pier Apresyan (En-Ru)

[piə] *n* 

- 1. волнолом; мол; дамба
- 2. мор. пирс; причал
- 3. cmp.
- бык (моста)
- 2) устой; столб; контрфорс
- 3) простенок

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pier [pier piers] BrE [pɪə(r)] NAmE [pɪr] noun

- 1. a long structure built in the sea and joined to the land at one end, often with places of entertainment on it
- After lunch, the family went for a walk along the pier.
- · Blackpool pier
- 2. a long low structure built in a lake, river or the sea and joined to the land at one end, used by boats to allow passengers to get on and off

Syn: 1 landing stage

- The river bus leaves from Pier 4.
- 3. (technical) a large strong piece of wood, metal or stone that is used to support a roof, wall, bridge, etc.

## Word Origin:

Middle English: from medieval Latin pera, of unknown origin.

Piers were originally built so that people could walk along them to get onto boats at the end, or load or unload goods, but in the 19th century many British seaside towns built large piers for pleasure, often with theatres, restaurants and entertainments on them and some of them are still popular tourist attractions.

## Example Bank:

• the fishermen on the pier

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pier /piə \$ pir/ BrE \* AmE \* noun [countable]

[Date: 1100-1200, Language: Medieval Latin; Origin: pera]



- 1. a structure that is built over and into the water so that boats can stop next to it or people can walk along it:
  - a yacht moored at a pier
  - strolling along Brighton Pier
- 2. a thick stone, wooden, or metal post that is used to support something

## **THESAURUS**

- port noun [uncountable and countable] a place where ships can be loaded and unloaded: a busy port | We'll have two days ashore while the ship is in port. | The ferry was about to leave port.
- harbour British English, harbor American English noun [countable] an area of water next to the land which is protected by walls so the water is calm, and is a place where ships can stay when they are not sailing: They sailed into Portsmouth Harbour | Tourist boats leave the harbour at Riva regularly. I the harbour wall
- dock [uncountable and countable] a place in a port where ships are loaded, unloaded, or repaired: A crowd was waiting at the dock to greet them. | The ship was in dock for repairs.
- pier a structure that is built over and into the water so that boats can stop next to it or people can walk along it: The yacht was moored at a pier.
- jetty noun [countable] a wall or platform built out into the water, used for getting on and off boats: a wooden jetty | The house has a private jetty.
- mooring noun [countable] the place where a ship or boat is fastened to the land or to the bottom of the sea: Tugs towed the boat away from its mooring at White Bay.
- marina noun [countable] a harbour where people keep boats which are used for pleasure: They are building a new 220-berth marina. | The apartments have a private marina.

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