

maintain

[meɪn|ˈteɪn,mən{ˈteɪn}-] *v*

1. поддерживать, сохранять

- to maintain contact - а) поддерживать связь /контакт/; б) поддерживать соприкосновение (с *противником*)
- to maintain friendly relations - поддерживать /сохранять/ дружественные отношения
- to maintain peace - сохранять /отстаивать/ мир
- to maintain silence - хранить молчание
- to maintain a smiling countenance - продолжать улыбаться
- to maintain an open mind - быть непредубеждённым, сохранять объективность; придерживаться широких взглядов
- to maintain correspondence - поддерживать /вести/ переписку
- to maintain heat - поддерживать тепло; поддерживать (определённую) температуру
- to maintain prices - *КОМ.* сохранять /поддерживать/ цены на определённом уровне
- to maintain resistance - *воен.* оказывать (упорное) сопротивление
- he maintained his opposition - он продолжал выступать против
- you maintain a dangerous position - ты стоишь на опасной позиции, ты придерживаешься опасной точки зрения
- law and order must be maintained - нужно соблюдать закон и порядок
- food is necessary to maintain life - для поддержания жизни необходима пища
- the pilot maintained a constant speed - пилот поддерживал определённую скорость

2. содержать

- to maintain an army - содержать армию
- to maintain one's family - содержать семью

3. 1) поддерживать (*партию, движение и т. п.*)

- to maintain the common cause - оказать поддержку общему делу

2) защищать, отстаивать (*точку зрения, мнение и т. п.*)

- to maintain one's rights - защищать /отстаивать/ свои права

3) *юр.* поддерживать одну из тяжущихся сторон (*незаконно и в корыстных целях*)

4. сохранять, удерживать

- to maintain hold of - сохранять в своих руках; держать под контролем
- to maintain one's ground - а) удерживаться на месте; б) стоять на своём; не уступать
- to maintain a position - *воен.* удерживать позицию
- if the improvement is maintained - если состояние (больного) не ухудшится

5. обслуживать; содержать в хорошем состоянии (*дороги, машины и т. п.*)

- he maintains his car himself - он сам ремонтирует свою машину

6. *книжн.* утверждать, настаивать, уверять

- to maintain that ... - утверждать /уверять/, что ...; придерживаться того мнения, что ...
- he maintained his innocence - он настаивал на своей невинности

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main-tain *AW* [maintain maintains maintained maintaining] *BrE* [meɪnˈteɪn]

NA [meɪnˈteɪn] *verb*

1. ~ **sth** to make sth continue at the same level, standard, etc.

Syn: ↑preserve

- to **maintain law and order/standards/a balance**
- The two countries have always maintained close relations.
- (*formal*) She maintained a dignified silence.
- to maintain prices (= prevent them falling or rising)

2. ~ **sth** to keep a building, a machine, etc. in good condition by checking or repairing it regularly

- The house is large and difficult to maintain.

3. to keep stating that sth is true, even though other people do not agree or do not believe it

Syn: ↑insist

- ~ **(that)...** The men maintained (that) they were out of the country when the crime was committed.
- ~ **sth** She has always **maintained her innocence**.
- + **speech** 'But I'm innocent!' she maintained.

4. ~ **sb/sth** to support sb/sth over a long period of time by giving money, paying for food, etc.

Syn: ↑keep

- Her income was barely enough to maintain one child, let alone three.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	maintain
	BrE /meɪnˈteɪn/
	NAme /meɪnˈteɪn/
he / she / it	maintains
	BrE /meɪnˈteɪnz/
	NAme /meɪnˈteɪnz/
past simple, past participle	maintained
	BrE /meɪnˈteɪnd/
	NAme /meɪnˈteɪnd/
-ing form	maintaining
	BrE /meɪnˈteɪnɪŋ/
	NAme /meɪnˈteɪnɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English (also in the sense 'practise an action habitually'): from Old French *maintenir*, from Latin *manu tenere* 'hold in the hand'.

Thesaurus:

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1. T

- We must maintain law and order.

keep sth up • • **preserve** • • **sustain** • • **extend** • • **prolong** • |especially spoken **keep sth going** • |formal **perpetuate** • |often disapproving especially business **prop sth up** •

maintain/keep up/preserve/sustain **standards/a relationship**

maintain/keep up/sustain **levels/rates/morale /interest/growth**

maintain/preserve/sustain/extend/prolong (sb's) **life**

Maintain or sustain? **Maintain** is used especially to talk about keeping sth at its usual level for an unlimited period of time; **sustain** is used more to talk about keeping sth at a higher level than usual for a long but not unlimited period

- Is the role of the state simply to maintain the status quo?
- How long can such fast growth be sustained?

2. T

- The house and its grounds are beautifully maintained.

preserve • • **service** • • **keep sth up** •

maintain/preserve a **house**

maintain/service a/an **car/appliance**

have/keep sth maintained/preserved/serviced

Language Bank:

argue

Verbs for reporting an opinion

- Some critics **argue** ▪ that Picasso remained a great master all his life.
- Others **maintain** ▪ that there is a significant deterioration in quality in his post-war work.
- Picasso himself **claimed** ▪ that good art is created, but great art is stolen.

As ▪ Smith **has noted** ▪, Picasso borrowed imagery from African art.

As ▪ the author **points out** ▪, Picasso borrowed imagery from African art.

▪ The writer **challenges the notion that** ▪ Picasso's sculpture was secondary to his painting.

It has been suggested that ▪ Picasso's painting was influenced by jazz music.

Language Banks at ↑about, ↑according to

Example Bank:

- His priority is to maintain and protect his family.
- Under the terms of the agreement she had forfeited her right to be maintained by her husband.
- Commercial aircraft generally maintain cabin altitudes between 6 000 and 8 000 feet.
- He emphasized the need to maintain the status quo.
- He has always maintained his innocence.
- He successfully maintained the financial health of the company.
- It is difficult to maintain that such a harsh punishment was justified.
- The company has easily maintained its position as the leading brand in the money-transfer business.
- The government's position became increasingly difficult to maintain.
- They are looking to cut costs while simultaneously maintaining the existing levels of service.
- This pace cannot be maintained indefinitely.
- We are anxious to maintain our close links with the police.
- a poorly maintained central heating system
- I do a lot of mechanical work and I maintain my own car.
- Our principle task is to maintain law and order.
- She has always maintained her innocence.
- The grounds are beautifully maintained.
- The wheel spats collect debris and make it difficult to maintain the brakes.

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main **tain** **S2** **W1** **AC** /meɪn'teɪn, mən-/ **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ verb [transitive]

[Word Family: verb: ↑maintain; noun: ↑maintenance]

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1. MAKE SOMETHING CONTINUE to make something continue in the same way or at the same standard as before:

- Careers Officers maintain contact with young people when they have left school.
- Britain wants to maintain its position as a world power.
- A lot depends on building and maintaining a good relationship with your customers.
- The hotel prides itself on maintaining high standards.
- How can we maintain control of spending?

2. LEVEL/RATE to make a level or rate of activity, movement etc stay the same:

- It is important to maintain a constant temperature inside the greenhouse.
- This is the most efficient way to build up and maintain a reasonable level of physical fitness.

3. **SAY** to strongly express your belief that something is true **SYN claim**

maintain (that)

" Critics maintain that these reforms will lead to a decline in educational standards.

maintain your innocence (=say that you did not commit a crime)

" He maintained his innocence and said the allegations were 'ridiculous'.

4. **LOOK AFTER SOMETHING** to keep a machine, building etc in good condition by checking and repairing it regularly:

" The report found that safety equipment had been very poorly maintained.

" The company is responsible for maintaining public telephone boxes.

5. **PROVIDE MONEY/FOOD** to provide someone with the things they need, such as money or food **SYN provide for:**

" How can you maintain a family on \$900 a month?

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THESAURUS

- **claim** to say that something is true, even though it has not been proved: He claims that he didn't see anything. | She claims to be a descendant of Charles Dickens.
- **allege** to claim that someone did something wrong or illegal, although you do not give any proof: It is alleged that he murdered his wife. | Patients allege that the two firms failed to warn doctors about the dangers of taking the drugs over a long period.
- **maintain** to repeatedly say that something is true, especially when other people do not believe you: He continued to maintain his innocence, even after he was sent to prison. | My mother always maintains that I learned to talk at six months.
- **insist** to say very firmly that something is true: She insists that Tom was there, although he denies it. | Turkey insists that there is more than enough water in the two rivers for all three countries.
- **assert formal** to state that something is true – used especially in formal writing when reporting someone's opinion: They assert that children work better on their own. | The Environment Minister asserted that one third of the country's cities had major pollution problems.
- **contend formal** to claim that something is true, especially when other people disagree with you: Lawyers contend that his back problems were due to an existing injury, not the accident. | It is possible, as Kennedy contends, that her medical condition is caused by her work.

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