baton Apresyan (En-Ru) **1.** ['bætøn] *n* 1. жезл a Field-Marshal's baton - фельдмаршальский жезл 2. дирижёрская палочка under the baton of A., under A.'s baton - под управлением А. (об оркестре); дирижер /дирижирует, дирижировал/ А. 3. дубинка (полицейского) 4. спорт. 1) эстафетнаяпалочка to pass the baton - передавать эстафету 2) эстафета 5. школ. указка baton sinister - ucm. чёрная полоса в гербе незаконнорождённого рыцаря 2. ['bætn] *v* бить полицейской дубинкой Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed. baton baton [baton batons] BrE ['bætpn] BrE ['bætp] NAmE [bəˈta□ħ˚ 1. (especially BrE) = 1truncheon a baton charge (= one made by police carrying fbatons, to force a crowd back) 2. a thin light stick used by the person (called a \(^1\)conductor) who is in control of an \(^1\)orchestra, etc • The orchestra played brilliantly under Previn's baton. 3. a short light stick that one member of a team in a frelay race passes to the next person to run to pass/hand over the baton • (figurative) The President handed over the baton (= passed responsibility) to his successor. 4. a long stick that is held and thrown in the air by a person marching in front of a band, or by a ↑majorette Word Origin: early 16th cent. (denoting a staff or cudgel): from French bâton, earlier baston, from late Latin bastum 'stick'. · Five people were injured in the baton charge. • He tapped his baton on the music stand to get everyone's attention. • The orchestra made the recording under the baton of a young German conductor. • The police were ordered to draw their batons and disperse the crowd. Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En) bat on /'bætøn, -tn \$ bæ'ta □n,bə-/ BrE * AmE ~ noun [countable] [Date: 1500-1600; Language: French; Origin: bâton, from Late Latin bastum 'stick'] 1. a short thin stick used by a \(^\text{conductor}\) (=the leader of a group of musicians) to direct the music 2. a short light stick that is passed from one person to another during a race 3. a short thick stick used as a weapon by a police officer SYN truncheon

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- 4. a short stick that is carried as a sign of a special office or rank
- 5. a light metal stick that is spun and thrown into the air by a \(^{\text{majorette}}\)

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