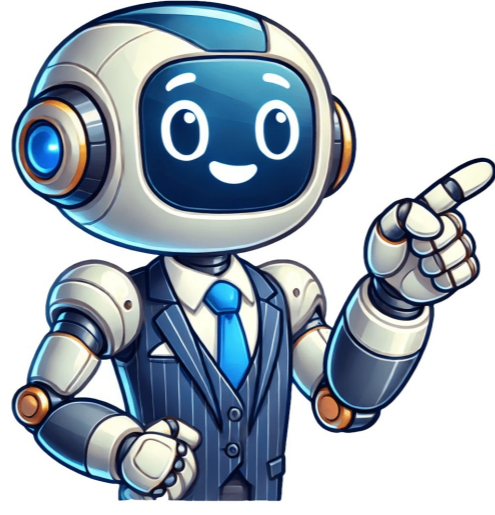


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to lend or borrow (an item) officially, as from a library.
[– + out + object]You can check out six books at a time.[– + object + out]You can check six books out. [no object] [Informal.]to leave suddenly:He checked out of there fast. Slang. to examine carefully: [– + out + object] [Hey, check out this car! [– + object + out]]I've got quality watches for sale; check them out. n. Business&lit. Brit. cheque, a written order directing a bank to pay money: (rountable)He wrote her a check for fifty-five dollars.[uncountable; by + –]I'll pay for this by check. a slip showing an amount owed, esp. at a restaurant.[countable]The waitress wrote out our check, a ticket given for items left in a checkroom, to customers waiting to be served, etc.[countable]I lost my claim check for the luggage, a mark, often indicated by (✓), to indicate that something has been noted, etc.[countable]I put a check next to the items that you need to revise, a search or examination:[countable]a quick check of the company records, a test or inspection, such as to find out quality or performance:[countable]The mechanic ran a check on the engine, a means of, or an act of, stopping or restraining:[countable]a check on his speed in the race, a pattern formed of squares:[countable]pants with checks, Chess, Games (in chess) the exposure of the king to direct attack:[uncountable]Your king is in check; you must move it or eliminate the attacker. adj. [usually, before a noun] serving to stop, control, etc.:a check valve, ornamented with a checkered pattern; checkered-check pants, interj. Chess, Games(used as a call in chess to warn that an opponent's king is in check). Informal Terms, Informal. all right! agreed! "We'll be back for our cut, ok?" "Check!" Idioms
tides, to cause a reduction, as in rate or intensity; diminish:The new measures checked the rapidity with which the epidemic was spreading, to investigate or verify as to correctness:She checked the copy against the original, to make an inquiry into, search through, etc.:We checked the files, but the letter was missing, to inspect or test the performance, condition, safety, etc., of (something):Check a used car thoroughly before buying it, to mark (something) so as to indicate examination, correctness, preference, etc. (often fol. by off):Please check the correct answer. They checked off the names of people they wanted to invite, to leave in temporary custody:Check your umbrellas at the door, to accept for temporary custody:We accept responsibility for any article we check here, to send (baggage) on a passenger's ticket, usually on the same carrier used by the passenger; for pickup at the destination:We checked two trunks through to Portland, to accept (baggage) for conveyance, and to convey, under the privilege of a passenger's ticket:Check this trunk to Portland, to mark with or in a pattern of squares to check fabric, [Agric.]to plant in checkrows, [Chess.]to place (an opponent's king) under direct attack, [Ice Hockey.]to obstruct or impede the movement or progress of (an opponent), Cf. back-check, fore-check. v.i. to prove to be right; correspond accurately:The reprint checks with the original, item for item, to make an inquiry, investigation, etc., as for verification (often fol. by up, into, etc.):He checked to make sure his answer was correct. Check into the matter, to make a sudden stop; pause:The horse checked before he jumped. [Chess.]to make a move that puts the opponent's king under direct attack, to crack or split, usually in small checks:Painted surfaces may check with age. [Poker.]to decline to initiate the betting in a betting round, usually to force another player to make the first bet rather than raise it. [Hunting.](of hounds) to stop, esp. because the line of scent has been lost. [Falconry.](of a hawk) to forsake the proper prey and follow baser game (fol. by at), check in, to register, as at a hotel; indicate one's arrival or presence at a place, function, etc., usually by signing an appropriate form:We checked in at the reception desk, check on or up on, to investigate, scrutinize, or inspect:Don't forget to check on his work. We have to check up on him, check out, to vacate and pay for one's quarters at a hotel, to verify or become verified; examine or investigate, to fulfill requirements, as by passing a test:The engine checked out and we proceeded on our way, to itemize, total the cost of, and collect payment for (a purchase):The supermarket cashier was exhausted from checking out groceries all day long, to have the cost added up and pay for merchandise, to borrow (an item) by having it listed as one's temporary responsibility:The adding machine was checked out in your name. [Informal.]to depart quickly or abruptly; leave in a hurry. [Slang.]to die, check over, to examine or investigate, esp. thoroughly, check the helm, [Naut.]to alter the helm of a turning vessel to keep the bow from swinging too far or too rapidly. n. Also,[Brit.] cheque, [Banking.]a written order, usually on a standard printed form, directing a bank to pay money, a slip or ticket showing the amount owed, esp. a bill for food or beverages consumed, a ticket or token that when matched with a counterpart identifies an article left in the temporary custody of another, the purchaser of a ticket, a person who is to be served next, etc., a criterion, standard, or means to insure against error, fraud, etc.:This handmade sample is a check that the machine-made samples have to match, an inquiry, search, or examination:We made a quick check but found nothing missing. Also called check mark, a mark, often indicated by (✓), as on a list, to indicate that something has been considered, acted upon, or approved, a person or thing that stops, limits, slows, or restrains:The increase of duty was an effective check on imports. He was a check on her enthusiasm, a sudden arrest or stoppage; repulse; rebuff:Taxation caused a check in the accumulation of vast fortunes, a control, test, or inspection that ascertains performance or prevents error:They ran a check on the dependability of the automobile, a pattern formed of squares, as on a checkerboard, one of the squares in such a pattern, a fabric having a check pattern. [Chess.]the exposure of the king to direct attack:The king was in check. [Ice Hockey.]any of several maneuvers designed to obstruct or impede the forward progress of an opponent. Cf. board check, body check, cross-check (def. 5), hook check, poke check, sweep check, a counter used in card games, as the chip in poker, a small crack:There were several checks in the paint, an egg, designated for market, having a slightly cracked shell and an intact inner membrane. [Masonry.]a rabbit-shaped cutting on the edge of a stone, by which it is fitted to another stone. [Hunting.] the losing of the scent by a dog or pack. (in fox hunting) a period in a hunt, following the losing of the scent by the hounds, during which the field rests quietly while the hounds cast to regain the scent, in check, under restraint:He held his anger in check. adj. serving to check, control, verify, etc.:a check system, ornamented with a checkered pattern; check-kersia check border, interj. [Chess.]used as a call to warn one's opponent that his or her king is exposed to direct attack, having just one move in which to escape or parry. | [Informal.]all right! agreed! Persian. literally, king (an exclamation, i.e., look out, your king is threatened); see shah Arabic: shah check (at chess) Old French escheq; (by aphesis), variant of escheq; Middle English chek, chekke (at chess) 1275–1325 check-less, adj. 1. See stop, 2. hinder, hamper, obstruct, curtail; chain, bridle, hobble. Check, curb, repress, restrain refer to putting a control on movement, progress, action, etc. Check implies arresting suddenly, halting or causing to halt-to check a movement toward reform.Curb implies the use of a means such as a chain, strap, frame, wall, etc., to guide or control or to force to stay within definite limits:to curb a horse.Repress, formerly meaning to suppress, now implies preventing the action or development that might naturally be expected to repress evidence of excitement.Restrict implies the use of force to put under control, or chiefly, to hold back to restrain a person from violent acts. 6. examine. 16. agree. 30. receipt, tab, counterfoil. 31. coupon, tag, stub. 35. obstacle, obstruction, hindrance, restriction, restraint, impediment, control, deterrent, bar, barrier; damper; curb, bridle, bit, rein. check2 (chek)USA pronunciation n. (South Midland and Southern U.S.) Dialect Terms, ChessOften, checks, the game of checkers, Dialect Terms, Chessany of the playing pieces used in this game. Collins Concise English Dictionary © HarperCollins Publishers; check /tʃɛk/ vb to pause or cause to pause, esp abruptly (transitive) to restrain or control; to check one's tears (transitive) to slow the growth or progress of; retard (transitive) to rebuke or rebuffwhen intr. often followed by on or up on: to examine, investigate, or make an inquiry into (facts, a product, etc) for accuracy, quality, or progress, esp rapidly or informally (transitive) chiefly US Canadian to mark off so as to indicate approval, correctness, or preference (intransitive) often followed by with: chiefly US Canadian to correspond or agree: this report checks with the other (transitive) chiefly US Canadian NZ to leave in or accept (clothing or property) for temporary custody to place (an opponent's king) in check (transitive) to mark with a pattern of squares or crossed lines to crack or cause to crack (transitive) to impede (an opponent) (intransitive) (of hounds) to pause in the pursuit of quarry while relocating a lost scent n a break in progress; stoppage a restraint or rebuff a person or thing that restrains, halts, etc a control, esp a rapid or informal one, designed to ensure accuracy, progress, etc a means or standard to ensure against fraud or error the US word for tick1 the US spelling of cheque chiefly US the bill in a restaurant chiefly US Canadian a ticket or tag used to identify clothing or property deposited for custody a pattern of squares or crossed lines a single square in such a pattern fabric with a pattern of squares or crossed lines the state or position of a king under direct attack, from which it must be moved or protected by another piece a small crack, as one in veneer or one that occurs in timber during seasoning a chip or counter used in some card and gambling games a pause by the hounds in the pursuit of their quarry owing to loss of its scent the act of impeding an opponent with one's body or stickin check = under control or restraint interj a call made to an opponent indicating that his or her king is in check chiefly US Canadian an expression of agreementEtymology: 14th Century; from Old French escheq a check at chess, hence, a pause (to verify something), via Arabic from Persian shāh the king! (in chess)checkable adj WordReference Random House Learner's Dictionary of American English © 2025cheque /tʃɛk/USA pronunciation n. British Terms check (def. 13). WordReference Random House Unabridged Dictionary of American English © 2025cheque (chek)USA pronunciation n. [Brit.] British Termscheck (def. 29). Collins Concise English Dictionary © HarperCollins Publishers:: cheque, US check /tʃɛk/ n a bill of exchange drawn on a bank by the holder of a current account, payable into a bank account, if crossed, or on demand, if uncrossed Austral NZ the total sum of money received for contract work or a crop Austral NZ wagesEtymology: 18th Century; from check, in the sense: a means of verification