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Definition of *limit*

(Entry 1 of 2)

1a : something that bounds, restrains, or confines the age limit for junior golf

b : the utmost extent pushed her body to the limit

2a : a geographic or political boundary

b limits plural : the place enclosed within a boundary : [bounds](#) into the limits of the North they came— John Milton

3 : [limitation](#) the sadness is without limit— William Shakespeare

4 : a determining feature or differentia in logic

5 : a prescribed maximum or minimum amount, quantity, or number: such as

a : the maximum quantity of game or fish that may be taken legally in a specified period

b : a maximum established for a gambling bet, raise, or payoff

6a : a number whose numerical difference from a mathematical function is arbitrarily small for all values of the independent variables that are sufficiently close to but not equal to given prescribed numbers or that are sufficiently large positively or negatively

b : a number that for an infinite sequence of numbers is such that ultimately each of the remaining terms of the sequence differs from this number by less than any given positive amount

7 : something that is exasperating or intolerable We've had bad weather, but this is the limit.

limit

[verb](#)

limited; limiting; limits

Definition of *limit* (Entry 2 of 2)

[transitive verb](#)

l : to assign certain [limits](#) to : [prescribe](#) reserved the right to limit use of the land

2a : to restrict the bounds or limits of the specialist can no longer limit himself to his specialty

b : to curtail or reduce in quantity or extent we must limit the power of aggressors

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Noun

limitless \ 'li-mət-ləs  \ adjective

limitlessly adverb

limitlessness noun

Verb

limitable \ 'li-mə-tə-bəl  \ adjective

limiter noun

Synonyms & Antonyms for *limit*

Synonyms: Noun

- [bound](#),
- [boundary](#),
- [cap](#),
- [ceiling](#),
- [confines](#),
- [end](#),
- [extent](#),
- [limitation](#),
- [line](#),
- [termination](#)

Synonyms: Verb

- [cap](#),
- [circumscribe](#),
- [confine](#),
- [hold down](#),
- [restrict](#)

Antonyms: Verb

- [exceed](#)

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Choose the Right Synonym for *limit*

Verb

[limit](#), [restrict](#), [circumscribe](#), [confine](#) mean to set bounds for. [limit](#) implies setting a point or line (as in time, space, speed, or degree) beyond which something cannot or is not permitted to go. visits are *limited* to 30 minutes [restrict](#) suggests a narrowing or tightening or restraining within or as if within an encircling boundary. laws intended to *restrict* the freedom of the press [circumscribe](#) stresses a restriction on all sides and by clearly defined boundaries. the work of the investigating committee was carefully *circumscribed* [confine](#) suggests severe restraint and a resulting cramping, fettering, or hampering. our choices were *confined* by finances

Examples of *limit* in a Sentence

Noun He has reached the *limit* of his endurance. In training, she pushed her body to its physical *limits*.

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First Known Use of *limit*

Noun

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

Verb

14th century, in the meaning defined at [sense 1](#)

History and Etymology for *limit*

Noun and Verb

Middle English, from Anglo-French *limite*, from Latin *limit-*, *limes* boundary

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More Definitions for *limit*

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English Language Learners Definition of *limit*

(Entry 1 of 2)

- : a point beyond which it is not possible to go
- : a point beyond which someone is not allowed to go
- : an amount or number that is the highest or lowest allowed

limit

[verb](#)


English Language Learners Definition of *limit* (Entry 2 of 2)

- : to stop or prevent an increase in (something) : to keep (something) from becoming greater
- : to prevent (something) from being larger, longer, more, etc. : to place a limit on the size or extent of (something)
- : to stop (someone) from having or doing more : to place a limit on (someone)

[See the full definition for *limit* in the English Language Learners Dictionary.](#)

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Kids Definition of *limit*

(Entry 1 of 2)

- 1 : a point beyond which it is impossible to go She runs often, but she knows her *limits*.
- 2 : an amount or number that is the lowest or highest allowed After I spent my *limit*, I went home.
- 3 : a boundary line the city *limits*

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limited; limiting

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

: to place a control on the size or extent of something I need to *limit* expenses.

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Methodically explaining a
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You can learn all about them

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