



Meaning of **constraining** in English



constraining

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present participle of **constrain**

constrain

verb [T often passive]

UK /kən'streɪn/ US /kən'streɪn/

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C2

to control and limit something:

- *The country's progress was constrained by a leader who refused to look forward.*



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[keep \(herself\) to herself](#) *idiom*

[limit](#)

[limit something to something](#)

[limitation](#)

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[stranglehold](#)

[stunt](#)

[suffocatingly](#)

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[tie someone down](#) *phrasal verb*

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EXAMPLES of **constraining**

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In English, many past and present participles of verbs can be used as adjectives. Some of these examples may show the adjective use.



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constraining method theory : a modular theory of rhythm and addressing.

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The protocols mentioned above, besides *constraining* interactions, neglect the fact that the agents in an open distributed system might want to interact more than once.

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Counteracting the conduct-book-like prescriptions of their words, the performative force of the female voice undoes the drama and defies its *constraining* messages.

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It is of a piece with the challenge of ' *constraining* ' over powerful grammars that has been a traditional goal.

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Thus, regional trading blocs are unlikely to be able to adopt comprehensive welfare packages or labour rules of a strongly *constraining* kind.

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These two groups do not disregard voluntary measures, but if they have a choice, they prefer more *constraining* ones, because they consider them more efficient.

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This is accomplished by *constraining* the gain parameters to be (small) constants.

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In the case of *constraining* boundary conditions boundary layers appear in the outflow region





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constrain

constrained

constrained to do something *phrase*

constrainedly

constraining

constraint

constraint on someone/something

constrict

constricted





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WORD OF THE DAY

comfort zone

UK /'kʌm.fət ,zəʊn/ US /'kʌm.fət ,zoʊn/

a situation in which you feel comfortable and in which your ability and determination are not being tested

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