

book²

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verb

1 [intransitive and transitive] BUY to make arrangements to stay in a place, eat in a restaurant, go to a theatre etc at a particular time in the future

→ **reserve:**

Have you booked a holiday this year?

*The flight was already **fully booked** (= no more seats were available) .*

*To get tickets, you have to **book in advance**.*

*The show's **booked solid** (= all the tickets have been sold) **until February**.*

2 [transitive] to arrange for someone such as a singer to perform on a particular date:

The band was booked for a benefit show in Los Angeles.

3 be booked up

a)

if a hotel, restaurant etc is booked up, there are no more rooms, places, seats etc still available:

The courses quickly get booked up.

b)

if someone is booked up, they are extremely busy and have arranged a lot of things they must do:

I'm all booked up this week – can we get together next Friday?

4 [transitive] to arrange for someone to go to a hotel, fly on a plane etc:

I've booked you a flight on Saturday.

book somebody on/in etc

I'll book you in at the Hilton.

5 [transitive] to put someone's name officially in police records, along with the charge made against them:

Smith was booked on suspicion of attempted murder.

6 [transitive] (**BrE**) when a REFEREE in a sports game books a player who has

broken the rules, he or she officially writes down the player's name in a book as a punishment

COLLOCATIONSense 1

book + NOUN

book a holiday *People often book their holidays in January.*

book a trip *I booked the whole trip on the Internet.*

book a flight *He picked up the phone and booked a flight to Barcelona.*

book a ticket *It's cheaper if you book your train ticket in advance.*

book a table (= in a restaurant) *I'll book a table for 7.30 tomorrow evening.*

book a room/hotel *Ross found a good hotel and booked a room.*

book a seat *She booked me a seat on the 9 am flight.*

book a place on something *Students are advised to book a place on the course early.*

adverbs

book early *We recommend you book early to avoid disappointment.*

book (well) in advance *There are only 20 places, so it is essential to book well in advance.*

book online (= on the Internet) *It's much easier to book tickets online.*

be fully booked (= all the seats, tickets etc are sold) *I'm afraid that show is fully booked.*

be booked solid (= all the seats, tickets etc are sold for a long period) *The restaurant's booked solid for the whole of the Christmas period.*

book in (also **book into something**) phrasal verb

(BrE) to arrive at a hotel and say who you are etc

SYN check in

Several tourists were booking in.

