

latch1. [lætʃ] *n*

1. щеколда; запор, задвижка; защёлка; шпингалет
the door is on the latch - дверь на щеколде /на защёлке/

2. американский замок

2. [lætʃ] *v*

1. 1) запирать *или* закрывать на задвижку, защёлку, щеколду
latch the doors and windows - запирайте двери и окна

2) запираяться, закрываться (о *двери, окне и т. п.*)

2. (on, onto) *разг.*

1) прицепиться к кому-л.; таскаться за кем-л.

he latched onto a rich widow - он ходит по пятам за богатой вдовой

2) понять, усечь (*что-л.*)

latch

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

latch [latch latches latched latching] *noun, verb* BrE [lætʃ] ^ˈ NAmE [lætʃ] ^ˈ

noun

1. a small metal bar that is used to fasten a door or a gate. You raise it to open the door, and drop it into a metal hook to fasten it

• He lifted the latch and opened the door.

2. (especially BrE) a type of lock on a door that needs a key to open it from the outside

• She listened for his key in the latch.

Word Origin:

Old English læccan 'take hold of, grasp (physically or mentally)', of Germanic origin.

Example Bank:

- Leave the door on the latch.
- She lifted the latch and went into the garden.
- She tried the latch, but the door wouldn't open.

Idiom: ↑on the latch

Derived ↑latch on ▪ ↑latch onto somebody ▪ ↑latch onto something

verb ~ sth

to fasten sth with a ↑latch

• He closed the window and latched it.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	latch
	BrE /lætʃ/
	NAmE /lætʃ/
he / she / it	latches
	BrE /lætʃɪz/
	NAmE /lætʃɪz/
past simple, past participle	latched
	BrE /lætʃt/
	NAmE /lætʃt/
-ing form	latching
	BrE /lætʃɪŋ/
	NAmE /lætʃɪŋ/

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1. **latch** ¹ /lætʃ/ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ *noun* [countable]



1. a small metal or plastic object used to keep a door, gate, or window closed:

Gwen lifted the latch and opened the gate.

2. *especially British English* a type of lock for a door that you can open from the inside by turning a handle, but that you need a key to open from the outside

on the latch (=shut but not locked)

" Ray went out, leaving the door on the latch.

II. **latch**² *BrE* " *AmE* " *verb* [transitive]

[Language: Old English; Origin: læccan]

to fasten a door, gate, or window with a latch

latch on *phrasal verb*

British English informal to understand:

" He's so thick it took him ages to latch on.

latch onto somebody/something (also **latch on to somebody/something**) *phrasal verb informal*

1. to become very interested in something:

" Don't just latch on to the latest management fads.

2. to follow someone and keep trying to talk to them, get their attention etc, especially when they would prefer to be left alone:

" He latched onto Sandy at the party and wouldn't go away.

3. to hold tightly to something with your hand, mouth etc:

" a baby latching on to its mother's breast

latch

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latches 384

latched 497

latching 133

unlatch 53

unlatches 25

unlatched 154

unlatching 20

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