

Definition

What does it mean?

- A period of time in which an animal or a person that might have a disease is kept away from other people or animals so that the disease cannot spread.

Morphology/Origins (breaking down the word)

The word "**quarantine**" originates from *quarantena*, the Italian for "forty days". This is due to the 40-day isolation of ships and people practised as a measure of disease prevention related to the plague.

WORD OF

QUARANTINE

THE WEEK

Synonyms

Expand your vocabulary!

- To detain
- To separate
- To segregate
- To isolate
- To exclude
- To seclude

In a sentence

How may you use it?

- The horse had to spend several months in **quarantine** when it reached this country.
- Brits travelling abroad have to **quarantine** when returning to the UK.

Which of these is the correct spelling?

- A. Quaranteen
- B. Quarantean
- C. Quarentine
- D. Quarantine