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noun

noun: **string**

1. material consisting of threads of cotton, hemp, or other material twisted together to form a thin length.
   "unwieldy packs tied up with string"
   Similar: twine cord yarn thread strand fiber rope cable line
   - a piece of string used to tie around or attach to something.
     plural noun: **strings**
     "the elephant mask had a trunk you could raise by pulling a string"
   - a piece of catgut or similar material interwoven with others to form the head of a sports racket.
   - a length of catgut or wire on a musical instrument, producing a note by vibration.
     "the D string broke"
   - the stringed instruments in an orchestra.
     plural noun: **strings**
     "the blend of the wind-group is less perfect than that of the strings"
     Similar: stringed instruments
   - relating to or consisting of stringed instruments.
     modifier noun: **string**
     "a string quartet"
2. a set of things tied or threaded together on a thin cord.
   "she wore **a string of** agates around her throat"
   Similar: strand rope necklace rosary chaplet
   - a sequence of similar items or events.
     "**a string of** burglaries"
     Similar: series succession chain sequence concatenation run
   - **COMPUTING**
     a linear sequence of characters, words, or other data.
   - a group of racehorses trained at one stable.
   - a team or player holding a specified position in an order of preference.
     "Gary was first string on the varsity football team"
3. a tough piece of fiber in vegetables, meat, or other food, such as a tough elongated piece connecting the two halves of a bean pod.
4. short for stringboard.
5. **PHYSICS**
   a hypothetical one-dimensional subatomic particle having the dynamical properties of a flexible loop.
   - a hypothetical threadlike concentration of energy within the structure of space–time.
     noun: **cosmic string**; plural noun: **cosmic strings**

verb

verb: **string**; 3rd person present: **strings**; past tense: **strung**; past participle: **strung**; gerund or present participle: **stringing**

1. hang (something) so that it stretches in a long line.
   "lights were strung across the promenade"
   Similar: hang suspend sling stretch thread loop festoon run
   - thread (a series of small objects) on a string.
     "he collected stones with holes in them and strung them on a strong cord"
     Similar: thread loop link join

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- be arranged in a long line.
  "the houses were strung along the road"

  Similar: spread out | space out | set apart | place at intervals | distribute

2. fit a string or strings to (a musical instrument, a racket, or a bow).
   "the harp had been newly strung"
3. remove the strings from (a bean).
4. **BRITISH • BILLIARDS**
   another term for lag[1] (sense 2 of the verb).

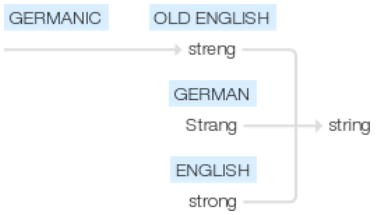
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used to show that an offer or opportunity carries no special conditions or…

on a string
under one's control or influence. *"I've got the world on a string"*

string along
mislead someone deliberately over a length of time, especially about one's…

Origin



Old English *streng* (noun), of Germanic origin; related to German *Strang*, also to strong. The verb (dating from late Middle English) is first recorded in the senses 'arrange in a row' and 'fit with a string'.

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