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# link

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## Definition of *link*

(Entry 1 of 4)

1 : a connecting structure: such as

a(1) : a single ring or division of a chain

(2) : one of the standardized divisions of a surveyor's chain that is 7.92 inches (20.1 centimeters) long and serves as a measure of length

b : [cuff link](#)

c : [bond sense 3c](#)

d : an intermediate rod or piece for transmitting force or motion especially : a short connecting rod with a hole or pin at each end

e : the fusible member of an electrical fuse

2 : something analogous to a link of chain: such as

a : a segment of sausage in a chain

b : a connecting element or factor found a link between smoking and cancer

c : a unit in a communication system

d : an identifier attached to an element in a system (such as an index term in a database) in order to indicate or permit connection with other similarly identified elements especially : one (such as a [hyperlink](#)) in a computer file

link

[verb \(1\)](#)

linked; linking; links

Definition of *link* (Entry 2 of 4)

[transitive verb](#)

: to couple or connect by or as if by a link

[intransitive verb](#)

: to become connected by or as if by a link —often used with *up*the band linked up with a new record label

link

[noun \(2\)](#)

Definition of *link* (Entry 3 of 4)

: a torch formerly used to light a person's way through the streets

link

[verb \(2\)](#)

linked; linking; links

Definition of *link* (Entry 4 of 4)

[intransitive verb](#)

Scotland

: to skip smartly along

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## Other Words from *link*

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## Choose the Right Synonym for *link*

Verb (1)

[join](#), [combine](#), [unite](#), [connect](#), [link](#), [associate](#), [relate](#) mean to bring or come together into some manner of union. [join](#) implies a bringing into contact or conjunction of any degree of closeness. *joined* forces in an effort to win [combine](#) implies some merging or mingling with corresponding loss of identity of each unit. *combined* jazz and rock to create a new music [unite](#) implies somewhat greater loss of separate identity. the colonies *united* to form a republic [connect](#) suggests a loose or external attachment with little or no loss of identity. a mutual defense treaty *connected* the two nations [link](#) may imply strong connection or inseparability of elements still retaining identity. a name forever *linked* with liberty [associate](#) stresses the mere fact of frequent occurrence or existence together in space or in logical relation. opera is popularly *associated* with high society [relate](#) suggests the existence of a real or presumed logical connection. *related* what he observed to what he already knew

## First Known Use of *link*

Noun (1)

15th century, in the meaning defined at [sense 1](#)

Verb (1)

15th century, in the meaning defined at [transitive sense](#)

Noun (2)

1526, in the meaning defined [above](#)

Verb (2)

1715, in the meaning defined [above](#)

## History and Etymology for *link*

Noun (1)

Middle English, of Scandinavian origin; akin to Old Norse *hlekk* chain; akin to Old English *hlanc* lank

Noun (2)

perhaps modification of Medieval Latin *linchinus* candle, alteration of Latin *lychnus*, from Greek *lychnos*; akin to Greek *leukos* white — more at [light](#)

Verb (2)

origin unknown

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## Kids Definition of *link*

(Entry 1 of 2)

1 : a single ring of a chain

2 : something that connects : [connection](#) Is there a *link* between dinosaurs and birds?

3 : [hyperlink](#)

link

[verb](#)

linked; linking

Kids Definition of *link* (Entry 2 of 2)

1 : to physically join or connect The towns are *linked* by a road.

2 : to show or suggest a connection A gang was *linked* to the crime.

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