



Meaning of **elongate** in English



elongate

verb [I or T]

US /ɪˈlɒŋ.geɪt/ UK /ˈiː.lɒŋ.geɪt/

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to become or make something become longer, and often thinner:

- *The cells elongate as they take in water.*

Synonym

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having a shape that is much longer than it is wide:

- *Acanthoclinus are elongate fishes.*

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EXAMPLES of **elongate**



It could *elongate* to three and half hours, but that's not enough to spoil your weekend.

From [Washington Post](#)



This one in particular lengthens hamstrings which are shortened while sitting, and elongates the spine.

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Long sleeves came into vogue along with higher cut bottoms, which elongated the often short athletes' legs.

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These "smeared chunks" (those numbered segments in this image), are then placed next to each other to *elongate* the track.

From [NPR](#)



A beverage-date gives you a shorter timetable, should you need it, while a meal elongates the meeting.

From [Huffington Post](#)



By elongating vowels and stressing transitions more clearly, parentese helps a baby brain's auditory cortex recognize vowel-consonants groupings.

From [ABC News](#)



It's as though he sings it, elongating the words and phrases with his musical voice.

From [The Atlantic](#)



So we are elongating our games and the value propositioned by really going deep on multiplayer.

From [Fast Company](#)



It will slink down to its full extension, elongating, and come to a dangling rest.

From [NPR](#)



But when the virus is squished from above, its rod shape elongates into an oval, and the dipole moments become uneven.

From [Ars Technica](#)



The researchers found that the plant's turning is actually a result of different sides of the stem elongating at different times of day.



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...not relaxed, elongated his stride and left the foot in the water.

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Body counts and media attention are the primary metrics of tactical success, and hostage-taking and barricading elongates the duration of the raid.

From [Foreign Policy](#)



As the solution leaves the reservoir, the solvent evaporates and the polymers solidify and *elongate* into small, thin fibers.

From [Phys.Org](#)



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Translations of *elongate*

in Chinese (Traditional)

(使) 變長, (使) 延長, (使) 變得細長...

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in Chinese (Simplified)

(使) 变长, (使) 延长, (使) 变得细长...

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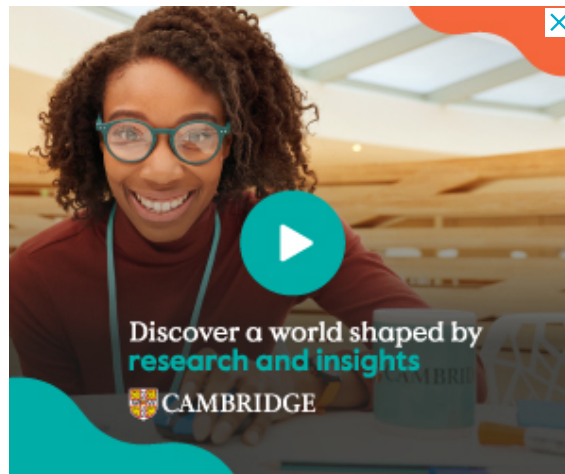
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WORD OF THE DAY

egg-and-spoon race

UK /,eg.ən'spu:n ,reɪs/ US /,eg.ən'spu:n ,reɪs/

a race in which people run with an egg balanced on a spoon

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