

constrain

[kən'streɪn] *v*

1. принуждать, вынуждать
to constrain obedience - добиться послушания; заставить слушаться
to be [to feel] constrained - быть [чувствовать себя] вынужденным
2. сдерживать, стеснять (*движения*)
to constrain within prescribed limits - сдерживать в пределах установленных границ
3. 1) заключать в тюрьму
2) сажать в клетку, вольер *и т. п.*
4. *поэт.* заключать в объятия

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con-strain **AW** [constrain constrains constrained constraining] **BrE** [kən'streɪn]

NAME [kən'streɪn] **v** (formal)

1. **usually passive** ~ **sb to do sth** to force sb to do sth or behave in a particular way
 - The evidence was so compelling that he **felt constrained to** accept it.
 - The company said that it was constrained to raise prices.
2. **often passive** to restrict or limit sb/sth
 - ~ **sth** Research has been constrained by a lack of funds.
 - ~ **sb (from doing sth)** She felt constrained from continuing by the threat of losing her job.
 - Men and women are becoming less constrained by stereotyped roles.

see also ↑unconstrained

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	constrain
	BrE /kən'streɪn/
	NA ME /kən'streɪn/
he / she / it	constrains
	BrE /kən'streɪnz/
	NA ME /kən'streɪnz/
past simple, past participle	constrained
	BrE /kən'streɪnd/
	NA ME /kən'streɪnd/
-ing form	constraining
	BrE /kən'streɪnɪŋ/
	NA ME /kən'streɪnɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **constrainedre**, from Latin **constringere** 'bind tightly together'.

Example Bank:

- There are a number of factors which constrain agricultural development
- She was an annoying woman, but I always felt constrained to be pleasant to her.
- They found themselves constrained to accept the proposal.

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[**Word Family:** **verb:** ↑constrain; **noun:** ↑constraint]

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1. to stop someone from doing what they want to do **SYN restrict**
constrain somebody from doing something
 - Financial factors should not constrain doctors from prescribing the best treatment for patients.
2. to limit something **SYN restrict**
 - Poor soil has constrained the level of crop production.
 - Women's employment opportunities are often severely constrained by family commitments.

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- constrained ¹⁷⁹⁶
- constraining ³¹²
- constrains ¹⁹¹
- constraint ¹⁰⁹⁸
- constraints ⁵¹⁵⁶
- unconstrained ²¹²

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