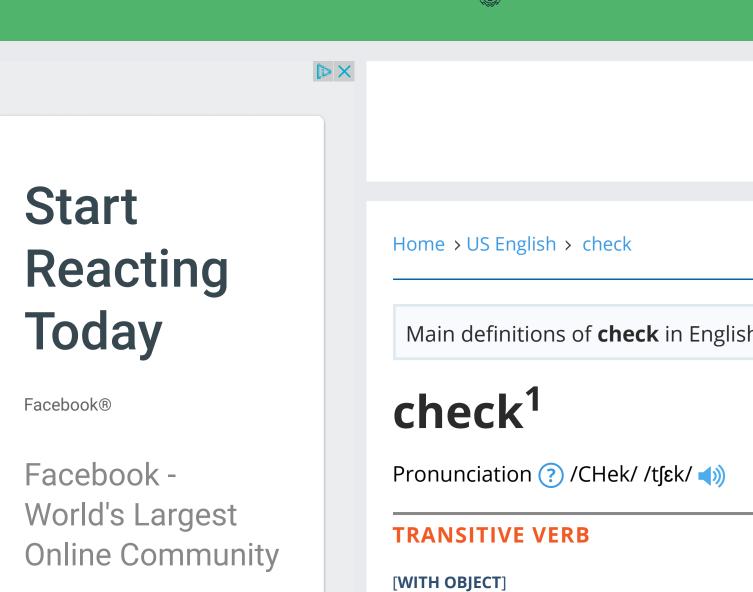
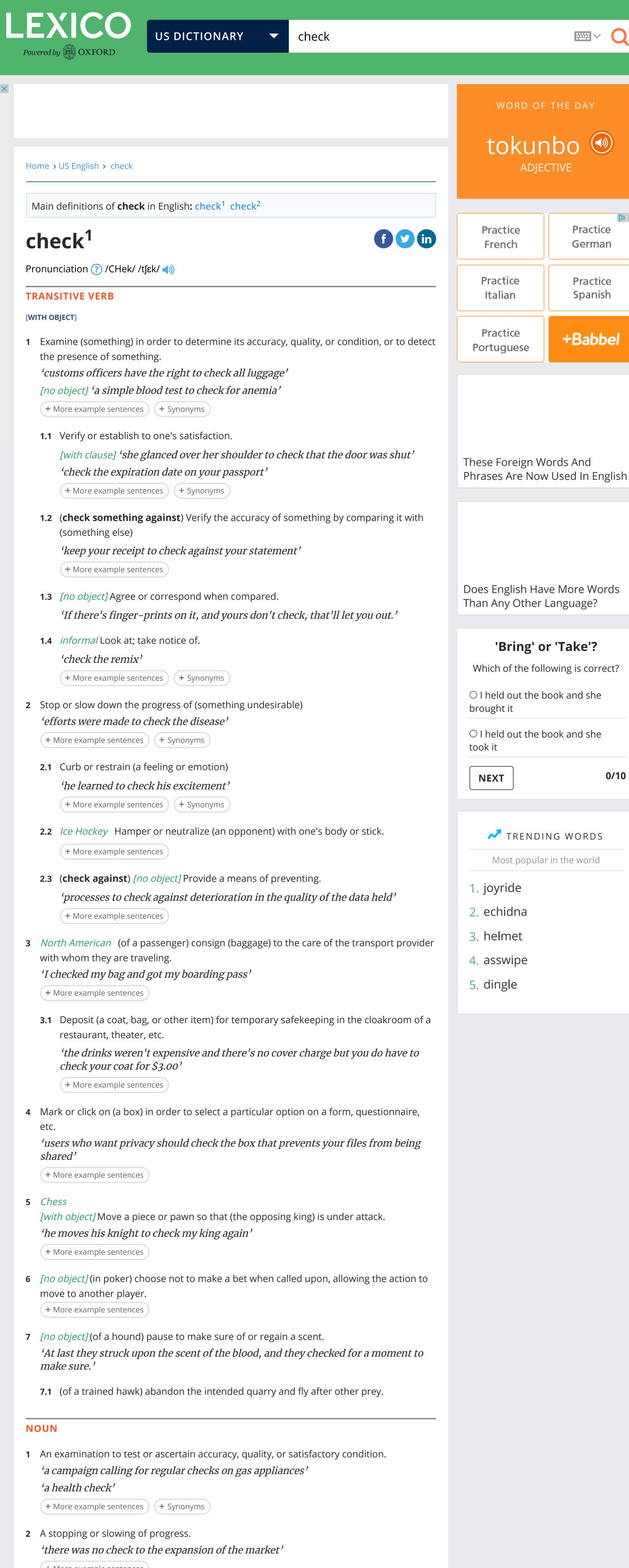
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+ More example sentences **2.1** A means of control or restraint. 'a permanent check upon the growth or abuse of central authority' 2.2 *Ice Hockey* An act of hampering or neutralizing an opponent with one's body or stick. + More example sentences **2.3** A temporary loss of the scent in hunting. 'The stag sped six miles on end without halt or hindrance, and the hounds ran him without a check.' **2.4** *Falconry* A false stoop when a hawk abandons its intended quarry and pursues other prey. **3** Chess A move by which a piece or pawn directly attacks the opponent's king. If the defending player cannot counter the attack, the king is checkmated. + More example sentences 4 (British cheque) A written order to a bank to pay a stated sum from the drawer's account. 'he was awarded a check for \$1,000' + More example sentences **4.1** *North American* The bill in a restaurant. 'let's get the check' + More example sentences + Synonyms 5 (also baggage, luggage check) A token of identification for left luggage. **6** A counter used as a stake in a gambling game. + More example sentences **7** North American short for check mark 'As she worked her way down the list, Jordan put checks by all the items that the company is already doing.' short for **check mark** 'Those are all checks in the plus column, but frankly, his material was lacking.' **8** A part of a piano that catches the hammer and prevents it from retouching the strings. **9** A crack or flaw in timber. 'Sanded and rough sawn plywood will develop surface checks, especially when exposed to moisture and sunlight.' 'The second coat of penetrating stain often lasts longer since it penetrates into small surface checks which open up as wood weathers.' **EXCLAMATION** 1 North American informal Expressing assent or agreement. + More example sentences **2** Used by a chess player to announce that the opponent's king has been placed in check. 'McDonnell spoke no French, Annette spoke no English, and so almost the only word that passed between them in four months was 'check'.' 'You do not have to announce 'check' when making an attack on the King.' **Phrases** in check 1 Under control. 'a way of keeping inflation in check' + More example sentences **2** Chess (of a king) directly attacked by an opponent's piece or pawn; (of a player) having the king in this position. + More example sentences keep a check on Monitor. 'keep a regular check on your score' + More example sentences **Phrasal Verbs** check something in 1 (of a passenger) consign baggage to the care of the transport provider with whom they are traveling. 'I got a taxi to the airport and checked my bags in' + More example sentences **1.1** Deposit a coat, bag, or other item for temporary safekeeping in the cloakroom of a restaurant, theater, etc. 'he was checking in his coat on the second floor when people started rushing past him' + More example sentences check someone in Register someone upon their arrival at a hotel or airport. 'they check in the passengers' + More example sentences check something off North American Mark an item on a list, typically with a check mark, to show that it has been dealt with. 'check off each assignment as you complete it' + More example sentences check on **1** Verify, ascertain, or monitor the state or condition of. 'the doctor had come to check on his patient' + More example sentences 2 Investigate in order to establish the truth about or accuracy of. 'it is important for them to check on the quality and certification' + More example sentences

> check something over Inspect or examine something thoroughly. 'each written piece has been checked over for errors' check someone/something out 1 Establish the truth or inform oneself about someone or something. 'they decided to go and check out a local restaurant' + More example sentences 2 (check something out) North American Enter the price of goods in a supermarket into a cash machine for addition and payment by a customer. 'cashiers are told they must smile as they check out each item and present the bill' **2.1** Register something as having been borrowed. + More example sentences check up on Investigate in order to establish the truth about or accuracy of. 'Don called me to check up on some facts' + More example sentences check through Inspect or examine thoroughly. 'I checked through my notes' + More example sentences check into Register one's arrival at (a hotel) 'you'll check into the luxurious Basle Hilton Hotel' + More example sentences Origin Middle English (originally as used in the game of chess): the noun and exclamation from Old French eschec, from medieval Latin scaccus, via Arabic from Persian šāh 'king'; the verb from Old French eschequier 'play chess, put in check'. The sense 'stop or control' arose from the use in chess, and led (in the late 17th century) to 'examine the accuracy of'. **Pronunciation ?** check /CHek/ /tʃɛk/ ◄))

Main definitions of **check** in English: **check**¹ **check**²

check²

NOUN

Pronunciation ? /CHek/ /tʃɛk/ ◄))

'That first weekend I almost checked out - the nurses didn't know if I was going

check in

check out

Arrive and register at a hotel or airport.

+ More example sentences

+ More example sentences

1 Settle one's hotel bill before leaving.

1.1 *North American informal* Die.

to make it or not.'

'you must check in at least one hour before take-off'

"Julie", she said, "this is it, I'm checking out."

1 A pattern of small squares. 'a fine black-and-white check' + More example sentences **1.1** A garment or fabric with a pattern of small squares. 'on Wednesdays he wore the small check' + More example sentences **ADJECTIVE** [attributive] Having a pattern of small squares. 'a blue check T-shirt' + More example sentences Origin Late Middle English probably from chequer (sense 1 of the noun). **Pronunciation ?** check /CHek/ /tʃɛk/ ◄)) Are You Learning English? Here Are Our Top English Tips

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