

contain

[kən'teɪn] *v*

1. **содержать**

the book contains a great deal of useful information - книга содержит множество полезных сведений
 these mountains contain valuable minerals - в этих горах много ценных минералов

2. **вмещать**

a gallon contains four quarts - галлон равняется четырём квартам
 the hall cannot contain all the members of the club - зал не может вместить всех членов клуба

3. 1) **сдерживать, подавлять**

to contain one's anger [laughter, enthusiasm] - подавить гнев [смех, энтузиазм]
 she could hardly contain her eagerness - она едва сдерживала свой пыл

2) *refl* **сдерживаться**

he couldn't contain himself for joy - он бурно выражал свою радость

3) **удерживать, ограничивать**

the demand for free elections [for peace] can be contained no longer - движение за свободные выборы [за мир] уже нельзя подавить
 has the cholera outbreak been contained? - ликвидирована ли вспышка холеры?

4. *mat.* **делиться без остатка**

5. *воен.* **сковывать, сдерживать**

◇ he cannot contain his wine - ≅ он не умеет пить; от вина его развозит (*тошнит u m. n.*)

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con·tain [contain contains contained containing] *BrE* [kən'teɪn] ^{us} *NAmE*

[kən'teɪn] ^{us} *verb*

(not used in the progressive tenses)

1. ~ **sth** if sth contains sth else, it has that thing inside it or as part of it

- This drink doesn't contain any alcohol.
- Her statement contained one or two inaccuracies.
- a brown envelope containing dollar bills
- The bottle contains (= can hold) two litres.

2. **to keep your feelings under control**

Syn: ↑restrain

- ~ **sth** She was unable to contain her excitement.
- ~ **yourself** I was so furious I just couldn't **contain myself** (= I had to express my feelings) .

3. ~ **sth** to prevent sth harmful from spreading or getting worse

- to contain an epidemic
- Government forces have failed to contain the rebellion.

Verb forms: *verb forms*

present simple	
I / you / we /they	contain
	<i>BrE</i> /kən'teɪn/
	<i>NAmE</i> /kən'teɪn/
he / she /it	contains
	<i>BrE</i> /kən'teɪnz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /kən'teɪnz/
past simple, past participle	contained
	<i>BrE</i> /kən'teɪnd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /kən'teɪnd/

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **contenir**, from Latin **continere**, from **con-** 'altogether' + **tenere** 'to hold' .

Thesaurus:

contain verb T

- a drink that doesn't contain alcohol
- Her statement contained one or two inaccuracies.

include • • incorporate •

contain/include/incorporate sth **in** sth
 contain/include/incorporate particular **features/material**

Example Bank:

- He handed over a brown envelope containing a hundred dollar bills.
- He introduced repressive measures to contain the violence.
- I was so furious I just couldn't contain myself.
- Overall planning policies are designed to contain the growth of urban sprawl.
- She could hardly contain her excitement.
- The bottle contains two litres.
- This drink doesn't contain any alcohol.

containcon^{tain} **S2 W1** /kən'teɪn/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb* [transitive]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: contenir, from Latin continere 'to hold together, hold in, contain', from com- (⇒ COM-) + tenere 'to hold']

1. CONTAINER/PLACE if something such as a bag, box, or place contains something, that thing is inside it:

▪ The thieves stole a purse containing banknotes.

▪ The museum contains a number of original artworks.

2. WRITING/SPEECH if a document, book, speech etc contains something, that thing is included in it:

▪ The letter contained information about Boulestin's legal affairs.

be contained in/within something

▪ The proposed changes are contained in a policy statement.

3. SUBSTANCE if a substance contains something, that thing is part of it:

▪ This product may contain nuts.

REGISTERIn everyday English, people often use different phrases to say that something **contains** something else:▪ *The box contained books.* → The box had books in it.▪ | *The essay contained a lot of mistakes.* → There were a lot of mistakes in the essay.▪ | *Does this dish contain any meat?* → Is there any meat in this dish?**4. CONTROL FEELINGS** to control strong feelings of anger, excitement etc:

▪ Jane couldn't contain her amusement any longer.

contain yourself

▪ He was so excited he could hardly contain himself.

5. STOP SOMETHING to stop something from spreading or escaping:

▪ Doctors are struggling to contain the epidemic.

▪ measures aimed at containing political opposition ⇒ ↑self-contained

6. MATHS *technical* to surround an area or an angle:

▪ How big is the angle contained by these two sides?

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