

siege

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[si:dʒ] *n*1) **осада**

state of siege - осадное положение

to declare a state of siege - ввести осадное положение

to lay siege (to a town) - осадить (город)

to lay siege to a lady's heart - добиваться благосклонности дамы

to raise /to lift/ a siege - снять осаду

to stand a siege - выдержать осаду

2) **разг.** долгий, мучительный период (*времени*)

a siege of illness - продолжительная болезнь

II

[si:dʒ] *n*1. 1) **уст.** престол, трон

2) ранг, положение

2. **тех.** верстак3. **тех.** под стекловаренной печи**siege**

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siege [siege sieges] *BrE* [siːdʒ] ^u *NAmE* [siːdʒ] ^u **noun**

1. a military operation in which an army tries to capture a town by surrounding it and stopping the supply of food, etc. to the people inside

• the siege of Troy

• The siege was finally lifted (= ended) after six months.

• The police placed the city centre under a virtual **state of siege** (= it was hard to get in or out) .

2. a situation in which the police surround a building where people are living or hiding, in order to make them come out

• The siege was finally brought to an end when the terrorists surrendered

see also ↑besiege| idioms ↑lay siege to something ▪ ↑under siegeWord Origin:Middle English: from Old French **sege**, from **asegier** 'besiege' .Example Bank:

- At the very end of the war, Prague again came under siege.
- His views are typical of the siege mentality of this administration.
- The English forces laid siege to the city of Tournai
- The opposition pledged to lift a siege of government buildings.
- The police placed the city centre under a virtual state of siege.
- The royal forces marched south to lift the siege of Donnington Castle.
- The seven-hour armed siege at the school ended peacefully.
- The siege lasted two years.
- The terrorists were shot dead during the siege of the embassy.
- This fortress could withstand a siege for years if necessary.
- Under military and economic siege, entire economic sectors have collapsed.
- soldiers wounded at the siege of Charleston
- wounded at the siege of Edinburgh Castle in 1573

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siege /siːdʒ/ *BrE* ^u *AmE* ^u **noun** [uncountable and countable][**Date:** 1100-1200; **Language:** Old French; **Origin:** sege 'seat, siege', from Vulgar Latin *sedicum*, from Latin *sedere* 'to sit']

1. a situation in which an army or the police surround a place and try to gain control of it or force someone to come out of it:

" The siege lasted almost four months.

" a three-day police siege at a remote country cottage

siege of

" the siege of Leningrad

end/lift/raise a siege (=end a siege)2. **lay siege to somebody/something**

a) if the army or police lay siege to a place, they start a siege against it:

| In 1176, King Richard laid siege to Limoges.

b) if you lay siege to someone, you do everything you can to try and get them to talk to you:

Then he set to work laying siege to her with letters.

3. **be under siege**

a) to be surrounded by an army in a siege

b) to be being criticized, attacked, or threatened all the time:

The TV station has been under siege from irate viewers phoning in to complain.

4. **siege mentality** the feeling among a group of people that they are surrounded by enemies and must do everything they can to protect themselves

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