

board<sup>1</sup>

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/bɔ:d \$ bɔ:rd/

noun

**1** **INFORMATION** **information** [countable] INFORMATION a flat wide piece of wood, plastic etc that you can use to show information:

**on a board**

*The plan of the new building is displayed on a board at the back of the room.*

*I've put a list of names up on the board.*

*I'll check the departure board for train times.*

→ BILLBOARD,  
BLACKBOARD,  
NOTICEBOARD,  
SCOREBOARD

**2** **for putting things on** FOR PUTTING THINGS ON [countable] a flat piece of wood, plastic, card etc that you use for a particular purpose such as cutting things on, or for playing indoor games:

*Martha was chopping vegetables on a wooden board.*

*a chess board*

→ BREADBOARD,  
CHEESEBOARD,  
CHOPPING BOARD

**3** **group of people** (also / **Board**) GROUP OF PEOPLE [countable also + plural verb] (BrE)  
 GROUP OF PEOPLE a group of people in a company or other organization who make the rules and important decisions:

**board of**

*The Board of Directors met yesterday.*

*There was disagreement among the agency's board of governors.*

**sit on a board/have a seat on a board** (= be a member of a board)

*He gave up his seat on the board after 40 years.*

*a board meeting*

*a board member*

#### 4 **in names** Board

used in the name of some organizations:

*the New York State Board of Elections*

*the British Boxing Board of Control*

#### 5 **in building** FOR BUILDING[countable] a long thin flat piece of wood used for making floors, walls, fences etc:

*We'll have to take the boards up to check the wiring.*

→ FLOORBOARD

#### 6 **on board**

a)

on a ship, plane, or spacecraft

**SYN** aboard

*There are 12 children on board the ship.*

b)

involved with something or working for an organization:

*Supporters of the treaty say that it will be necessary to have the United States on board.*

*He **came on board** in the late sixties and spent two decades with the agency.*

#### 7 **meals** MEALS[uncountable] the meals that are provided for you when you pay to stay somewhere:

*In the nursing home she will have to pay for **room and board**.*

*The landlord provides **board and lodging** (= meals and a place to stay) .*

→ FULL BOARD,  
HALF BOARD

#### 8 **go by the board** IMPOSSIBLE

if an idea, way of behaving, or plan goes by the board, it fails to happen, ends, or is no longer possible:

*Loyalty has gone by the board.*

#### 9 **in water sports** [countable] a SURFBOARD or SAILBOARD

**10 across the board** EVERYONE

if something happens or is done across the board, it affects everyone in a particular group, place etc:

*The changes will affect local authorities across the board.*

*We find jobs for people **right across the board**, from chief executives to cleaners.*

**11 take something on board** ACCEPT

to listen to and accept a suggestion, idea etc:

*The school refused to take any of the parents' criticisms on board.*

**12 electricity** [countable] a CIRCUIT BOARD**13 theatre** THEATRE **the boards** [plural]

the stage in a theatre

→ **tread the boards** AT TREAD<sup>1</sup> (7)

**14 sports area** SPORT **boards** [plural] (*AmE*)

the low wooden wall around the area in which you play ICE HOCKEY

**15 college/medical boards** (*AmE*)

examinations that you take in the US when you formally ask to be accepted as a student at a college or medical school

→ ABOVE BOARD,  
DIVING BOARD,  
DRAWING BOARD,  
IRONING BOARD,  
SOUNDING BOARD,

→ **sweep the board** AT SWEEP<sup>1</sup> (11)

## COLLOCATIONS – Meaning 3

### phrases

a board of directors/trustees *The board of directors met yesterday.*

a board of governors (= in a school) *She sits on the board of governors.*

the school board (*AmE*) *The school board voted on the*

*appointment.*

the chairman of the board *James Clark has been named chairman of the board.*

## board + NOUN

a board member *Two board members resigned earlier this year.*

a board meeting *An emergency board meeting will have to be held.*

at board level (= at a senior level in a company, involving people on the board) *The policy was approved at board level.*

## verbs

be on the board *He's on the board of trustees.*

be appointed to the board *They agreed that an independent chairman should be appointed to the board.*

sit/serve on the board *She had served on the board of governors of the BBC.*

have a seat on the board *He gave up his seat on the board after 40 years' service.*

put something to the board (= ask the board to consider something) *Their proposals were put to the board.*

### Word origin

**Language:** Old English

**Origin:** *bord*

# board<sup>2</sup>

verb

**1** [intransitive and transitive] (formal) to get on a bus, plane, train etc in order to travel somewhere:

*The couple boarded the train for New York.*

*Passengers were standing on the dock, waiting to board.*

In everyday English, people usually say **get on** a bus, plane etc rather than **board**:

*When she heard the news, she **got on** the next plane for Chicago.*

## 2 **be boarding**

if a plane or ship is boarding, passengers are getting onto it:

*Olympic Airways Flight 172 to Istanbul is now boarding at Gate No. 37.*

## 3 [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] to stay in a room in someone's house that you pay for:

*Several students boarded with Mrs. Smith.*

## 4 [intransitive] to stay at a school at night as well as during the day:

*Dickie was sent away to school as soon as he was old enough to board.*

## **board something ↔ out**

phrasal verb

to pay money and arrange for an animal to stay somewhere

## **board something ↔ up**

phrasal verb

COVER to cover a window or door, or all the windows and doors of a building, with wooden boards:

*The shop was boarded up.*

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