

**ban**<sup>1</sup>

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/bæn/

**noun** [countable]

an official order that prevents something from being used or done:

**ban on**

*a total ban on cigarette advertising*

*a call to lift the ban on homosexuals in the military*

→ TEST BAN

## COLLOCATIONS

### ADJECTIVES/NOUN + ban

a complete/ total ban *They are seeking a complete ban on nuclear testing.*

an outright ban (= a complete ban) *an outright ban on gun ownership*

an international/ worldwide/ global ban *an international ban on trade in endangered species*

a blanket ban (= including all possible cases) *They imposed a blanket ban on beef products from Europe.*

a lifetime ban *He faces a lifetime ban from athletics.*

an export/ import ban *The export ban on live cattle was brought in some years ago.*

an advertising ban *Is an advertising ban a denial of freedom of speech?*

a driving ban (**BrE**) *He was given a three-year driving ban and a fine.*

a chemical weapons ban *a global chemical weapons ban*

a constitutional ban *The Republican agenda included a constitutional ban on abortion.*

an immediate ban *The group has called for an immediate ban on fur farming.*

## verbs

put/place/impose a ban *The government has imposed an outright ban on fox hunting.*

lift a ban *They promised to lift the immigration ban.*

call for a ban *French farmers have called for a ban on imports.*

enforce a ban (= make sure that it is obeyed) *New measures must be taken to enforce the ban on guns and knives.*

face a ban *He faced a four-year ban after failing a drugs test.*

# ban<sup>2</sup>

verb

[transitive]

(**banned**, **banning**)

FORBID to say that something must not be done, seen, used etc

**SYN** prohibit

**OPP**

*Smoking is banned in the building.*

**ban somebody from doing something**

*Charlie's been banned from driving for a year.*

**a banned substance/drug** (= a drug that people competing in a sport are not allowed to take because it improves their performance)

— **banning** **noun** [uncountable] :

*the banning of trade unions*

### Word origin

**Language:** Old English

**Origin:** *bannan* 'to command people to come'

