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chase¹  (chās)

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v. chased, chas·ing, chas·es

v. tr.

1. To follow rapidly in order to catch or overtake; pursue: *The police officers chased the thief. The dog chased the cat across the yard.*

2. To follow (game) in order to capture or kill; hunt: *chase foxes.*

3. To seek the favor or company of persistently: *chased me until I agreed to a date.*

4. To put to flight; drive: *She chased the rabbits from the garden.*

5. Baseball

a. To cause (an opposing pitcher) to be removed from a game by batting well.

b. To swing at and miss (a pitch, especially one out of the strike zone).

v. intr.

1. To go or follow in pursuit: *My friends and I chased after the loose dog.*

2. Informal To go hurriedly; rush: *chased all over looking for us.*

n.

1. The act of chasing; pursuit: *The police arrested the driver after a wild chase.*

2.

a. The hunting of game: *the thrill of the chase.*

b. Something that is hunted or pursued; quarry: *The hunters drove their chase into the open.*

3. Chiefly British

a. A privately owned, unenclosed game preserve.

b. The right to hunt or keep game on the land of others.

Idioms:

chase (one's) tail

To exert oneself vigorously but ineffectually.

give chase

To engage in pursuit of quarry: *Police gave chase to the speeding car.*

[Middle English *chasen*, to hunt, from Old French *chacier*, from Vulgar Latin **captiāre*, from Latin *captāre*, to catch; see [CATCH](#).]

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chase²  (chās)

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n.

Printing

A rectangular steel or iron frame into which pages or columns of type are locked for printing or plate making.

[Perhaps from French *châsse*, case, reliquary, from Old French *chasse*, from Latin *capsa*.]

chase³  (chās)

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n.

1.

a. A groove cut in an object; a slot: *the chase for the quarrel on a crossbow.*

b. A trench or channel for drainpipes or wiring.

2. The part of a gun in front of the trunnions.

3. The cavity of a mold.

tr.v. **chased**, **chas-ing**, **chas-es**

1. To groove; indent.

2. To cut (the thread of a screw).

3. To decorate (metal) by engraving or embossing.

[Possibly from obsolete French *chas*, groove, enclosure, from Old French, from Latin *capsa*, box. *V.*, variant of [ENCHASE](#).]



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chase3

floral chase motif on a lipstick case

Chase  (chās), **Salmon Portland** 1808-1873.

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American jurist who served as the chief justice of the US Supreme Court (1864-1873). He presided over the trial of President Andrew Johnson (1868).

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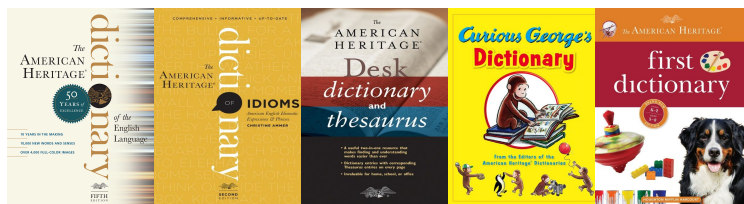
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