



in-line adjective or adverb

'in- 'līn ,in-

: having the parts or units arranged in a straight line

also : being so arranged

First Known Use

1929, in the meaning defined above

Time Traveler

The first known use of *in-line* was in 1929

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seal

 1 of 5 noun (1)

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plural seals *also* **seal**Synonyms of *seal* >

- 1** : any of numerous carnivorous marine mammals (families Phocidae and Otariidae) that live chiefly in cold regions and have limbs modified into webbed flippers adapted primarily to swimming
especially : a fur seal or hair seal as opposed to a sea lion

2 a : the pelt of a fur seal

b : leather made from the skin of a seal

3 : a dark brown

seal

 2 of 5 verb (1)**sealed; sealing; seals***intransitive verb*

: to hunt seals

seal

 3 of 5 noun (2)

- 1 a** : something that confirms, ratifies, or makes secure : **GUARANTEE, ASSURANCE**

also : a piece of wax or a wafer bearing such an impression

c : an impression, device, or mark given the effect of a common-law seal by statute law or by American local custom recognized by judicial decision

d : a usually ornamental adhesive stamp that may be used to close a letter or package

especially : one given in a fund-raising campaign

2 a : something that secures (such as a wax seal on a document)

b : a closure that must be broken to be opened and that thus reveals tampering

c (1) : a tight and perfect closure (as against the passage of gas or water)

(2) : a device to prevent the passage or return of gas or air into a pipe or container

3 : a seal that is a symbol or mark of office

seal 4 of 5 verb (2)

sealed; sealing; seals

transitive verb

1 a : to confirm or make secure by or as if by a seal

seal the deal

b : to solemnize (something, such as a marriage) for eternity by a Mormon rite

2 a : to set or affix an authenticating seal to

also : AUTHENTICATE, RATIFY

b : to mark with a stamp or seal usually as an evidence of standard exactness, legal size, weight, or capacity, or merchantable quality

3 a : to fasten with or as if with a seal to prevent tampering

4 : to determine irrevocably or indisputably
that answer *sealed* our fate

SEAL

5 of 5 **abbreviation**

'sēl 

sea, air, land (team)

Phrases

under seal

: with an authenticating seal affixed

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Noun

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– Belle Duchene, *Better Homes & Gardens*, 31 Oct. 2023

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– *WIRED*, 28 Oct. 2023

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Etymology

Noun (1)

Middle English *sele*, from Old English *seolh*; akin to Old High German *selah* seal

Noun (2)

Middle English *sele*, *seel*, from Anglo-French *seal*, *sel*, from Latin *sigillum* seal, from diminutive of *signum* sign, seal — more at SIGN

First Known Use

Noun (1)

before the 12th century, in the meaning defined at sense 1

Verb (1)

1828, in the meaning defined above

Noun (2)

13th century, in the meaning defined at sense 1a

Verb (2)

14th century, in the meaning defined at sense 1a

Time Traveler

The first known use of *seal* was before the 12th century



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seal

 1 of 4 noun'sē(ə)l **plural seals** *also seal*

- 1** : any of numerous marine mammals that live mostly in cold regions, feed especially on fish, mate and give birth to young on land, and use short webbed flippers to swim and dive
- 2 a** : the soft dense fur of a seal
- b** : leather made from the skin of a seal

seal

 2 of 4 verb

: to hunt seals

seal

 3 of 4 noun

paper or wax to form a mark (as for certifying a signature)

c : a usually ornamental adhesive stamp that may be used to close a letter or package

Christmas *seals*

2 a : something that is attached to a closed container and has to be broken in order to open the container

b : a tight and perfect closing

test the *seal* of the jars

seal 4 of 4 verb

1 : to mark with a seal

seal a deed

2 : to close with or as if with a seal

the sheriff *sealed* the area

ice *sealed* the ships into the harbor

3 : to decide finally

Etymology

Noun

Old English *seolh* "seal (marine animal)"

Noun

Middle English *sele*, *seel* "pledge, guarantee," from early French *seal*, *sel* (same meaning), from Latin *sigillum* "seal," literally, "small sign, small image," from *signum* "mark, sign, image" — related to SIGN entry 1

'sēl ◀▶

: to apply dental sealant to

the teeth to be *sealed* are surrounded by cotton rolls and dried thoroughly

– J. W. Friedman

seal ^{1 of 2} noun

: a device (as an emblem, symbol, or word) used to identify or replace a signature and to authenticate (as at common law) written matter

→ see also CONTRACT UNDER SEAL at CONTRACT

seal ^{2 of 2} transitive verb

1 : to authenticate or approve by or as if by a seal

2 : to close off (as records) from public access

Etymology

Noun

Old French *seel*, from Latin *sigillum*, from diminutive of *signum* mark, sign