twenty past one.
- **put your watch forward** (=make it show a later time) The passengers were reminded to put their watches forward three hours.
- **put your watch back** (=make it show an earlier time) On Saturday night, don't forget to put your watch back an hour.
- **set your watch** (=make it show the correct time) I set my watch by the clock on the mantelpiece.
- **wear a watch** He wore a gold watch.
- **a watch stops** Her watch had stopped after getting wet in the sea.

adjectives

- **sb's watch is fast/runs fast** (=it shows a later time) No, it's only 12.15 – your watch must be fast.
- **sb's watch is slow/runs slow** (=it shows an earlier time) 'He's late.' 'Maybe his watch is running slow.'

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watch 58558

watched 32777

watches 8693

watching 45778

watcher 491

watchers 1415

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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